

**ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY PANEL
MINUTES**

Thursday 11 May 2023
6.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Zoom



Present	
<p>Councillors Clr Elaine Keenan Clr Ludovico Fabiano Clr Tony Kay</p>	<p>Community Members Ben Whitehorn, Zoe Dunn, Petra Pattinson, Mia Capitanelis, Andre Cioban, Rachel Lazarov</p>
<p>Council Officers Sharon Cassidy, Director, Assets and Operations Sam Samadian, Manager Assets, Systems and Planning, Infrastructure Services Annette Trubenbach, Executive Manager, Community Programs Chris Bath, Manager, Older People and Disability Services Annabelle Hayter, Community Development Officer, Access and Inclusion – Minutes Natalie Davis, Social work student, Community Programs</p>	
Apologies	
<p>Ben Alexander, Community Member Danny Hui, Community Member Clr Paula Masselos Clr Angela Burrill Clr Leon Goltsman Clr Will Nemesh Ben Thompson, Director</p>	<p>Guest Carl Nugent, Service Manager, Open Space and Recreation Infrastructure Services</p>

Item	Summary	Action officer
1. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country	Clr Keenan welcomed everyone and gave acknowledgment of Country.	
2. Introductions and Apologies	See above.	
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest	No conflicts of interest were declared.	

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<p>4. Guest Speaker Carl Nugent – Service Manager, Open Space and Recreation Infrastructure Services</p>	<p>Plan of Management process – Overview. A Plan of Management provides a strategic framework to guide the use, improvement, maintenance, and management of public land. The plan provides directions and identifies important actions over a 10-year period. It is informed by legislation and Council’s strategic planning documents, including the Inclusive Play Study and DIAP.</p> <p>The Waverley LGA has 79 parks and reserves. A site-specific plan is developed for major parks such as Bondi.</p> <p>Access Planning Identifying improvements for access is a key consideration. How people get to and around a park, for example, involves assessing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - footpaths, kerb ramps and landings; - if a continual accessible path of travel links major facilities, amenities, and transport modes; - location of accessible car parking spaces; - public transport access. <p>We understand that the whole community benefits when everyone can access and enjoy our open spaces.</p> <p>Timeframe & Community engagement There are five phases involved in developing a plan which take several months to complete. This includes three rounds of stakeholder and community consultation. We encourage everyone to engage in the community process and to provide feedback on the draft actions before Council adoption.</p> <p>Plans of Management currently in development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waverley Park - phase 5, final adoption. - Bronte Park - phase 4 - public exhibition. - Tamarama - phase 4 - public exhibition. - Coastal Reserves - phase 2 - testing ideas. 	

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	<p>Waverley Park</p> <p>The Panel’s comments were submitted, and the team are investigating the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easily identified arrival points and pedestrian paths that allow safe and continuous movement. - Accessible car parking with compliant kerb ramps behind Chambers to improve access to Margaret Whitlam. Recreation Centre, stadium and new playground. - Pick up and drop off spaces: Bondi Road and Birrell St. - Step-free movement around the Recreation Centre. <p>Question: When access studies are completed are they made available to the public, or included as part of the action plan?</p> <p>Answer: The studies are not appended to the PoMs, however, the key actions are included in the action plan.</p> <p>Action: Share access studies with the Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel.</p> <p>Question: Do we have information about which areas along the coast are accessible to wheelchair users?</p> <p>Answer: Parks are mapped on Council’s website. We try to identify where stairs are on those maps.</p> <p>Action: A future DIAP action is to map the accessible features of each park and reserve along the coastal walk and provide improved information on the Discover Waverley map.</p> <p>Question: Is there signage? People don’t always have access to the internet. When going for a walk in Marks Park some steps appeared with no warning which makes it difficult for wheelchair users. There was no information on the internet about it either.</p> <p>Answer: Signs are generally located at the entry to show the path network.</p> <p>Question: When will an accessible path be linked from Marks Park to the coastal walk?</p>	Carl Nugent

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	<p>Answer: This has been investigated several times. The topography and differing heights/levels are challenging to overcome. This can be investigated again as part of the Coastal Reserve Plan of Management.</p> <p>Action: Investigate options to link parks/ reserves with an accessible path along the coastal walk as part of the Coastal Reserves Plan of Management.</p> <p>Panel members congratulated Council on the access path in Marks Park. It makes moving around much easier for everyone when visiting the park, particularly for events such as Sculpture by the Sea.</p>	Carl Nugent
5. Minutes of last meeting and business arising	<p>Minutes of the last meeting: Accepted.</p> <p>See Action log for actions from previous meetings.</p>	
<p>6. DIAP Progress Report</p> <p>Annette Trubenbach Chris Bath Annabelle Hayter Community Programs</p>	<p>Focus Area 1. Inclusive Attitudes and Behaviours</p> <p>1. Communication guide. It was suggested that the guide is made relevant for both staff and community members.</p> <p>Action: Send draft to panel members for comment and input.</p> <p>2. Waverley Community Living Program options paper is being prepared.</p> <p>3. Business Forum is in early planning stages. This is a in partnership with Randwick Council, and La Trobe Local Area Coordinator.</p> <p>Action: Invite interested members Ben W, Mia, Rachel, and Petra to a meeting about the inclusive Business Forum.</p> <p>4. Disability Inclusion Grant awarded to Wairora School. The project is progressing well.</p> <p>Focus Area 2. Liveable Communities - transport</p>	<p>Annabelle Hayter</p> <p>Annabelle Hayter</p>

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	<p>Walking and Mobility Working group is focusing on parking spaces in Bondi Junction.</p> <p>Fully compliant accessible parking spaces can be difficult to achieve in some locations due to narrow streets, topography, location of drains or other footpath assets. Installing a kerb ramp, for example, can impact the continuous path of travel resulting in a less desirable access outcome.</p> <p>The assets team are investigating each location in more detail and getting expert advice on issues and options.</p> <p>Pick up/drop off can be easier to resolve. Installations at the library and outside Customer Service Centre, Spring St are currently being investigated.</p> <p>Bondi Pavilion proposed pick-up/drop-off zone is at final review stage before going to the Traffic Committee for approval.</p> <p>Focus Area 3. Meaningful Employment</p> <p>The outcome of Council's <i>Inclusive tourism</i> funding application has not yet been determined.</p> <p>If successful, we would have greater capacity within the team to progress employment and awareness initiatives.</p>	
<p>7. Other business</p>	<p>A community member suggested that we may be able to attract more funding by engaging with state and federal politicians.</p> <p>The Chair informed the panel that the Mayor has regular meetings with local MPs to raise key priorities and to advocate on behalf of the Waverley community.</p> <p>A community member enquired about the opening hours of Bondi Pavilion during the week and weekends.</p> <p>Action: Opening hours of Bondi Pavilion during the week and weekends to be circulated to panel members.</p>	<p>Annabelle Hayter</p>
<p>8. Next Meeting</p>	<p>20 July, 6.00pm via Zoom. (Meeting rescheduled to 6pm, 31 August 23)</p>	
<p>Meeting closed</p>	<p>7.15 pm</p>	