

**ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY PANEL  
MINUTES**

Thursday 12 October 2023  
6.00 pm – 7.30 pm  
Hybrid meeting



<b>Present</b>	
<p><b>Community Members</b> Ben Whitehorn, Zoe Dunn, Petra Pattinson, Andre Cioban, Rachel Lazarov, Ben Alexander</p>	<p><b>Guests</b> Eliza Gay, Urban Designer Jessica Tattersall, Waverley Community Living Program Colin Delaney, Waverley Community Living Program Gerard Rooney, Waverley Community Living Program Natalie Davis, Social Educator Mandy - Captioner</p>
<p><b>Council Officers</b> Sharon Cassidy, Director, Assets and Operations - Chair 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</p>	
<b>Apologies</b>	
<p>Mia Capitanelis, Community Member Danny Hui, Community Member Emily Scott, General Manager Clr Elaine Keenan Clr Ludovico Fabiano Clr Tony Kay Clr Paula Masselos Clr Angela Burrill Clr Leon Goltsman Clr Will Nemesh Clr Sally Betts Clr Michelle Gray</p>	

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1. <b>Welcome &amp; Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Sharon Cassidy welcomed everyone and gave acknowledgment of Country.	
2. <b>Introductions and Apologies</b>	See page 1.	
3. <b>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</b>	No conflicts of interest were declared.	
4. <b>Minutes of last meeting and business arising – see action log</b>	<b>Item 7. Other Business Bronte Surf Lifesaving DA</b> – a summary of accessible features for Bronte Surf Club addressed within the minutes. Further updates next year when the DA is approved, and conditions are known No further comments or changes to the minutes.	
<b>5. International Day of People with Disability - Stories of Lived Experience</b>  Waverley Community Living Program (WCLP) - Living the Dream working group  Jessica Tattersall Colin Delaney Gerard Rooney Ben Alexander Natalie Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WCLP are hosting 'Stories of Lived Experiences' at Bondi Pavilion on the afternoon of Saturday 2 December, for International Day of People with Disability.</li> <li>- It is inspired by the 'Human Library Project,' which aims to improve understating and awareness of disability by creating an opportunity for the public to engage with people with disability.</li> <li>- Participants want to be able to share their stories through conversations.</li> <li>- Some disability organisations will also provide information.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> If anyone is interested in being involved in the event, please contact Annabelle.</p>	All
<b>6. Curlewis West Strategic Planning and Urban Design Study</b>  Eliza Gay - Urban Designer	<p>A masterplan will be developed for the western end of Curlewis St, which goes from Bondi Beach to Rose Bay.</p> <p>The area is identified in Council's Our Liveable Spaces Strategy, as an area for potential improvement and growth, including for walkability, liveability, and sustainability.</p> <p>Council is in the early stages of planning and will engage with the community about what people want from the area, what's missing, and how it can be improved.</p>	

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	<p>Council wants to engage with a wide range of people and would like ideas about who to engage with and how best to engage them.</p> <p><b>Feedback / suggestions from panel members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disability access is currently challenging due to construction, the amount of traffic, the size of the footpaths and trip hazards/trees.</li> <li>- A main principle underpinning the masterplan should be to make the area as accessible as possible and make pedestrian access the top priority.</li> <li>- Wide footpaths, kerb ramps and fewer barriers on footpaths to enable a continuous paths of travel benefit all pedestrians – not just people with less mobility.</li> <li>- Parking options for people with less mobility also needs to be considered.</li> <li>- The surf clubs should be consulted.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Send through to Annabelle any groups/ networks that may have an interest in this project and should be engaged as part of the consultation process</p>	All
<p><b>7. Disability Inclusion Action Plan DIAP Progress Report</b></p> <p><b>Chris Bath Community Programs</b></p>	<p>Council prepares an annual report outlining on progress on the implementation of the DIAP each year.</p> <p>The report is included In Council’s annual report and reported to the New South Wales Disability Council.</p> <p>Key achievements in 2022- 23 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The allocation of the community grant that went to Wairoa School for the Pathways to the Pavilion project.</li> <li>- Two Intergenerational projects</li> <li>- Inclusion of questions about disability inclusive practices for mainstream businesses, as part of the Business Awards application process. This has worked well.</li> </ul>	Annabelle Hayter

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with the assets team on transport and street assets. Drop off/ pick up points have been established outside Customer Service on Spring St and at Bondi Pavilion.</li> </ul> <p>The focus for 2023 -24 will be on employment. The recently released Disability Royal Commission Final Report highlighted the gaps in employment.</p>	
<b>8. Other business</b>	<p><b>Neuro diverse working group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A community member is interested in working with others on initiatives to improve the inclusion of people who are neuro diverse at Bondi.</li> <li>- Bondi can be stressful for people who are neurodiverse because it is so busy, especially in summer. It is proposed to look at a couple of strategies that may help people. Jess, Gerard, and Colin expressed interest in being involved.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Please contact Annabelle if you are interested in being involved in the neuro diverse working group.</p> <p><b>Street improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Macpherson St , Bronte is difficult to cross near the roundabout , particularly for people with vision impairment. Some improvements have been made over the years, but it remains a challenging location.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Assets and Infrastructure team to discuss whether the Macpherson St Roundabout area can be made safer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The ramp outside Council Chambers is poorly lit and it is very dark when leaving the building at night.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Contact the Building Manager, to improve lighting on the ramp outside Council Chambers</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Sam Samadian</p> <p>Annabelle Hayter</p>
<b>9. Next Meeting</b>	Tentative date: <b>March - Thursday 21 at 6pm</b>	
<b>10. Meeting closed</b>	7.15 pm	