**MINUTES**

**ACCESS & INCLUSION**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 21 July 2020**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm**

**Casuarina Library Meeting Room & online via WebEx**

**MEMBERS**

Alderman Robyn Knox City of Darwin

Alderman Andrew Arthur City of Darwin

Brett Peebles Community Representative

Martin Blakemore Community Representative

Lynne Strathie Community Representative

Liz Reid Community Representative

Kyle Adams Community Representative

Catherine Fairlie Community Representative

Susan Burns Specialist Representative, National Disability Services Northern Territory (NDS)

Greg Turner Specialist Representative, Passenger Transport

Cecilia Chiolero Specialist Representative, Council on the Ageing Northern Territory (COTA NT)

Nicholas McGrath Specialist Representative, Building Advisory Services

**City of Darwin Officers**

Lynn Allan Community Development Officer

Mathew Vitucci Senior Capital Works Coordinator

Carlos Campos Digital Communications Officer

**GUESTS/ OBSERVERS**

Hiltrud Kivelitz Relationships Australia

# WELCOME

# APOLOGIES

Sara Braines-Mead Community Representative

# 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE WITH A DISABILITY

**4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEMS**

# 6. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES – 5 May, 2020

# 7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Hiltrud Kivelitz, Relationships Australia – update on the Disability Royal Commission and possible contribution of City of Darwin

7.2 Carlos Campos, City of Darwin Digital Communications Officer – website accessibility

# 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Review action list

* Amphitheatre access

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

8.1 Terms of Reference review

8.2 AIAC and Action and Inclusion Plan 2019- 2023 summary of actions/ achievements

8.3 Planning for 2020/21 including budget allocation, and link to Council’s Municipal Plan 2020/21

* Key projects:

- Casuarina Pool redevelopment

- Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility – entrance and weighbridge upgrade – budget request

- Royal Life Saving NT unsolicited proposal:

$23,500 from the Disability Access Capital Project budget to co-contribute to the cost of an accessible toilet at Parap Recreation Facility

* CBD Accessible Parking – request for advice on relocation of Smith Street Bay
* Municipal-wide review of accessible parking
* RAP implementation

# 9. MEMBERS UPDATE

# 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

# 11. NEXT MEETING

# 1.30- 3.00pm, Tuesday 1 September 2020

**Summary of Actions**

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| **Meeting Date** | **Item** | **Notes** | **Status** |
| 02/06/2019 | Event Accessibility | * Members to send outline of event accessibility concerns to CoD to be raised with event organisers. | Ongoing |
| 02/06/2019 | Sector Support | * Members to support events and activities as much as possible. | Ongoing |
| 25/09/2019 | MLAK Key System | * CDO to review documentation on PDA’s campaign and MLAK system and seek further guidance on any possible action. | Ongoing |
| 03/03/2020 | Project Grants | * Committee investigate and advise Council of any grants that could be applied for to assist in funding recommended projects. | Update by next meeting |
| 03/03/2020 | Accessible Parking Permits | * CDO to investigate ambulant and wheelchair accessible parking request from committee. | Update by next meeting |
| 05/05/2020 | Accessible Playground Equipment | * CDO to consult with Recreation and Leisure Coordinator about the Playground and Parks strategy and previous playground equipment audits undertaken with reference to accessible equipment. * CDO to follow-up on costs of playground equipment and installation. | Done |
| 05/05/2020 | Mindil Beach Matting | * CDO to investigate costs for contracting AAPA and an access consultant to progress the Mindil Beach accessibility project. | Done |
| 05/05/2020 | Budget Discussion | * CDO to schedule a budget discussion meeting for the first week of June. | Done |
| 05/05/2020 | Specialist Reps | * CDO to email current specialist representatives regarding a renewal of their membership terms. | Done |
| 05/05/2020 | Terms of Reference Review | * CDO to amend current ToR with suggested addition, and forward onto the Committee for further review and feedback, before the July meeting. | For July meeting |
| 05/05/2020 | YAC Attendance | * CDO to invite YAC to attend July meeting. | For July meeting |
| 05/05/2020 | Nightcliff Fitness Equipment | * CDO to enquire with Recreation and Leisure Coordinator and/or the Design and Project Delivery team about the Nightcliff fitness equipment works and request that accessibility of the site be reviewed. | Done |

**Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee (AIAC) 2019/20 Summary**

Key priority areas identified by AIAC included:

**1. *Advocating for improved transport – Action Items 1.10 and 1.11***

AIAC to be proactive in supporting initiatives such as APM’s ride and try sessions.

**2. *Top End Accessible Map – Action Items 1.3, 1.7, 1.9, 1.12, 3.2, 3.5***

AIAC to look for opportunities to collaborate with other agencies, e.g. NT Tourism, Activate Darwin, etc. to conduct access auditing, improve infrastructure, and develop an accessible map to encourage Accessible Tourism in the NT.

***3. Infrastructure Projects – Action Items 1.1 – 1.15***

AIAC to input prior to the design stage on big infrastructure projects, e.g. Jingili Watergardens playground upgrade.

**4. *Advocating to Businesses and Events Organisers – Action Items 2.2 and 2.5***

4.1 Develop a program in collaboration with the DiversAbility Collective in October Business Month on access and inclusion for business.

4.2 In collaboration with other agencies deliver an accessible and inclusive events forum for event organisers prior to next year’s dry season.

***5. Staff development and Training Action Item 4.1 – 4.5***

Deliver disability awareness and inclusion training for CoD staff.

Key actions achieved by AIAC included:

* Collaboration on a very successful International Day of People with Disability event, through the DiversAbility Collective and delivery of the inaugural Lord Mayor Awards program.
* Committee championed a review of non-compliant on-street accessible parking in the Darwin CBD. Council endorsed allocating $427,000 from its parking reserves in the 2020/21 financial year to fund the upgrades of 18 non-compliant bays.
* Council endorsed all funding recommendations from Committee for the Disability Access Program budget, totalling $55,000 in 2019/20:

a) Consultant fees for beach access workshop and three beach audits - $4,000.00

b) Upgrade of Pavonia Place accessible parking bay - $9,545.00

c) Extension of accessible parking bay at Jingili Watergardens - $1,500.00

d) Accessible parking bay and pathway at East Point Reserve - $4,880.00

e) Accessible amenities equipment for Jingili playground redevelopment - $ 20,311.00

f) Accessible play equipment (inclusive swings) – $12,000.00

g) Access audit for Mindil Beach - $3,500.00

* Committee provided input into design elements of the Jingili Watergardens playground redevelopment as an all-abilities, fully inclusive play space.

* Committee contributed towards the review of an updated accessible events guidelines, included within the new City of Darwin Event Planning Guide.
* Committee advocated for the development of an NT Inclusive Tourism Strategy, in support of the disability sector’s pre-budget submission.

Attachment 1