**MINUTES**

**ACCESS & INCLUSION**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 21 January 2020**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm**

Casuarina Library Meeting Room, Bradshaw Terrace

**MEMBERS**

Brett Peebles Community Representative

Martin Blakemore Community Representative

Sara Braines-Mead Community Representative

Liz Reid Community Representative

Lynne Strathie Community Representative

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

Ian George Specialist Representative, Passenger Transport

Sheree Scott Specialist Representative, Building Advisory Services

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

**City of Darwin (CoD) Officers**

Lynn Allan Community Development Officer (CDO)

Mathew Vitucci Senior Capital Works Coordinator

**Observer/ Presenter**

Eric Lede Climate Emergency Project Officer

# WELCOME

# APOLOGIES

Alderman Robyn Knox City of Darwin

Alderman Andrew Arthur City of Darwin

Catherine Fairlie Community Representative

Rosanna De Santis Community and Cultural Development Coordinator

Kyle Adams Community Representative

**ABSENT**

Ramya Ramamoorthi

Ashley Robinson

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Request to also acknowledge people with disability present accepted by committee.

# DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEMS

Nil

# ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES - 12 November, 2019

Moved by Brett Peebles

Seconded by Sara Braines-Mead

# BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

* MLAK Key System - CDO to seek advice from committee relating to the MLAK system for any future projects, including the Jingili Watergardens upgrade.
* Accessible Parking 2 - CDO to set-up a meeting with Senior Design Officer to progress works around review of accessible parking in the CBD; Brett Peebles has accepted request for his continued involvement in this project.
* Amphitheatre Access - CDO to follow-up with appropriate department on long-term solution to improving accessibility of Amphitheatre.
* NT Rugby Union Grounds Access – accessibility of sporting facilities is an ongoing issue raised with CoD’s Sport and Recreation Facilities team. Audit of sporting facilities could be undertaken as part of the proposed NT Accessible Tourism strategy.
* Accessible Parking Policies and Procedures - CDO provided information on Council policies and procedures around signage for accessible parking and reporting of infringements at **Attachment 1**.
* Request for maintenance work on curb outside the NDS office at 1 Dashwood Place – CoD’s Civil Infrastructure Team has requested a temporary solution; with a view towards resurfacing work due to take place before July.
* Event Producers Forum – draft concept plan for committee feedback at **Attachment 2**.

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| **ACTION** | Committee to provide feedback on Event Producers Forum draft concept plan. |

* Fiona Tipping from Carpentaria can be contacted for access auditing work.
* The International Day of People with Disability collaborative event was a success; it showcased great community collaboration and had over 300 people in attendance, many with lived experience of disability.

1. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.1 Discussion with Climate Emergency Project Officer, Eric Lede**

This is currently a three-month role, looking towards a possible 12 month extension. The project initially involves the development of a risk assessment framework to contribute towards a climate emergency action plan. This will include a review of sub-communities, how they are impacted, and what their capacity for response is. Further down the track input from this committee will be sought.

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| **ACTION** | CDO to provide response to Ian George on the development of the education and civic precinct within the Darwin City Deal, as to whether the building will be carbon neutral. |

**7.2 Representation on committee**

Committee to complete a member mapping exercise to ensure the diversity of our community is more broadly represented, with a more diverse knowledge and skill set represented across the following communities/ sectors, for example:

* Seniors (and/or dementia awareness);
* Indigenous;
* Cultural and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) groups;
* Youth;
* Gender equity;
* LGBTQI;
* Mental health.

This could be through direct appointment, once mapping is complete and gaps have been identified, with the aim to enhance the depth of advocacy and advice provided to Council.

Other points to consider include: a potential name change of committee, for example to equity and inclusion (as ‘access’ is part of ‘inclusion’); engagement with other Council advisory committees; and enhanced representation of young people with disability and carers. Potential contacts include a representative from Headspace’s Prism - an LGBTQI group for young people and NTG’s Office of Gender, Equity and Diversity.

The membership of two current community members, (Ramya Ramamoorthi and Ashley Robinson) will expire following this meeting, due to their absence from three consecutive meetings without a leave of absence, as per the Terms of Reference.

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| **ACTION** | CDO to source mapping exercise for next meeting and inform relevant community members of their membership expiry. |

**7.3 Update on Jingili Watergardens redevelopment and Mobi-matting projects**

The Jingili Play space Public Art concept is underway for an integrated public art piece, made possible through an ILC grant in collaboration with Arts Access NT. Council is working to secure further budget for a Changing Space as part of the redevelopment; seeking budget efficiencies across other planned accessible toilet works.

An Accessible Beaches workshop for stakeholders took place in December; we are awaiting the final beach access audit from Push Mobility. Council is developing a project management plan to ensure the long-term success and sustainability of project and working with a local NGO on a possible funding application through the Community Benefit Fund to secure the remaining budget for the Mobi-matting, approximately $24- 30,000.

The Waterfront is also looking at Mobi-Matting to improve access to the Waterfront beach; which has committee support, as it will contribute towards improved accessible tourism of the region; request for committee Chair to draft a letter in support of the disability sector’s pre-budget submission regarding the development of an NT Inclusive Tourism Strategy.

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| **ACTION** | Chair to draft a draft a letter in support of the disability sector’s pre-budget submission regarding the development of an NT Inclusive Tourism Strategy. |

**7.4 International Women’s Day, Staff Diversity and Inclusion Training Plan**

CoD is again collaborating with UNAANT and NTG Office of Gender, Equity and Diversity on an International Women’s Day event on Saturday 7 March, with the theme Generation Equality. Expressions of Interest currently open for stallholders. Promotional flyer and EOI form at **Attachment 3.**

CDO is working with Council’s HR and Safety Team to develop a staff Diversity and Inclusion Training program, as an action within the Access and Inclusion Plan 2019- 2022 to

implement a program of disability access awareness training and support across Council. CDO seeks feedback from committee on draft program at **Attachment 4**.

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| **ACTION** | Committee to provide feedback to CDO on draft Diversity and Training Plan. |

# MEMBERS UPDATE

* Brett Peebles – will be attending World Travel Expo at the Convention Centre on 1 March – interest in seeing provisions for people with disability.
* Sara Braines-Mead – Integrated disability Action is hosting a network and mingle event on 6 February at the Trailer Boat Club – flyer at **Attachment 5**.
* Susan Burns – NDS will deliver a pre-election commitment request and budget submission focussed on: Royal Commission readiness support; remote disability service focus and support; disability accessible housing; and an inclusive tourism strategy. Opportunity to invite Sue Foster from Relationships Australia to the next committee meeting to share information on the support services available for people providing evidence as part of the Royal Commission.

NDS is hosting two upcoming workshops:

NDIS Code of Conduct workshop: <https://www.nds.org.au/events-and-training/all-events-and-training/ndis-code-of-conduct-workshop-3412>; and

Recognising Restrictive Practices workshop: <https://www.nds.org.au/events-and-training/all-events-and-training/recognising-restrictive-practices-workshop-3415>.

Report released by Dave Tune on the Review of the NDIS, Removing Red Tape and Implementing the NDIS Participant Service Guarantee. Full report here:

<https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers-programs-services-for-people-with-disability-national-disability-insurance-scheme/review-of-the-ndis-act-report> with an overview here:

<https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/01_2020/review_of_the_ndis_act_report_plain_english_summary.pdf>.

* Cecilia Chiolero - Seniors Expo will be held during the first week in July in Darwin this year.
* Liz Reid – Physical Disability Australia’s (PDA) inaugural ambassador has been announced as Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM. Press release at **Attachment 6**. PDA is undertaking a national membership drive. Liz will be on leave 17th Feb until 3rd week of March and therefore an apology at the next meeting.

# ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Request for NT Taxi subsidy scheme update from NTG – Passenger Transport.

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| **ACTION** | CDO to follow-up with Bernie Ingram regarding an update on NT Taxi subsidy scheme. |

# NEXT MEETING

# 1.30- 3.00pm, Tuesday 3rd March 2020. All meetings are held at Casuarina Library Meeting Room

Meeting closed at 2.45pm.

**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 |
| 25/09/2019 | Accessible Parking 2 | * CDO to meet with Senior Design Officer to discuss a plan for progressing works around accessible parking in the CBD. | Underway |
| 12/11/2019 | Amphitheatre Access | * CoD’s CDO to follow-up with appropriate department on long-term solution to improving accessibility of Amphitheatre. | Update by next meeting |
| 12/11/2019 | Accessibility of sports facilities | * CoD’s CDO to follow-up with CoD’s Sport and Recreation Facilities team on NT Rugby Union grounds accessibility. | Ongoing |
| 12/11/2019 | Event Producers Forum | * CDO to provide feedback on Event Producers Forum draft concept plan. | By mid-Feb |
| 21/01/2020 | City Deal carbon neutrality | * CDO to provide response to question from Ian George regarding the development of the education and civic precinct within the Darwin City Deal, as to whether the building will be carbon neutral. | By next meeting |
| 21/01/2020 | Group representation | * CDO to source mapping exercise for next meeting and inform community members of their membership expiry. | By next meeting |
| 21/01/2020 | Pre-budget letter | * Chair to draft a draft a letter in support of the disability sector’s pre-budget submission regarding the development of an NT Inclusive Tourism Strategy. | By mid-Feb |
| 21/01/2020 | NT Taxi Subsidy Scheme update | * CDO to follow-up with Bernie Ingram regarding an update on NT Taxi subsidy scheme. | By mid-Feb |
| 21/01/2020 | Staff Diversity and Training Plan | * Committee to provide feedback to CDO on draft Diversity and Training Plan. | By mid-Feb |