**MINUTES**

**ACCESS & INCLUSION**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday 26 September 2018**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm**

Casuarina Library Meeting Room, Bradshaw Terrace

# PRESENT

**Members**

Cassandra Jevdenijevic Community Representative

Liz Reid Community Representative

Sheree Scott Specialist Representative, Building Services Advisory

Susan Burns Specialist Representative, National Disability Services NT

Bernie Ingram Specialist Representative, Passenger Transport

**City of Darwin Staff**

Nik Kleine Executive Manager Capital Works and Waste

Ron Quinn Manager Infrastructure Maintenance

Tania Sellers Acting Manager Vibrant Communities

Elizabeth Szegedi Vibrant Communities Program Support Officer

**Observer/Guest**

Penny Hart Committee Administrator, City of Darwin

Alderman Andrew Arthur City of Darwin

# APOLOGIES

Deborah Bampton Chairperson, Community Representative

Sue Shearer Specialist Representative, COTA NT

Lynne Strathie Deputy Chairperson, Community Representative

Kyle Adams Community Representative

Nathan Alum Community Representative

Nexhmije Shala Community Inclusion Coordinator

Alderman Peter Pangquee City of Darwin

Alderman Emma Young City of Darwin (Alternate)

Apologies noted and quorum reached at five members. Meeting chaired by Susan Burns.

# DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

# ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - 25/07/2018 & 23/05/2018

The minutes of 25/7/2018 incorrectly listed the wrong Aldermen and also a member.

The committee noted the minutes should have showed Alderman Peter Pangquee, Alderman Emma Young and member Susan Burns as present.

The minutes of the meeting of the 25/07/2018 & 23/05/2018 were then received and noted.

Accepted Cassie Jevdenijevic, Seconded Alderman Andrew Arthur, carried.

# BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

25 July 2018

* 1. **PDF Version of Community Services Directory**

Tania Sellers gave an update on Council’s online Community Services Directory. Currently only one entry at a time can be printed. Sections or the entire directory is unable to print. The directory is due to be evaluated. During this process other directories, such as NTCOSS directory will be investigated.

Liz Reid raised that an entry was linked to disability field and was not relevant to that field. Prior to publishing online, entries need to be assessed that they are in the correct field.

The Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee would like to be consulted with the upgrade of the online Community Services Directory.

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| **ACTION** | Check if an audio version of the directory is available.  Follow up with Council’s Media Team to see if Council’s website is WCP3 capability. |

* 1. **Accessible parking**

Accessible parking bays were identified on Wood Street/Knuckey Street outside Starlight. Cost for accessible ramp is $10,500. Manager Capital Works and Waste will consult with immediate businesses.

Nik Kleine discussed improving the accessibility of Fanny Bay Shopping Centre with an accessible parking bay.

Action remains outstanding for Botanic Gardens pathway – access issues when events are being held.

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| **ACTION** | Manager Capital Works and Waste will consult with immediate business regarding installing accessible ramp  in a parking bay on Woods Street. |
| **ACTION** | Manager Capital Works and Waste to provide a plan for accessible parking bay for Fanny Bay Shopping Centre to the next Committee meeting. |
| **ACTION** | Manager Capital Works and Waste to do a community consultation to survey Fanny Bay Shopping Centre. |
| **ACTION** | Deb and Susan to draft a letter to Brian Harty of NTG on the current status of the Botanic Gardens pathway. |

23 May 2018

* 1. **Presentation from Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics** Completed no further action.
  2. **Cavenagh Street accessibility**

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| **ACTION** | Obtain clarification from Tahlia Joy (accessible bays, spoonlips). |

* 1. **Membership terms for three community representatives**

Three nominations received – Deb Bampton, Lynne Strathie, Cassie Jevdenijevic. Membership term until 30 June 2019. This is to have all advisory committees aligned the same.

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| **ACTION** | Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee to provide ideas for recruiting new members.  Promote through social media – Instagram, twitter, and community noticeboards. |

* 1. **Taxi Subsidy Scheme**

Consultation to review. Make the service in program. Consulting all over Australia.

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| **ACTION** | A letter to NTG Taxi Subsidy Scheme department to be written on behalf of AIAC requesting information and advocating for a more appropriate platform of accessing individual account data. |

* 1. **Passenger transport bus shelters, water bubblers/fountains**

NT Government not in a position, cost prohibited. Funding focussed on tactile etc.

* 1. **Beach access for people using wheelchairs and other mobility equipment**

Community unable to access the beach area.

Susan Burns spoke with NT Major Events and gave them examples. Three elements to Mindil: City of Darwin, NTG and Traditional Owners.

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| **ACTION** | Ongoing |

* 1. Water Park development, accessible elements

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| **ACTION** | Community Inclusion Coordinator to follow up and update at the next meeting. |

1. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
   1. **Access and Inclusion Five Year Strategy development**

Strategy has been circulated to the Committee.

Susan Burns raised that the strategy is for 5 years not 4 years as state at the front of the draft copy. The committee comment that the draft did not include mental or sensory issues and the language used doesn’t seem easy to read and not inclusive.

The plan is only in draft, when it is finalised then it will be developed into a format that is inclusive with photos.

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| **ACTION** | Send through a word version of the strategy to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee. |
| **ACTION** | Organise a sub group to meet and discuss the Access and Inclusion draft plan. |
| **ACTION** | Access and Inclusions Advisory Committee to provide feedback by 31 October 2018. |

# MEMBERS UPDATE

Tania Sellers

* Flagged the need to nominate the Chairperson for the next meeting.
* Provide information on the current community consultation on the signage code.

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| **ACTION** | Send through the link for the signage. |

Susan Burns

* National Disability Service (NDS) – NT Inclusion Festival
* 13 October Disability Awards. Send out flyer.
* ‘Everyone can Play’ NSW Government will have all playgrounds accessible for all.

Sheree Scott

* Accessible Housing Forum on 1 November 2018. Link to be sent through.

Bernie Ingram

* Ubers, 6 month review, taxis, Minis buses commenced in August 2018 – Darwin and Alice Springs. The results were positive.
* Review for Disabled Standards for Accessible Transports, buses, railway. Comments open until 30 November 2018.

Liz Reid

* Put together a response to transport.
* Taxi charging extra ($20) for placing wheelchair in taxi.

# ANY OTHER BUSINESS

# NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 21 November 2018

All meetings are from 1.30pm to 3.00pm at the Casuarina Library Meeting Room.