

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting of the Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee held 10am Thursday 2 December 2021 at the Roundhouse Building, Manjimup Heritage Park.



1	Declaration of Opening of Meeting GIC declared the meeting open at 10:12am		
2	Acknowledgement of Country delivered by GIC		
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4	Election of Chairperson Cr. K. Skoss nominated Cr. S Dawson Vidovich to the position of Chair. Seconded by L.Thorn. Nomination accepted by S. Dawson Vidovich remotely.		
5	Declaration of Financial Interest Nil		
6	<p>Confirmation of Minutes Minutes from the Access & Inclusion Committee Meeting on 19 August 2021 were accepted at this meeting as a true and correct record.</p> <p>Moved: L. Thorn Seconded: S. Edmonds</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>		
7	<p>Business Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to Action Sheet • Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) – GIC stated the Shire of Manjimup received unconditional endorsement of their RAP on the 29 October 2021. • Footpath network within the Shire. Multiple areas of concern were raised from community representatives. GIC recommended the AIAC start to build a footpath audit so we can ensure these areas are recorded and dealt with in accordance. Members are encouraged to take photos of the locations and issues and email them though to GIC to document. Due to the multiple issues raised with the footpath network and road crossings of recent GIC suggested she will liaise with Parks & Gardens and/or Works and discuss possible representation on this committee. • Clearing of the Graphite Road park overhang has been completed by the Shire. 		
8	<p>General Business / New Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination of new representatives to the Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee - Amy Rudd, Vicki Jendrsczak and Ross Davidson have all nominated as a disability services sector industry representative and David Tapley has nominated as a community representative. Nominations to presented to the Council meeting on 16 December. <p>Moved: G Ipsen Cutts Seconded: Kim Skoss</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>		

- VJ stated that there is a huge shortage in disability friendly housing and it is hard to find suitable housing. MH agrees.
- SE raised concern with Bath Street roundabout and the top crossover of Brockman Street as they look unfinished. KB & GIC to take photos and investigate further.
- LT raised a question on how the Shire decide which paths are targeted and repaired. GIC mentioned the Shire have a Strategic Cycle Path Plan which works on improving linkages within the town sites. GIC stated there is not much money available on retrofitting old pavers – Manjimup & Northcliffe are the only towns who still have remaining old slabs.
- MH stated the footpath network in Pritchard Street is non-existent and she needs to ride on the road if she wishes to use this area. KB & GIC to take photos and record.
- SE stated access to Industrial area and lawn cemetery is also non accessible. SE had to ride on the side of the road in which her mobility wheelchair got bogged. JJ also mentioned that the Northcliffe cemetery is also not accessible. KB & GIC to take photos and record.
- VJ mentioned that the angled footpath near old Visitor Centre building, linking it to Linear Path, forces wheelchairs into rocks. KB & GIC to take photos and record.
- VJ stated the ramps to the disabled car parking area near Subway are too steep, making it hard to get up and down to the car in a wheelchair. GIC encouraged VJ to keep a record of issues with each disabled parking bay as they are being used.
- AR stated cord covers for electrical cords at events are sometimes too difficult for wheelchairs to go over, adding additional mileage for wheelchair users. Consideration should also be given in relation to stall placements. When they are packed in tight and loading the footpaths, like at the Manjimup Cherry Harmony Festival, there is not enough room for access for wheelchairs causing them to be excluded from some stalls or having to browse from metres away. GIC stated the Shire can include more information on accessibility relating to events in the Shire's Event Manual.
- VJ queried whose responsibility permanent ramps to entry of businesses are. Specifically, VJ raised concern on ramp leading into Manjimup Medical Centre's new clinic in Rose Street and why it wasn't allowed permanently to remain outside as it is no further outside than the chairs and tables at the cafe. JJ stated the business can apply to the Shire to have it their permanently.
- DT stated that the demountable access is not good enough in Pier Street, Walpole to the seniors housing complex. JJ mentioned he is going to Walpole and will take photos and report back.
- VJ raised concerns regarding the doors to the Coronation Park accessible toilets – they are heavy and extremely hard to open at the moment. JJ stated vandalism may have impacted ability to open/close freely. Push button entry is now the standard for commercial buildings, however Coronation Park toilet block was built before adjustments to standard.
- AR mentioned "There with Care" are looking into running some workshops on disability awareness to local businesses. GIC asked if they have any fact sheets we can currently circulate around to businesses in the interim. AR will see what they can come up with. GIC stated the Shire are happy to support these workshops and to liaise with her when they have more information.
- JJ provided an update on the vacant block behind the Police Station. New hotel is being developed. Building services are currently working with them on meeting standard.
- GIC advised committee that the COVID-19 mandate for Home & Community Care staff kicked in on 1 December 2021 which may impact on location of future committee meetings. Business as usual at this stage.

9	Meeting Closure GIC declared the meeting closed at 11:29am
10	2022 Meeting Dates Thurs 17 February, Thurs 19 May, Thurs 11 August & Thurs 10 November at 10am. Location TBC.