

## MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting of the Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee held 10am Thursday 17 February 2022 at the Roundhouse Building, Manjimup Heritage Park.



1	<p><b>Declaration of Opening of Meeting</b> Cr. SDV declared the meeting open at 10:05am</p>
2	<p><b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> delivered by Cr. SDV The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.</p>
3	<p><b>Attendance / Apologies</b></p> <p><b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u></b> Cr. S. Dawson Vidovich N. Giblett (Community Representative) G. Ipsen Cutts (Shire of Manjimup) L. Lockyear (MHCC) A. Rudd (There with Care) V. Jendrsczak (There with Care) R. Davidson (Principal M.E.S.C) D. Tapley (Community Representative) arrived at 10:27am</p> <p><b><u>APOLOGIES:</u></b> Cr. K. Skoss S. Edmonds (Community Representative) M. Hayhow (Community Representative)</p> <p><b><u>ABSENT:</u></b> L. Thorn (WACHS) P. Krispyn (Shire of Manjimup)</p> <p><b><u>GUESTS:</u></b> K. Brown – Shire of Manjimup (minutes)</p>
5	<p><b>Declaration of Financial Interest</b> Nil</p>
6	<p><b>Confirmation of Minutes</b> Minutes from the Access &amp; Inclusion Committee Meeting on 2 December 2021 were accepted at this meeting as a true and correct record.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> G Ipsen Cutts      <b>Seconded:</b> N Giblett</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
7	<p><b>Business Arising from Previous Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to Action Sheet</li> <li>• Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) – GIC provided an update on the current RAP project. The Shire had previously filled the position of RAP Project Officer in November 2021. Unfortunately due to personal reasons, the officer has since resigned. Currently advertising to fill the position.</li> <li>• Some footpaths and crossings within the Shire which were of concern have since been rectified or currently being rectified including the top of Brockman Street and outside the Wellness Centre. KB and GIC are still in the process of recording a footpath audit so the Shire can ensure these areas are recorded and dealt with in accordance. Members are still encouraged to take photos of the locations and issues and email them though to GIC or KB to document. AR suggested we report areas of concern via Antenno. GIC explained that these requested are directed to appropriate department which could result in areas being missed on the audit. Due to the previous multiple issues raised with the footpath network and road crossings of recent GIC suggested she will liaise with Parks &amp; Gardens and/or Works and discuss possible representation on this committee. GIC to further investigate the most appropriate person. Item to be added to Action Item Lists.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AR mentioned “There with Care” are still looking into running some workshops on disability awareness to local businesses however have been delayed due to issues with COVID. General Discussion between AR and LL regarding how each organisation are coping with hosting activities and workshops. Currently both still hosting their events and are following all requirements and recommendations around social distancing, mask wearing and vaccinations.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>General Business / New Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RD mentioned he had some feedback from his staff on the inclusivity of the Manjimup Heritage Park;       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) They have students in wheelchairs and there is little for them to do / play with at the Heritage Park so they end up watching the other students play, not promoting inclusivity. RD &amp; Cr. SDV stated the City of Albany have some great inclusive equipment including wheelchair dizzy whizzy and built in ground trampolines suitable for wheelchairs. Discussions had on where we can seek grant funding from for more inclusive equipment. GIC suggested Lotterywest? RD to follow up with Albany Education Support Centre for their feedback on equipment. GIC to follow up possible funding.</li> <li>2) They do have some students who are runners and they have concerns with the open water and the safety of their students. For that reason, they are hesitant to bring certain students to the Park. RD raised potential idea of enclosed area to make more assessable to MESC students.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• GIC mentioned she was looking into installation of percussion instruments into the park as these are accessible and inclusive of all ages and abilities. Reason for why it hasn't progressed is due to lack of human resources. It was suggested to approach other local organisations (Rotary, Lions etc.) for their assistance in delivering the project.</li> <li>• DT advised the Committee that the Walpole Visitor Centre have just purchased a new all-terrain wheelchair which can be hired out to the community. Unfortunately the Walpole VC are experiencing issues with fitting the wheelchair through the entry doors. VC to approach Shire to request permission to amend building.</li> <li>• VJ asked if the Manjimup AquaCentre have a hoist. GIC advised that they do have one however will get some further information from Manager of Recreation &amp; Community on the specifications.</li> <li>• LL advised that they are currently in the process of recruitment for a number of positions at HACC as a result of some resignations. Once the NDIS Coordinator position is accepted, they will be joining this committee.</li> <li>• GIC stated that the Shire of Manjimup have acquired 200 pulse oximeters to be distributed to the community for those at risk to assist with at home COVID-19 management. The Shire are still deciding the best way for these to be distributed. Information will be made available to the community once confirmed.</li> <li>• Cr. SDV made the Committee aware that the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes currently has a survey available for Community Disability Advocacy. Advocacy WA in partnership with People with Disabilities WA and Sussex Street Community Legal Service Inc. are working together to implement a co-designed Local Disability Advocacy Network (LDAN) model in rural regions. This model is intended to be implemented in the Shires of Harvey, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Busselton and Augusta Margaret River. The survey takes 10 minutes and cover the challenges faced by people with disabilities in your community. The survey can be completed at <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R75WG78">www.surveymonkey.com/r/R75WG78</a> for those who are interested in checking it out.</li> </ul>

<b>9</b>	<b>Meeting Closure</b> Cr. SDV declared the meeting closed at 11:05am
	<b>Next Meeting Date:</b> 10am on 19 May with venue to be confirmed closer to date. <b>Remaining 2022 Meeting Dates:</b> , 11 August & 10 November