

# Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee

18 June 2018



## Minutes

HELD AT Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre

### Present

Ron Finneran OAM	Anthony Basford (BVSC)
Cr Robyn Bain	Kristina Brenner (BVSC)
Jenny Robb	John Grady (BVSC)
Chris Sparks	Jason Deller (BVSC)
Colin Dunn	Keith Tull (BVSC)
Rosemary Oates	Jonathon Pyke (BVSC)
Francis Pearce	Cliff Shipton (BVSC) attending on behalf of Ian Macfarlane
Felicity Gates	Katrina Berenguer (BVSC)

### 1 Welcome and apologies

That the apologies submitted by Graham Carmody, John Reynolds, Jennifer Russell, Sue Thomas, Nathan Johnston, Michaela Pascolutti and Ian Macfarlane for their inability to attend the meeting be accepted.

Sue Thomas has resigned her membership of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee today and effective immediately. She did not provide a reason. Sue has been a valued member of the committee since 2012 and a strong advocate for Bermagui.

### 2 Confirmation of minutes

That the minutes of the previous AIAC meeting held on 12 February 2018 be taken as read. Motion moved by Ron Finneran and seconded by Cr Bain. The majority of the AIAC agreed.

### 3 Review of Action Items & Outcomes Register

#### **Item No 3/2018 – Magic Mountain access path**

The access path is in line with the DA consent conditions. If the access path is in poor condition and requires maintenance then Council can enforce under Environment Assessment Act. Members of the public can report to Council via the Snap, Send Solve application or call Customer Service on 6499 2222.

#### **Item No 2/2018 – Cobble stone paving in Church Street, Bega**

Jason Deller advised that this request will be added to the program of works. There is currently no budget for upgrading footpaths but may be incorporated with an upgrade to connect the aged care facility to the traffic lights.

#### **Item No 12/2017 – Bunga Street, Bermagui**

Upgrade works is on pause until the Bermagui Masterplan is adopted. This will take some time as the community has not agreed to the plan and further consultation will be required.

**Action:** Jenny Robb moved a motion to write a letter from the Chair to Leanne Barnes, General Manager of BVSC requesting for this issue to be resolved before the Bermagui Masterplan is adopted given the extended timeframe for this to occur. Felicity Gates seconded the motion. All members voted and agreed.

**Item No 11/2017 – IMB Eden entrance step**

**Action:** Chris Sparks moved a motion to send a letter from the Chair to The IMB Board requesting them to revise their decision not to upgrade the entrance to the IMB at Eden. Jenny Robb seconded the motion. All members voted and agreed.

**Item No 19/2016 – Status of the EIS on the Eden Port Development**

No works completed on land for the last couple of months. Jenny Robb will provide an update at the next meeting.

**Item No 18/2016 – Camber of footpath out the front of Club Sapphire Merimbula**

Keith Tull advised that Council has not received the final design from Woolworths but is expected soon. DA for the Aldi Supermarket will also have a draft condition on the crossing. Will also be reviewed by the Joint Regional Planning Panel. Will update Committee at next meeting.

Felicity Gates requested that the Guide Dogs Access Task Force could review the DA plans to assess for appropriate design and tactiles.

**Action:** Keith Tull to forward Felicity Gates the email address of the Joint Regional Planning Panel to request the plans of the Market Street crossing precinct.

**Item No 13/2016 – NSW legislative improvements in Access**

Chris Sparks will raise issue at the NSW Physical Disability Council meeting in August 2018 and advise at next meeting.

**Item No 10/2016 – Additional accessible public toilet in Merimbula**

Cr Bain advised the Committee that the amenities review will provide guidelines around each site for the provision of public toilets.

**Item No 9/2016 – Disability Council to include pharmacies as an essential service category**

Ron Finneran and Chris Sparks will be meeting with Minister Constance next month to discuss this issue.

**Action:** Frank Pearce moved a motion to send a letter to the Chair of The Human Rights Commission to request pharmacies to be included as an essential service. Colin Dunn seconded the motion. All members voted and agreed.

## **4 New and other Business**

### **4.1 AIAC Committee Update requests**

#### **Tathra Public School**

Felicity Gates declared that she is a parent and a member of the Tathra Public School P&C. A report was presented to the committee that included photos of the front access which has the following issues:-

- Poles and bollards require contrasting paint to make them stand out; and
- Badly damaged paving that requires replacement.

Jason Deller advised that there are concept designs to level the area and start again if it is adopted by Council in the 2018/19 operating budget in 2 weeks. There will be on street parking on both sides and the issues will be addressed entering in and out of the school. It is a separate

project but if approved will commence in conjunction with the timing of the Tathra to Wolumla bike track project.

#### 4.2 Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP)

All actions from the DIAP are allocated to Council officers and will be reported on as part of the annual reporting process.

#### 4.3 Sub Committees reports and updates

**Business** – Colin Dunn had no update to report.

**Community** – John Reynolds was an apology and no report submitted.

**Tourism** – Jenny Robb advised that Minister Constance had announced \$8 million funding for Ben Boyd Light to Light Walk. Developed plan is yet to be determined. Hope that money will be allocated to an accessible viewing area at Boyd's Tower as it is currently taped off and deemed unsafe.

National Parks have the authority and are exempt from Council authority when constructing viewing platforms and pathways.

**Action:** Jenny Robb moved a motion to send a letter from the Chair to The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP Minister for Environment and Minister for Heritage copy to Minister Constance to strongly recommend community consultation for the \$8 million funding plans and to encourage an accessible viewing platform at Boyd's Tower. Chris Sparks seconded the motion. All members voted and agreed.

Jenny Robb reported that she is a Director of Sapphire Coast Tourism and they resolved not to tender for the ongoing tourism services. Anthony Osborne was the successful tender. Will continue discussions with him regarding accessible Tourism opportunities.

#### 4.4 Major works/developments Projects update

##### John Grady update

- Council staff have been participating in the Everyone Can Play Guidelines working group with the Department of Planning that applies to all Council parkland spaces. The working group principally looks at three aspects:
  1. Can I get there? (signage and pathways)
  2. Can I use it? (types of equipment)
  3. Can I stay there? (amenities, benches and tables)

Department of Planning is looking at Tathra as a possibility for a demonstration site to upgrade to a Changing Places site and Everyone Can Play principals.

- Council have been successful in the following funding:
  - Round 2 of the Stronger Country Regional funding for upgrades of the local playgrounds in Bemboka, Wyndham and Mogareeka.
  - Infrastructure NSW for the Tathra Headland walk. Final construction early next year.
  - Round 2 Boating programs for Bermagui River and Blackfellows Lake, Kalaru.
  - Quarantine Bay Wharf upgrade, north of pontoon.
- Grant applications have been submitted for the following projects:
  - Coastal Accessibility Plans (Bermagui, Merimbula and Pambula)
  - Oval at Barclay Street, Eden upgrade to pavilion and amenities

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- Tura Beach improvements to bush trails
- Bega and Pambula Sporting Complex facilities
- Tathra Lions Club have submitted a community project proposal for fitness equipment at Tathra. Will address accessibility link in that process.

### Jason Deller update

- Distributed a copy of the concept plans for the Tathra to Kalaru bike path. Plan is to commence from Tathra Public School to the Kalaru Bus Stop area. The intent is to continue to Bega but funding is only available from Tathra to Kalaru.
- Lake Street, Merimbula project not progressing quickly. After extensive community consultation going for option G. Traffic will continue going both ways and will only reach as far as Bar Beach. Cultural issues will need to be assessed and an additional \$2.8 million will need to be requested from Minister Constance.

Frank Pearce asked if aboriginal people are asked for accessibility feedback on projects?

Anthony Basford advised that input was received regarding the Dreaming Garden project in Eden, Social Housing Infrastructure in Eden and Colombine Park, Bega. Council also has an MOU with the Aboriginal Land Councils.

### 4.6 Other Business

#### 2018 Access Grant Round

Anthony Basford advised that the 2018 Access Grant round will be commencing in July/August with a budget of \$20k and a carry forward amount from last year. A small sub group will be formed to determine applications. A summary and assessment criteria of the applications will be provided.

**Action:** If you are interested in joining the sub group to assess the 2018 Access Grant applications, please advise Anthony Basford by the next meeting.

Frank Pearce expressed an interest to join the sub group.

**Action:** Katrina Berenguer to follow up 2017 Access Grant acquittals from last year and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

#### Where Sydney Drivers don't give a hoot about disabled Parking

Jonathon Pyke advised that the Rangers have zero tolerance on disabled parking and traffic danger if they see it. By resolution of Council Rangers have been reduced from 7 to 4.5 people with many different responsibilities including illegal dumping which can be time consuming.

Cr Robyn Bain advised that in the upcoming budget proposal she is hoping that Council will adopt two additional Rangers to monitor new parking arrangements and accessible parking.

It was resolved that the Committee support Cr Robyn Bain in the proposal to council for two additional contract Rangers to be appointed. All members voted and agreed.

#### Disabled Parking Stickers

Ron Finneran asked if Council enforce how people get their disabled parking stickers? Jonathon Pyke advised that the RTA issue the stickers and is not enforced by Council.

**Action:** Ron Finneran will investigate the process of the misuse of disabled parking stickers and report at the next meeting.

**Woolworths – Changing Places**

Ron Finneran and Chris Sparks have approached Woolworths to incorporate Changing Places at the new Merimbula site. It has gone to their Board for consideration.

**Eden Marine Rescue Centre**

Received approved funding to construct an accessible lift in the centre. DA has been approved.

**Action:** Chair to send a letter to formally congratulate Eden Marine Rescue on the successful funding for the accessible lift in their facility.

**Access to Medical Services**

Rosemary Oates wanted to confirm that all general practitioners in the Bega Valley bulk bill patients that are on Centrelink benefits or suffer from serious illness. All other patients pay \$15 for a consultation fee.

Meeting closed at 1:30pm. Next meeting to be held 13 August 2018.