

**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
MEETING TASK SHEET**

Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 21 February 2019

Action is required for Item **35** as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

TITLE: [SUB-EAC] Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 15 August 2018

**Cr K Milne
Cr R Byrnes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 15 August 2018 be received and noted.

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Cr R Byrnes, Cr C Cherry, Cr R Cooper, Cr K Milne, Cr J Owen, Cr P Allsop
AGAINST VOTE - Cr W Polglase

TITLE: [SUB-EAC] Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 15 August 2018

SUBMITTED BY: Community and Cultural Services

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People, places and moving around
Who we are and how we live

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:

- 3 People, places and moving around
- 3.1 People
- 3.1.2 Community and Cultural Development - To provide community and cultural development services to foster and improve social and cultural well-being.

ROLE: Advocate

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 15 August 2018 are reproduced in the body of this report for the information of Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 15 August 2018 be received and noted.

REPORT:

The minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday 15 August 2018 are reproduced as follows for the information of Councillors.

Venue:

Banora Point Community Centre

Time:

10am

Present:

Wendy Gilbert (Chair), Suzanne Hudson, Prospero Aplet, Una Cowdroy, Nathan Quinell, Chris Vannucci (Community Representatives), , Karen Collins, Chantelle Howse (arrived at 10.20am), Gabby Arthur (Minutes) (Tweed Shire Council).

Apologies:

Bev Kelso, Milena Morrow (Community Representative), Cr Warren Polglase, Robyn Grigg, Robert Noakes, Alana Brookes (Tweed Shire Council).

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Prospero Aplet

Seconded: Suzanne Hudson

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday 20 June 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Business Arising:**Outstanding Matters Report:**

The Outstanding Matters Report has been reducing as a result of the Access and Inclusion Plan.

OM1. Designated Accessible Parking Bay (DAPB) by Berkleys Lane, Pottsville

Alana has been working with Pottsville Community Association. An article and map showing the location of the DAPB and Berkley's Lane has been placed in the Tweed Link requesting comments from the community. The design for the new bays will be discussed following consideration of the comments.

Agenda Items:**A1. NDIS Roll Out**

Joanne provided an update regarding the NDIS rollout. There are mixed results for participants and some people have difficulties navigating the new system. This is challenging at times for staff working in the industry.

The Disability Interagency has been tracking the trends. Some participants living with mental health issues are deemed ineligible for NDIS funding. Support they previously received is being withdrawn as the role out of the NDIS continues. There is concern in the sector for people in this situation.

Council briefed the Local Members of Parliament on the predicted gaps 12 months ago. The EAAC agreed it would be timely to brief the Local Members again in relation to service gaps and the likely impact on individuals and for the wider community.

A2. Access and Inclusion Planning (Disability Inclusion Action Plan)

The draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2018-2021 will be considered at the Council meeting on 16 August 2018 to be endorsed for Public Exhibition. The EAAC were forwarded copies of the documentation along with the Agenda and meeting paperwork. Karen has created a version suitable for screen readers. Karen encouraged the EAAC to read through the documentation and provide a submission or comment back to her. It is anticipated the Plan will go back to Council in November for adoption following the consultation period.

Joanne provided an update on the Tweed Heads Cultural Plaza and Social Enterprise Café project and advised that Council has received some grant funding for the project. The plaza area will be upgraded to provide accessibility and inclusiveness to the Council offices, library and auditorium and will include a cultural area and social enterprise café. The model will include opportunities for employment, accessibility and inclusiveness (universal design).

A3. Tweed Link - Access All Areas

Karen advised that last month's Access All Areas article was on the Access and Inclusion award nominations and Designated Accessible Parking Bays (DAPBs). The September article will also most likely focus on the Access and Inclusion awards and thematic information on the DAPBs.

A4. Access and Inclusion Awards

Karen advised that only one official nomination has been received. Karen is working with Council's Communications Officer to promote the awards and encouraged the EAAC to promote and nominate any suitable businesses.

A5. Access Funds

There has been no update to the access funds over the past month.

General Business:

GB1.Draft Events Sponsorship Policy

Karen advised that she has emailed the draft Events Sponsorship Policy to the EAAC for their comment and noted that accessible festivals and events feature in the draft Plan.

GB2.Accessible Businesses - Ideas and Strategies

Presentation by Wendy Gilbert on '*Accessible Businesses - Ideas and Strategies*'. The presentation was created by St Vincent de Paul's Social Metro South Ability Links teams regarding how to communicate and educate businesses about accessibility. The presentation included some images of new accessibility symbols.

Wendy advised that Alex Lewis created a booklet on accessibility for businesses. She will provide a copy to Karen.

Karen advised that she recently carried out an audit of Kingscliff Hall with Una at the request of Jo Watters. Karen has prepared a report with recommendations for some of the access design issues that need to be addressed.

Action: *A copy of the presentation and Alex Lewis' booklet to be emailed to the EAAC.*

Responsible Officer: Wendy Gilbert.

GB3. Become a Dementia Friend

Presentation by Chris Vannucci regarding Dementia Australia's '*Become a Dementia Friend*' campaign. The Dementia Friendly Communities program is encouraging businesses to become dementia friendly certified and individuals to become dementia friends. The EAAC watched the three presentations required for individuals to become dementia friends and provided some feedback regarding accessibility of the website and presentation.

The website which sets out all of the information and videos to watch to become a dementia friend is available at: www.dementiafriendly.org.au

Karen advised she will be preparing a report to Council regarding Dementia Awareness month and some of Council's facilities becoming registered as dementia friendly sites.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Equal Access Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday 17 October 2018.

The meeting closed at 12.02pm.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:**a. Policy:**

Code of Meeting Practice.

Terms of Reference - Equal Access Advisory Committee adopted 12 December 2013 (ECM2847116)

b. Budget/Long Term Financial Plan:

Not applicable.

c. Legal:

Not Applicable.

d. Communication/Engagement:

Inform - We will keep you informed.

UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

Nil.
