

**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL  
MEETING TASK SHEET**

**Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 22 March 2018**

Action is required for Item **50** as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

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**TITLE: [SUB-EAC] Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 21 February 2018**

**Cr K Milne  
Cr J Owen**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 21 February 2018 be received and noted.

The Motion was **Carried**

**FOR VOTE - Unanimous  
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr C Cherry**

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**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**

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**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

The Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 21 February 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 21 February 2018 be received and noted.**

**REPORT:**

The Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 21 February 2018 are reproduced as follows for the information of Councillors.

## Venue:

Banora Point Community Centre

## Time:

10.00am

## Present:

Wendy Gilbertt (Chair), Prospero Aplet, Una Cowdroy, Nathan Quinell, Suzanne Hudson (Community Representatives); Chris Vannucci (Alzheimer's NSW); Cr Warren Polglase, Karen Collins, Robert Noakes, Gabby Arthur (Tweed Shire Council) (Minutes).

## Apologies:

Milena Morrow, Beverley Kelso (Community Representatives), Chantelle Howse, Alana Brookes, Cr Reece Byrnes (Tweed Shire Council).

## Guests:

Joanne Watters and Fiona Holland (Tweed Shire Council) (arrived at 10.15am).

## Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Suzanne Hudson

Seconded: Karen Collins

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday 6 December 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

## Business Arising:

## Outstanding Matters Report:

## OM1. Future Recruitment Strategy for EAAC Members

A group photograph will be taken at the next meeting for Council's website.

## OM2. Terms of Reference and Confirmation of Committee Chair

Advisory Committees of Council are included in the draft Engagement Strategy so no action is required to be taken until the Strategy is endorsed by Council.

## OM3. Addressing Attacks on Guide Dogs by Other Dogs

This issue will be included in the next Access and Inclusion Plan. Karen is working on a brochure for distribution through Council Rangers, pet shops, veterinary surgeries and the Tweed Link. Karen is liaising with Guide Dogs NSW regarding its 'Take the Lead Strategy' and requesting permission to use its brochure on respecting service dogs. Chris suggested that Council's website include a link to the Guide Dogs website. Nate advised that he will email to Karen some wording he has received in relation to further information available from Guide Dogs.

OM4. Accessible parking by Berkleys Lane, Pottsville

Karen advised that an inspection hasn't yet been carried out. Accessible car parking will be a major project in the next Disability Inclusion Plan and will include Pottsville.

OM5. Accessible change Rooms at Murwillumbah Aquatic Centre

Karen advised that she hasn't any update on this item.

Agenda Items:

A1. NDIS roll out

Coordinator Community Services and Senior Practitioner attended the meeting and provided an update on the NDIS roll out. The Tweed Disability Interagency Network is recording emerging issues relating to the roll out of the NDIS and a Working Group has been formed to discuss issues relating to affordable housing and supported accommodation issues and will meet for the first time on 28 February.

Joanne advised that Community Services is a registered NDIS provider and has been part of the aged and disability section of Council for 25 years. Community Services is not a direct service provider but it provides support coordination services. Due to the experience of the team, it is being approached by allied health organisations. Community Services is aware of the gap for people who don't fit into the NDIS and is liaising with FACS. Community Services is also working in the My Aged Care space and providing support assessment.

Wendy advised that the Department of Fair Trading and Ability Linkers are able to assist any participants who would like to make a complaint regarding a service provider.

Action: *Community Services to review its website and ensure it includes links to the correct sources. Responsibility: Joanne Watters/Fiona Holland.*

Action: *Community Services to be invited to every second EAAC meeting so that an update can be provided. Responsibility: Karen Collins/Gabby Arthur*

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

There are 13 Council staff from different sections on the newly formed Disability Inclusion Action Plan Working Group which is working through an internal mapping process in preparing the next Plan. Robert advised that the working group is also looking at Development Control Plans (DCP) to ensure accessibility is clearly addressed and that the information is accessible. Council systems and processes is one of the areas that need to be addressed in the new Disability Inclusion Action Plan. Accessible tourism has also been identified as a focus area of the consultation.

Karen is working on the survey with the Communications Unit.

A3. Tweed Link - Access All Areas

The current theme: New Disability Action Plan consultation and support for people with Guide Dogs will commence in March. The Tweed Link is now available online, via subscription, in the Daily News and Tweed Weekly. Feedback identified that hard copies aren't being delivered to all areas.

**A4. Access and Inclusion Awards**

The first planning meeting for the 2018 awards will be held on 21 February 2018.

**A5. Access Funds**

Operational funds: \$50,000. It is anticipated the funds will be used for items identified in the current Plan including the Foreshore Report and the funds should be expended before the end of financial year.

**General Business:****GB1. Southern Cross University Lecture Invitation**

Southern Cross University has requested Karen to present to students at a lecture on social inclusion and social justice.

Southern Cross University has invited the EAAC members to participate in a panel on barriers and issues for people with a disability on 20 March between 2pm and 5pm. Nate, Suzanne and Una have indicated that they will participate. Wendy advised she will attend to provide a mental health perspective. Karen will be the panel facilitator.

**GB2. Evaluation Survey for Access and Inclusion Awards**

Karen is finalising the survey of evaluation of the awards which will be distributed via Survey Monkey to people involved in the Awards.

**GB3. Access issues in Pottsville**

Nate has provided to Karen some information and photographs regarding beach access issues in Pottsville including Black Rocks. This access has been included in the Foreshore Report and Karen is liaising with the relevant Council Coordinator as there is potential for the access to be improved. Any improvement won't occur immediately but will be listed for future works. Karen is working with the relevant Council officer regarding development of the foreshore along the eastern side of Mooball Creek at Pottsville, subject to external funding grant.

Nate acknowledged that access has been improved along Overall Drive, Pottsville where Council has cut back a tree and installed a handrail on one side of the walkway.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Equal Access Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday 18 April 2018.

The meeting closed at 11.35am.

**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.

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