

**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
MEETING TASK SHEET**

Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 24 October 2019

Action is required for Item **29** as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

TITLE: [SUB-EAC] Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 September 2019

**Cr K Milne
Cr P Allsop**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 September 2019 be received and noted.

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

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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

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

The minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 11 September 2019 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 11 September 2019 be received and noted.

REPORT:

The minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday 11 September 2019 are reproduced as follows for the information of Councillors.

Venue:

Banora Point Community Centre

Time:

10:00am

Present:

Prospero Aplet (Chair), Una Cowdroy, Wendy Gilbertt, Suzanne Hudson (Community Representatives), Cr Warren Polglase, Robert Noakes, Chantelle Howse, Jennifer Grainger (Tweed Shire Council)

Apologies:

Milena Morrow, Alana Brooks, Shannon Rees, Joanne Watters

Guests:

Vicky Harrison, Acting Senior Practitioner, Community Services and Averre Mackay, Family Services Australia

Guest Presentations

Vicky Harrison, Acting Senior Practitioner, Community Services presented on NDIS roll out and Averre Mackay, Family Services Australia presented on disability services / barriers to employment.

Following the presentation, the committee discussed the need for greater understanding by Doctors of the NDIS process.

Action: *Pass feedback from presentation and discussion regarding training for medical professionals, to Linda Hope, Social Futures. Responsible Officers: Chantelle Howse, Jennifer Grainger*

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Una Cowdroy

Seconded: Suzanne Hudson

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday 19 June 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Business Arising:**Outstanding Matters:****OM1. Kerb ramps on Florence Place and Winders Place**

Una advised that she and Alana have not yet revisited the area to identify priority kerb ramps in order that they can be addressed in the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan.

Action: *Revisit the area and identify priority kerb ramps for upgrade. Responsible Officers: Alana Brookes with Una Cowdroy.*

OM2. NDS report titled 'How is the disability sector faring?'

Equal Access Advisory Committee members indicated they have not yet received the report.

Action: *Email the NDS report: 'How is the disability sector faring' to the EAAC. Responsible Officer: Jennifer Grainger.*

OM3. Requests for Accessible Parking Spaces

Previously Alana reported that while no protocol exists Roads and Storm Water Unit respond where they can dependent on funding. There are issues with installing on road Accessible Parking Bays due to space constraints especially allowing for rear exiting wheelchairs from vans. Prospero asked whether there were regulations concerning where Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles can park considering the amount of space required for the person using a wheelchair to exit the vehicle and the likelihood of blocking traffic. As Alana is an apology, no update is available at this time. These matters will continue to be raised at EAAC meetings.

Action: *Respond to questions and issues as they arise. Responsible Officer: Alana Brookes.*

OM4. Footpath Parking

Council Rangers will continue to monitor footpath parking along Coral Street and throughout Tweed Shire. Chantelle advised that the new Team Leader – Rangers, Nic Harrigan, has been employed. Warren advised that a new program to photograph and issue on the spot tickets will commence after Christmas. Footpath parking will continue to be raised at EAAC meetings.

Action: *Liaise with Council Rangers regarding vehicles being parked on footpaths blocking the thoroughfare for pedestrians using the footpath. Responsible Officers: Alana Brookes, Chantelle Howse.*

OM5: 21st Birthday celebration

Chantelle proposed that an EAAC 21st Birthday celebration be held to coincide with International Day of People with Disability 2019 on or near Tuesday 3 December 2019. Chantelle proposed a 'promotional day' to inform Council staff and the wider community about the activities and achievements of the EAAC ie. the Access and Inclusion Plan. Prospero noted the importance of creating ongoing change not just highlighting things that have already been achieved. She proposed an event / activity that informs the community and is more interactive or engaging. The committee felt that hosting an event on a weekday will not attract the public. Rob suggested that we might link the EAAC 21st activities to an existing / high profile event which already attracts the wider community. Prospero suggested that flags and accompanying information boards could be located throughout an event site highlighting factors affecting access and inclusion.

The committee also suggested the community needs to know that the EAAC exists as a point of contact for the public to forward any access and inclusion concerns or suggestions to Council.

Action: *Talk to Kerry McConnell, Council Events Officer regarding possible dates and suggestions for linking to upcoming event / activity. Responsible Officers: Chantelle Howse, Jennifer Grainger.*

Action: *Bring any ideas / suggestions for an event to the October EAAC meeting. Responsible Officers: EAAC members.*

Agenda Items:

A1. Tweed Link – Access All Areas

Articles regarding access and inclusion have regularly featured in the ‘Access All Areas’ section of the Tweed Link. The group believes these to be useful, but ongoing feedback regarding their effectiveness and reach is necessary. Access All Areas will continue to be raised at EAAC meetings, pending evaluation.

Action: *Promote the EAAC 21st activities in the ‘Access All Areas’ section of the Tweed Link. Responsible Officer: Chantelle Howse, Jennifer Grainger.*

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

Area updates provided from the following Council units:

- Community and Cultural Services
- Recreation Services
- Tweed Regional Gallery
- Economic Development
- Sustainability and Natural Resources

Action: *Send update information to EAAC. Responsible Officer: Jennifer Grainger.*

General Business:

GB1. Resignations – Beverly Kelso and Nathan Quinell

With the recent resignations of Beverly Kelso, Nathan Quinell and Chris Vannucci, there are now three community representative vacancies. The term of the EAAC coincides with each Council which is still a year away. The committee agreed that three vacancies is too great for the group to function effectively over the course of the year. Therefore, the Committee will recommend replacement members to be approved by Council. Prospective members will be invited to submit an EOI.

Action: *Send EOI form to EAAC. Responsible Officer: Jennifer Grainger.*

Action: *Send names and contact details of potential community EAAC representatives to Jennifer. Responsible Officers: EAAC members.*

GB2. Maintaining and upgrading traffic signals and intersections for Roads and Maritime Services

Una and Suzanne advised that some of the discussed pedestrian crossings are lasting longer, a good outcome following the June 2019 meeting in which EAAC members shared detailed information with Raed Dabit of DM Roads about intersections that need addressing.

GB3. Community Building Partnership Grants

Wendy advised that these grants are available to make community premises more accessible. The grants close on the 27th September. Rob requested to know how much money is available and which buildings are a priority (ie. clubs).

Action: *Contact Linda Hope for further information re: grants. Responsible Officers: Robert Noakes and Chantelle Howse.*

Action: *Provide link to Community Building Partnership Grants to EAAC. Responsible Officer: Jennifer Grainger.*

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Equal Access Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday 16 October 2019.

The meeting closed at 11:45am.

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 (ECM 2847116)

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.
