

**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL  
MEETING TASK SHEET**

**Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 21 February 2019**

Action is required for Item **44** as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

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**TITLE: [SUB-EAC] Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 19 December 2018**

**Cr K Milne  
Cr R Byrnes**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee Meeting held Wednesday 19 December 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**

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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 19 December 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 19 December 2018 be received and noted.**

**REPORT:**

The minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday 19 December 2018 are reproduced as follows for the information of Councillors.

**Venue:**

South Sea Islander Room, Tweed Heads Administration Office

**Time:**

10am

**Present:**

Nathan Quinell, Suzanne Hudson, Una Cowdroy, Bev Kelso, (Community Representatives), Cr Warren Polglase, Karen Collins, Chantelle Howse, Robert Noakes (Tweed Shire Council).

**Apologies:**

Prospero Aplet (Chair), Wendy Gilbett, Milena Morrow (Community Representatives), Robyn Grigg, Alana Brooks (Tweed Shire Council).

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

**Moved: Una Cowdroy**

**Seconded: Suzy Hudson**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Equal Access Advisory Committee meeting held Wednesday 17 October 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**Business Arising:****Outstanding Matters Report:****OM1. Installation of accessible toilets in John Follent Park**

Karen Collins reported that a Public Toilet Strategy is planned for 2019. This will develop a comprehensive approach to the upgrade and construction of public toilets into the future.

**OM2. Accessible Car Parks at Faulks Park and Cudgen Creek, Kingscliff.**

Karen Collins reported that Alana Brooks is working on the location of appropriate Designated Accessible Parking Bays (DAPBs) in this location.

**Agenda items:****A1. NDIS roll out**

Jo Watters was unable to attend the meeting. Karen Collins reported on behalf of Jo Watters that the situation was largely the same as that reported at the August meeting.

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

Karen Collins reported that the new plan was adopted by Council in November. Karen Collins outlined the actions planned for the 2018-2019 year.

**A3. Tweed Link – Access All Areas**

Media coverage and reporting on the Access and Inclusion Awards replaced the usual Access All Areas column in November and December. Regular columns will recommence from March 2019.

#### **A4. Access and inclusion Awards**

Members who attended the Awards event provided feedback with the general consensus that it had been a great success. Karen Collins reported that an evaluation of the Access and Inclusion Awards is planned for 2019. Members discussed the merits of whether to hold the awards in 2019 or wait for the outcome of the evaluation. Members discussed ideas to achieve the aims of the Awards which was to raise awareness in the general community to reduce barriers and promote inclusion of people with disabilities. Members felt that we should work with the business community to expand the achievements of the Awards with a focus on employment opportunities for people with disabilities. This would include presentations at the business chambers in Tweed Shire.

#### **A5. Access Funds**

There has not been any change to the access funds.

#### **General Business:**

#### **GB6. Upgrade of Jack Evans Boat Harbour**

Karen Collins explained that a Management Plan for Jack Evans Boat Harbour was being developed. Members had been sent a link to provide feedback via the community survey.

#### **GB7. Rail Trail project**

Karen Collins reported that she had recently been involved in a meeting to discuss the accessibility features for the Rail Trail.

**Action:** The Project Director Iain Lonsdale will be invited to present to the Committee on the Rail Trail in April. **Responsibility:** Gabby Arthur

#### **GB8. Impact of climate change and disaster recovery for people with disabilities**

Karen Collins raised the issue of the impact of climate change on people with disability and older people. Issues such as heat stress and affordability of mitigation such as air-conditioning were raised as well as preparing for and recovering from natural disasters. Ken Crane, Community Development Officer Recovery who is working on these matters will be invited to address the Committee in 2019.

#### **GB9. Resignations of Chris Vannucci and Reece Byrnes from the Committee**

Cr Warren Polglase is the remaining Councillor Representative on the Equal Access Advisory Committee. Members decided that a replacement for Chris Vannucci should be someone with experience of dementia who can continue to provide advice on these matters.

**Action:** Approach members of the Tweed Shire Dementia Friendly Communities Steering Committee to gauge interest in appointment to the Equal Access Advisory Committee. **Responsibility:** Karen Collins

#### **GB10. Blind Citizens Australia Campaign for audio description in free to air television**

Suzanne Hudson explained that Blind Citizens Australia (BCA) is mounting a public campaign to achieve the goal of audio description in free to air television programming in Australia. The campaign involves community members writing to local state and federal MPs to promote the campaign.

**Action:** Send campaign link to committee members. **Responsibility:** Karen Collins

**GB11. Upgraded accessible toilet facility at Club Banora**

Una Cowdroy reported that the recently upgraded accessible toilet facility at Club Banora did not meet the current standard for access and mobility. The grab rail is incorrect and the toilet roll is mounted above the grab rail.

**Action:** Inspect the facility and advise the Club management on corrections needed.  
**Responsibility:** Rob Noakes

**GB12. Thank you to Committee Members**

Karen Collins and Chantelle Howse thanked members for their time, commitment and hard work through 2018.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Equal Access Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday 20 February 2019.

The meeting closed at 11.30am

**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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