

Darebin Disability Advisory Committee

Tuesday 7 March 2023
Meeting Minutes



Present

Chair:

Mayor Williams

Community Representatives:

Emma Grey, Zione (Zee) Alepha Phiri, Helen Caliguiuri

Carers:

Brooke Underwood, Jo Banks, George Jiang

Service Providers:

Pauline Risoli (National Disability Insurance Agency)

Council staff:

Katie Kiley, Senior Team Leader Access and Inclusion

Tobi Evans, Community Development Officer, Access and Inclusion

Guest speakers:

N/A

1 Present and Apologies

Chair welcomed all present to the meeting, did an acknowledgement of Country, and noted the following apologies:

Apologies: Elizabeth (Liz) Ellis, Judith McLean, Kathy Kondekas (Melbourne Polytechnic)

2 Matters arising from the previous minutes

Actions pending: No actions pending.

3 Endorsement of December 2022 meeting minutes

The minutes from the last meeting, held on Monday 5 December and emailed to members on 16 December were endorsed.

4 Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

5 Access Invitation and Check In

No changes were requested.

6 Round table check-in

(This is an opportunity for members to add items to the agenda, prioritise agenda items, report back on events, updates or issues that may have come up since the last meeting and table any other issues).

Following items added to General Business:

No items were added.

[Note: Emma left the meeting at this point.](#)

7 Darebin Disability Website

Tobi Evans, Community Development Officer

Purpose:

The Access and Inclusion team is planning to review and update the [Darebin Disability webpage](#).

We would like to know the DDAC's feedback about what should be included and what should be changed.

Questions to the DDAC:

- What do you think should be on the Darebin Council Disability website?

Summary of conversation:

- DDAC members wanted information about accessibility in Darebin, including infrastructure, disability programs, services, and contact information.
- A key priority was the accessibility of the website and ensuring that disabled people can use it easily.
- DDAC members suggested an accessibility map and the Access and Inclusion team explained the current map.
- Information about advocacy was also requested.
- DDAC members wanted information and resources about self-advocacy and the advocacy that Darebin Council is doing to improve accessibility.

Note: Jo Banks left the meeting partway through.

ACTIONS:

- Tobi will ensure this feedback is included as part of the Darebin Disability Website review.

8 DDAC 2023 Planning Review (Part 2)

Purpose: To understand the 2023 priorities for the DDAC.

Summary of presentation:

- Tobi gave a brief overview of the questions and feedback the DDAC members gave in the December 2022 planning meeting.

Questions to DDAC:

- What new priorities have come up since our last meeting?
- What priorities and/or processes would you like to add or change?

DDAC provided the following feedback:

- DDAC members wanted to be consulted on the International Day for People with Disability (IDPWD) project.
- DDAC members requested opportunities to consult on capital projects, especially those that would include route changes or designing facilities such as playgrounds.
- DDAC members enjoyed special meetings (especially in person meetings) and would like to continue having them.
- DDAC members were interested in consulting on Darebin's internal policies and procedures and reviewing them for accessibility.
- Community awareness and education was also raised as a key priority.

9 Darebin Disability Advisory Committee Updates

Tobi Evans, Community Development Officer

- Tobi gave an overview of the special meeting in February to discuss carer parking permits and the disability pride mural.
- Tobi also noted that the process for DDAC recruitment has begun internally.

10 General Business

Council Updates:

Katie Kiley, Senior Team Leader, Access and Inclusion

- The recruitment process for the vacant role of Community Development Officer (Economic Participation) is continuing.
- The organisation is currently developing actions for the Disability Action Plan.
- The Access and Inclusion team is partnering with the Innovation Practice Program at Melbourne University and working on a project about accessibility and design.

Tobi Evans, Community Development Officer

- The disability social group project with Action on Disability in Ethnic Communities (ADEC) is progressing and we will be holding community forums (online and in person) in May to hear what the community would like.

Mayor Williams highlighted two events that may be of interest to DDAC members:

- FUSE festival ([more information on the FUSE website](#))
- Out of the Park Picnic ([more information on the Out of the Park website](#))

10 Meeting feedback – everyone

- No feedback was provided.

Next meeting:

Tuesday 6 June 2023, which may change subject to Councillor availability and member preference.

5:00pm-7:00pm

Online