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Venue:	Meeting Room 1, Level 5, Civic Centre		
Date:	23 rd March 2016		
Time:	5.00pm	Started at: 5.00 pm	Closed at: 6.35 pm
Chair:	Gunjan Tripathi		
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors		

Committee Role:

Advises and makes recommendations to Council on matters relating to access issues, with particular emphasis on issues for people with disabilities as defined by UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Clr Denise Pendleton	Chairperson	City of Ryde
	x	Brian Bernard	Community Representative	
		Connie Netterfield	Community Representative	
		Diane O' Brien	Community Representative	
	x	Doris Carrall	Community Representative	
x		Greg McClure	Community Representative	
x		Barbara Stannard	Community Representative	
x		Hazel Myers	Community Representative	
		Neita Matthews OAM	Community Representative	
	x	Seaja Chang	Community Representative	
	x	Rebecca Ho	Community Representative	

Other Attendees

Name	Position Title
Gunjan Tripathi	Section Mgr Community Projects – Community and Culture
Cemile Yuksel	Community Projects Officer – Social Inclusion
Lindsay Mason	Senior Coordinator – Land Information Systems
Elizabeth Burford	Acting Executive Officer – Mental Health Commission of NSW
Chris Lines	Manager, Service Improvement & Clinical Risk, Primary & Community Care Services - Primary & Community Care Services Limited

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<p>1. Welcome: Clr Pendleton welcomed those present</p>	<p>Noted</p>	
<p>2. Attendance and apologies: As above</p>	<p>Noted</p>	
<p>3. Confirmation of Minutes and matters arising – 25th November 2015</p> <p>Living Well – A strategic plan for mental health in NSW 2014 – 2024 (presentation attached)</p> <p>Elizabeth Burford addressed the committee and advised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Commission acts in the role of advocate and supporter for people with mental health but does not work directly with mental health patients. - Most of the Commission’s work is with other agencies. - It is not involved with community education. - The Commission is involved directly with suicide prevention - A speakers bureau has been established. - Development of the Living Well Plan involved consultation with over 2,000 people state wide. - The model is based on a social model of disability not paternal model with responsibility for mental health being placed on society. - The Plan includes 141 actions accepted by NSW Government and considers social inclusion, justice and housing amongst other areas. - Statistics suggest 45% of the population will be affected by mental health issues in their lives. - 83% of mental health issues in NSW are undiagnosed. 	<p>The minutes of the meeting of 25th November 2015 were confirmed.</p> <p>Information raised by the Committee and Council should note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The information (headline indicators) in the Living Well plan could be used by Council. -The Ryde Project identifies people at risk and provides them with information regarding groups which can offer assistance. -The advice provided regarding interaction between individuals and someone exhibiting signs of mental illness were to show sensibility, but carry on with business as usual. -It is important that people feel safe. -Council to note its ability to access the information provided by Living Well, especially the Communities Matter toolkit. www.communitiesmatter.com.au -Council to work on well-being, reducing stigma and discrimination and building community resilience through the Collective Impact Framework. 	

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<p>Bega Valley Shire Council was provided as an example. Senior staff of this council undertook Mental Health First Aid training. Stigma around mental illness within the organisation is low. For a list of Mental Health First Aid Kit courses link to be made available.</p> <p><u>Developing public mapping interface that displays inclusive and accessible Council facilities on the website</u></p> <p>Lindsay Mason provided an update on this matter. (presentation attached)</p> <p>Council’s existing software was found to be of limited use to the public.</p> <p>The limitation on information available due to Council boundaries was also an issue.</p> <p>Spinal Cord Injury Australia is undertaking a project Australia wide to map accessible toilets and Council is now working with them to provide all relevant details on the 40 accessible toilets available in this LGA.</p> <p>A free iphone app will be available through this project.</p> <p><u>Public toilets at Meadowbank</u></p> <p>A question was raised at the November meeting regarding the closure of the public toilets at Meadowbank Wharf. Investigation has determined that electrical issues caused the doors of the toilets to close. The issue has since been rectified.</p>	<p>-Council to refer to the Living Well One Year on – Progress Report for indicators.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Mental Health First Aid Kit Courses link https://mhfa.com.au/courses/public</p> <p>This matter to come back to this committee in July when Ryde portion of project should be complete.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

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<p>Other Business</p> <p><u>Access at Meadowbank Shopping Centre</u></p> <p>Greg highlighted an incident on Christmas Eve 2015 when a ram raid incident at the above location meant police blocked access used by disabled people. He noted the difficulties this created and the need for consideration to be given to providing access to all.</p> <p>Push bikes at Macquarie Shopping Centre</p> <p>Hazel Myers raised the issue of pushbikes being left in public spaces at the Macquarie Centre. Hazel has raised the issue with management as often the bikes impede access to public spaces, letterboxes etc.</p> <p>Primary & Community Care Services Limited</p> <p>Chris Lines attended the meeting and informed the committee about their current work, including Partners in Recovery program, mental health first aid training and chronic disease management. Chris reported that they are interested in bringing GPs' into the NDIS space. They also have data on Ryde LGA.</p> <p>Resignation of Janice Lee</p> <p>The resignation of Janice Lee after ten years with Council was announced.</p> <p>Janice has worked closely with the Access Committee over much of this time and will be missed. Her last day is 30/4/16.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Wednesday 6st July 2016 5.00 – 6.30pm, Venue to be determined</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The issue of Council's role in maintaining clear access in public spaces to be discussed.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>A card is to be sent to Janice on behalf of the Access Advisory Committee, thanking her for her support and assistance and wishing her all the best in the future.</p>	