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<b>File No:</b>	COR 2013/207		
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<b>Venue:</b>	Wallumatta Meeting Room – Top Ryde Library		
<b>Date:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2016		
<b>Time:</b>	5.00pm	Started at: 5.00 pm	Closed at: 6.30 pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Gunjan Tripathi		
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	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	Senior Coordinator – Cultural and Social Planning – Strategic City
Cemile Yuksel	Community Projects Officer – Social Inclusion

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1.	<b>Welcome:</b>  Cllr Pendleton welcomed all present and provided an update on the possible merger of City of Ryde, Lane Cove and Hunters Hill Councils.  Cllr Pendleton also provided information about the future of the Civic Centre site at Ryde.	Noted	
2.	<b>Attendance and apologies:</b>  As above	Noted	

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3.	<p><b>Confirmation of Minutes 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 and matters arising</b></p> <p><u>Developing Public Mapping interface that displays inclusive and accessible Council facilities on the website.</u></p> <p>Gunjan advised that the work being undertaken by Lindsay Mason has been completed. The 40 accessible toilets in the Ryde LGA have now been placed on the National Public Toilet Map website and also the iphone app.</p> <p>Hard copies of the community information directories can be obtained from the libraries.</p> <p><u>NDIS Information sessions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sessions were held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016.</li> <li>• 239 people attended the session and 60 service providers from 25 organisations provided information</li> <li>• It was noted that the venue was not easy to find and was not suitable for electronic wheelchairs.</li> <li>• Future sessions will ensure access issues are addressed.</li> <li>• The NDIA also held sessions in April which were well attended and provided additional information.</li> <li>• Council also hosted Jeder Institute to deliver seven NDIS planning workshops early this year.</li> <li>• Council provides NDIS information on its Social Inclusion webpage, which will be updated soon.</li> <li>• It was noted that medical, housing and food costs are not included in the NDIS payments but that transport costs are covered.</li> </ul>	<p>The minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 were confirmed.</p> <p>A copy of the Elizabeth Burford's presentation from the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 will be reissued with the minutes.</p> <p>Noted</p>	

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<p>4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A full rollout of the NDIS is not expected until 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.</li> <li>• NDIS planning sessions are undertaken by a number of groups including “My Choice Matters”.</li> </ul> <p><u>Accessibility of Council properties</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The previous item opened discussion regarding the accessibility of Council buildings.</li> <li>• It was noted that the Air League Building is not accessible.</li> <li>• An audit has previously been carried out to measure access issues at Council buildings and it was suggested that it may be time to carry out a further audit.</li> </ul> <p><u>Relocation to North Ryde Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gunjan advised that Cultural and Social Planning staff are now located at Council’s North Ryde Office.</li> <li>• Staff are attempting to maintain a presence in the community by holding meetings in various locations such as C3 Church, Royal Rehab offices etc.</li> <li>• As Cultural and Social Planning is part of the Strategic City, Gunjan hopes there will be the opportunity to have a greater influence on building and planning design.</li> <li>• Information about DA’s are needed at the early stage of planning so that inclusive and access issues can be addressed.</li> <li>• Wider footpaths, proximity of parking etc are all simple issues which greatly improve amenity for people with access limitations.</li> </ul>	<p>Recommendation that an audit be carried out of Council buildings to identify access issues.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>A staff member from the DA Assessment team will be invited to the next Access Committee meeting to discuss ways in which improvements can be made to the way DA’s are assessed.</p>	

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<p><u>Formation of Council’s social inclusion working group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will be conducting a session at the Civic Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 where information about changes to the aged services sector will be discussed.</li> <li>• Many people have requested information about how to access “my aged care”.</li> <li>• The session will run between 10am to 12noon.</li> <li>• Information will be provided on using the “my aged care” website, services available, volunteering opportunities etc.</li> <li>• Details about the support offered through Community Aid, Ryde Hunters Hill Community Services and Transport etc will be discussed.</li> <li>• Staff will be holding discussions with the larger businesses located in Macquarie Park to encourage business opportunities in a socially inclusive environment.</li> <li>• A social inclusion working group of Council staff will meet on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016.</li> <li>• The aim is to build the capacity of staff and the corporate sector.</li> <li>• Collaboration between the three tiers of government will be encouraged.</li> <li>• University research on ageing and the involvement of business will be discussed.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>It was noted that the recent relocation of Medicare to the Centrelink office at Ryde is not convenient and has made access to this service more difficult for many people.</p> <p>An update on the results of the social inclusion meeting will be provided at the next meeting of this committee.</p>	



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<p><u>Doris Carroll</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doris commented on the lack of cement blocks in many bus stop locations which make it dangerous and difficult for the elderly and people in wheelchairs to disembark from buses.</li> <li>• Staff advised that a review of all bus stops, shelters etc in Ryde was planned for this year.</li> </ul> <p><b>New member of committee</b> Seaja Chang nominated Cecilia Park as a new committee member. Cecilia is employed as an Ability Linker with Settlement Services International and a volunteer leader of the Korean Cockatoos - Korean Carers Group.</p> <p>The Committee welcomed the nomination of Cecilia Park.</p> <p><b>5. Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday 7 September 2016 5.00 – 6.30pm Wallumatta Meeting Room – Top Ryde Library</p>	<p>Anthony Ogle to be invited to the next meeting of this committee to advice on the review status.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>To be forwarded to Council for endorsement</p>	