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Venue:	Meeting Room – Level 1A Pope Street Ryde		
Date:	29 th March 2017		
Time:	5.00pm	Started at: 5.00 pm	Closed at: 6.30 pm
Chair:	Clr Jane Stott		
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 Jane Stott	Chairperson	City of Ryde
	x	Clr Denise Pendleton	Councillor	City of Ryde
x		Connie Netterfield	Community Representative	
	x	Doris Carrall	Community Representative	
x		Greg McClure	Community Representative	
x		Barbara Stannard	Community Representative	
x		Hazel Myers	Community Representative	
x		Seaja Chang	Community Representative	
x		Rebecca Ho	Community Representative	
x		Cecilia Park	Community Representative	

Other Attendees

Name	Position Title
Cemile Yuksel	Community Projects Officer – Social Inclusion
Gunjan Tripathi	Senior Coordinator – Social Development and Capacity Building
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors

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	Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
1.	Welcome: Clr Stott welcomed all present.	The information was noted.	
2.	Attendance and apologies: As above	Noted	

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<p>3. Confirmation of Minutes 7th December 2016 and matters arising</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 7th December 2016 were confirmed.</p> <p>Terms of Reference for this advisory committee</p> <p>Under the Terms of Reference, this committee can have up to twelve members.</p> <p>At the present time there are nine members on the committee.</p> <p>Two people have expressed an interest in joining the committee.</p> <p>Meeting start time for this committee</p> <p>There was discussion regarding changing the starting time of the committee meeting from 5pm to 6pm</p> <p>Bus seat at Eastwood Interchange</p> <p>A broken seat has been removed from the Eastwood Interchange but hasn't yet been replaced.</p> <p>ShopRyder</p> <p>A new contract was recently entered into for this service.</p> <p>Lack of kerb ramp on new works in Rowe Street</p> <p>Greg advised that the recently completed road works at Rowe Street East do not have provision for a kerb ramp at the intersection with Blaxland Road making it impossible for wheelchair use and difficult for other users to negotiate.</p> <p>Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) Consultation</p>	<p>Information noted</p> <p>Staff to seek advice from Governance on EOI process</p> <p>This matter to be listed on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Staff to follow up</p> <p>Information noted</p> <p>Staff to investigate and provide info to the Committee</p>	
<p>4. Council is currently preparing a regional DIAP in collaboration with Lane Cove and Hunter's Hill Councils and appointed Elton Consulting to assist in the development of the Plan.</p> <p>Council amalgamations have been factored into the development of the DIAP. If/when the amalgamations proceed one strategic document and one action plan will be developed.</p>	<p>Information noted</p>	

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<p>If the amalgamations do not go ahead then the Council's will require one strategic document with an action plan for each of the three Council's.</p> <p>The plan will include practical strategies and actions to address regional and local barriers and opportunities to a more socially inclusive and healthy community.</p> <p>The plan identifies four key focus areas, nominated by people with disability, as being of primary importance in creating an inclusive community. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing positive community attitudes and behaviours - Creating liveable communities - Supporting access to meaningful employment - Improving access to services through better systems and processes. <p>The DIAP will be positioned into Council's core business and integrated yearly over a 4 year period into Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan to ensure that Council and their staff at all levels consider inclusion of people with disability as part of their everyday business.</p> <p>A draft copy of the Plan will be available by May/June for comment and public viewing soon after that. The DIAP will be submitted to the Disability Council NSW and will be reported against on a yearly basis.</p> <p>There are a number of ways to get involved in the consultation process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completing a Community Survey which is available on Council's Have your Say page at: http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/Have-your-Say/Disability-Inclusion-Action-Plan by Friday 5 May 2017. <p>Those who have difficulty accessing the online survey can be sent a hard copy with a reply paid envelope.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participating in a Focus Group Session scheduled for Wednesday 3 May 9:30am – 11:00am or 5:30pm – 7:00pm at Council Chambers, Level1A Pope Street, Ryde. 	<p>Information noted</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Service providers can be involved by attending the Roundtable Workshop scheduled for Thursday 6 April 2017 from 10:30am -12:30pm at Lane Cove Library, Library Walk, Lane Cove. - Elton Consulting facilitated a City of Ryde Staff Workshop on Thursday 23 March from 2-4pm at the North Ryde Office. - Council Staff Survey – Opened yesterday and has received 45 responses to date. <p>Gunjan and Cemile are also organising and facilitating small workshops with Customer Service, Library, RALC and Operations teams who were not able to attend the Staff Workshop at the North Ryde Office.</p> <p>The Access Advisory Committee members responded to the following three questions during the workshop:</p> <p>1. What else can Council do (practical actions) to support better inclusion of people with disability?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet people with these (including hidden disabilities) - Make aware of the different disabilities in the Council area and their needs - Through Planning processes - Promotion and marketing; inclusion campaigns; look at best practice - Council newsletter is only received via computer and often ignored – suggest Council return to hard copy with articles about changing attitudes - Local Government Area wide Audit. - Access and Inclusion App for users to audit sites, write and read reviews. Also to show all accessible (wheelchair) restaurants and parking facilities. - Create meaningful employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Council to lead by example. - Supporting and working with Schools – e.g. Education and Inclusion Summit for schools - Work closely with local businesses around accessibility e.g. entrances - Council to facilitate stakeholder sessions: e.g. Busses/Public Transport NSW 	<p>Information noted</p> <p>Invite Jon Sorbara to the next meeting to provide an update on the Council's progress is making our buildings and facilities more accessible.</p>	

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<p>2. What do you feel are the most important things for changing attitudes and behaviours towards people with disability in the community and workplace?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educate the general public about different disabilities - Engaging with people with disability programs - Employment. How many people in Council have a disability? - Education – support for local schools and services - Make people feel they could respect and honour them instead of stigmatise, make fun and feel unworthy, say it is wrong. - Positive media coverage to report on access and inclusion issues 	Information noted	
<p>3. How can Council make our services, facilities or venues more accessible for everyone, including those with disability?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All public spaces to be universally designed - DA Approvals submitted via access experts; Access Advisory Committee - Education and promotion - Reach out to people to hear their voices. Some people don't have resources or time to participate in consultations - Access Audit Forum/Information to the Community. Promote in the Mayor's column - Accessible events – particularly toilets e.g. Christmas Carols. - Having a changing place in Ryde - Open Space – Universally designed. - All playgrounds to be universally designed for people with all abilities, like Livvi's Place - Meadowbank Warf toilets – more needed and should be replicated - Parking space in Meadowbank – allow enough space - Accessible parking, Shepherds Bay Hall is particularly difficult to park for people with disabilities - Roads – wider 	Information noted	
<p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seaja suggested that staff could possibly hold a DIAP workshop with the Korean community. 	This has been scheduled for 3 May 2017.	

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<p>- Hazel requested that the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) studies to be presented to the Committee like they used to.</p> <p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 5th July 2017.</p>	<p>Invite Rafael Chemke to the next meeting to provide an update on the West Ryde and Meadowbank PAMP study</p>	

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