

MINUTES

Disability & Inclusion Advisory Group

Date: Thursday, 31 August 2023

Time: 12.30pm

Location: Council Chambers / Boardroom (Shire Hall) and via MS Teams

Disability & Inclusion Advisory Group Community Members	Present	Apology
Mhari Paterson	✓	
Libby Berg		✓
Lyn Boucher	✓	
Eric Third		✓
Sarah Owers		✓
Deb Annetts		✓
Star- Jade Laverty	✓	
Patrick Nellestein	✓	
Susan Johnson		✓
Councillors & Council Staff		
Cr Beverley Spearpoint (Chair)	✓	
Cr Suzy Brandstater (Deputy Chair)	✓	
Rob Moran, Team Leader, Community Projects & Events	✓	
Vickie Tierney, Community Projects Officer	✓	
Michelle Sheehan, Manager, Community Services	✓	

Item	Key Speaker (s)	Agreed Actions
1. Welcome	Cr Spearpoint	Delivered by Cr Spearpoint
1.1 Acknowledgement of Country	Cr Spearpoint	AOC delivered by Cr Spearpoint
1.2 Disclosure of Interests	Cr Spearpoint	Star- Jade Laverty acknowledged that she is an owner of a Disability organisation.
1.3 Attendance & Apologies	Cr Spearpoint	As per attendance sheet above.
1.4 Confirmation of previous minutes	Cr Spearpoint	Previous minutes confirmed by Star-Jade Laverty Seconded by Lyn Boucher

1.5 Matters referred to the AG by Council resolution	Cr Spearpoint	NA
1.6 Previous actions from minutes: - Accessible & Seniors Parking		Vickie Tierney informed the AG members that, in order to address questions and concerns related to accessible and seniors parking, several specialised staff members from various Council teams will be invited to the next Disability AG meeting.
1.6 Work, Health & Safety	Cr Spearpoint	NA
2. Disability Inclusion Action Plan Update		Updates and actions provided below.
2.1 IC Care Presentation IC Care is a small not-for-profit community organisation working in the Wollondilly and Camden Local Government Areas. This service supports frail older people (aged 65 years and over; 50 and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) who require assistance with daily living to remain living independently at home and in the community. IC Care aims to connect clients who identify as rural, remote and/or socially isolated to services. The outcome being that clients will live in their homes longer without the need for supported accommodation, whilst also maintaining connections with the local community. IC Care supports the community by providing a diverse range of support services and social events for older people in the community.	Nicole Hanger	Presentation from Nicole Hanger, IC Care The AG members discussed the excellent service provision by IC Care. However, it was pointed out that Northern Village residents still face difficulties due to funding restrictions and service provision boundaries they must adhere to. Recommendation to People SRG: Write to State/Federal Government Ministers to advocate for better service delivery for home support, allied health and transport for seniors in the Northern Villages of Wollondilly. Moved by Star-Jade Lavery Second by Mhari Paterson Supported by all AG members
2.2 Anala Disability & Support Services Presentation Anala, are dedicated to supporting individuals and children living with disabilities, mental health challenges, and trauma. The organisation provides personalised assistance with a focus on intellectual disabilities, trauma, and mental health across all age groups. Anala takes a person-centered approach, offering tailored services and programs that benefit participants and their support networks, including	Ana Gamirez	Presentation from Ana Gamirez, Anal Disability & Support Services

families, guardians, schools, and professionals. Anala has a office based in Picton.		
2.3 Community Group Transport Program The Community Group Transport Subsidy Program, in partnership with local transport providers, aims to provide subsidised transport hire to eligible community groups in Wollondilly. This program is designed to support local community groups by reducing financial barriers and facilitating participation in social connection opportunities.	Vickie Tierney	Presentation from Vickie Tierney, Community Project Officer
3. General Business – Updates from Members	Cr Spearpoint	
3.1 Illuminate Update	Rob Moran	Rob provided an update of the inclusive opportunities available at Illuminate Festival of Art & Light on Saturday 16/09/23. Action: Vickie to send information all-inclusive Illuminate features and booking links to Disability AG member. Email sent to AG members 31/08/23
3.2 SCOPE update	Mhari Paterson	Mhari provided an update on Scope's successful inclusive Disco in the Southern Highlands. Mhari will be speaking with her organisation in regards to holding a similar activity locally in Wollondilly. Discussion from members about holding something during International Day of People with Disability in 2024 such as a disco or movie in the gardens
Next Meeting: Thursday 23 November Banksia Boardroom Wollondilly Shire Council		