



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Access and Inclusion
Advisory Group
Notes – 1 September 2021



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1 Opening

Acknowledgement of country

Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaaditjin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

2 Attendance

Access and Inclusion Advisory Group Members	Asile Wong Merilyn Adamson Shirley Barnes
Elected member	Cr Luana Lisandro
Manager Community Coordinator Community Development	Paul Gravett Katie Sabatini
Meeting secretary	Lizzie Shepande
Presenters	
Strategic Projects Manager	Jack Bidwell
Manager Technical Services	John Wong
Place Leader (Strategic Planning)	Jessica Gannaway
Observers	Nil.
Apologies	
Access and Inclusion Advisory Group Member	David Vosnacos (Chair)
Access and Inclusion Advisory Group Member	Pertrin Scott (Deputy Chair)
Access and Inclusion Advisory Group Member	Kim Elis
Access and Inclusion Advisory Group Member	Pauline Wetternhall
Elected member	Cr Claire Anderson
Observer	Helen Beesley (Mission Australia)
Approved leave of absence	
Mayor	Karen Vernon

Based on attendance for this meeting a quorum was not met. However, the meeting still proceeded, and some agenda items will again be discussed at the group's next meeting.

3 Presentations

3.1 McCallum Park Active Area

Time	10 mins
Presenter	Jack Bidwell
Attachments	1. Disability Access Review of 85% Issue for Approval- Mc Callum Park 13 July 2021 [3.1.1 - 14 pages]

Purpose of the item

To present the McCallum Park Active Area project to the group and gain an understanding of any key access and inclusion issues that may need to be addressed.

Outcome

1. Advisory group is updated on the project objectives;
2. Advisory group is updated on the project status; and
3. Advisory group provides input/advice on any considerations required to complete the design.

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL07 - People have positive exchanges with the Town that inspires confidence in the information and the timely service provided.	Provide opportunity for community engagement on current projects in the Town in different formats.

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	Provide continuous updates on Town projects to keep the group informed.

Outcome

Background

The Foreshore Access Management Plan project started in 2015. This was to plan better access if the Town's Foreshore. This active area was the seventh priority project for elected members to be

Due to extensive works associated with it a staged approach was implemented in 2020 concept plan endorsed with a budget allocation in the long-term final plan.

Four stage process of consultation with the user groups was completed. A variety of user groups and other community members were consulted with the concept plan then going to public comment generated 90% support.

As part of the detailed design, an access review audit was completed by consultant, O'Brien Harrop Access Intent highlighting the following:

- Two Accessible parking bays
- Pedestrian paths
- Vertical access
- Tactile ground surface indicators
- Contrast between pavers and obstructions
- Park furniture specification to accommodate all users

Three key areas

- Revitalisation of the existing basketball court through public art -Indigenous artwork.
- Installation and upgrade of the skate precinct - Olympic standard completion level skate ball/plaza for all wheeled sport.
- BMX pump and jump track catering to all wheel uses.

Actions

Project officer to explore if charging ports for electric wheelchairs can be included in plan.

Inclusion officer to continue sending updates to the group on McCallum Park Active Area.

3.2 Universal access to Kensington Bushland

Time	15 minutes
Presenter	John Wong
Attachments	1. Jirdarup Bushland [3.2.1 - 5 pages]

Purpose of the item

To present the proposed universal access gate system for the Kensington Bushland.

Outcome

For information and feedback from the group prior to presentation to the November Ordinary Council Meeting.

Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN02 - A safe, interconnected and well maintained transport network that makes it easy for everyone to get around.	Providing a safe and inclusive access point to the Kensington Bushland.

Outcome

The provision for the Jirdarup Bushland is currently not accessible to people with disability / wheelchair users, parents with young children and prams. Atwell street has vehicle access and a swing gate for pedestrians. The intention of the swing gates is to discourage illegal access such as motor bicycles.

Current considerations:

- Retain the existing pedestrian swing gate and install the proposed gate system next to it
- Hardstand material to be extended beyond the gates on both sides (preferably concrete)
- Pram ramp to be installed on the kerb line
- ACROD bay parking included on the Etwell St verge
- Two swing gates to consider material of the gate
- Swing gates to be made of light panels to prevent parts of wheelchairs sticking into the gate (potential problem with chain link mesh)
- Install a sign with after hour contact numbers (in the case of unexpected circumstances where people with disability got stuck inside).

Actions

Project officer to consider reaching out to other local government / localities that have used this concept to gain a greater understanding the practicality of the concept.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 DAIP 2017-2022 Progress

Reporting officer	Lizzie Shepande/Katie Sabatini
Origin of request	Council resolution
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Update on Disability Access and Inclusion Plan implementation and progress.

Outcome

Seek the advisory group's input in key actions with the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

Discussion points

- Current progress of key actions.
- Review of DAIP
- Department of Communities Report
- Progress on Internal Diversity working group
- Local Businesses Accessibility
- Access and Inclusion recognition days

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL07 - People have positive exchanges with the Town that inspires confidence in the information and the timely service provided.	Provide opportunity for community engagement on current projects in the Town in different formats.

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	Provide continuous progress updates on the DAIP achievements to the group.

Next steps

Continue to bring updates of projects and initiatives in the Town to the group for discussion.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

Inclusion officer continues to progress DAIP outcomes with quarterly reports to Council and monthly reports to C-Suite.

The Town is currently recruiting a Social Policy Specialist to review and develop current community development plans including the DAIP. Inclusion officer will continue to work with the Department of Communities to understand requirements and templating for the new DAIP.

Inclusion officer completed and submitted the DAIP Annual progress to the Department Communities.

The Internal Diversity Working group continues to progress to agree on the Terms of Reference and Strategic plan to guide the outcomes.

Town officers are working internally as well as with the Business Advisory group and local businesses to support businesses to be more accessible and inclusive. The Town plans to develop resources and work with businesses to support them.

Upcoming 2021 Business grants are planning to be quite generic to help support businesses to apply for a variety of things, which could include accessibility and inclusivity.

The Town is currently planning for International Day of People with Disabilities and Seniors Week and the inclusion officer will keep the group informed and engaged throughout the planning.

Actions

Continue to bring DAIP updates to the group for discussion.

Town officers to engage with group members when planning for significant dates.

4.2 Auslan Interpreters

Reporting officer	Katie Sabatini
Origin of request	Access and Inclusion members
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Explore options to have Auslan Interpreters at specified events as required.

Outcome

Bring recommendations for Auslan interpreters at Town events.

Discussion points

Citizenship ceremonies.

Explore what events should consider Auslan Interpreters.

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL01 – Everyone receives appropriate information in the most efficient and effective way for them.	Provide the group with information on current services Auslan Interpreters provide at the Town and explore other options.

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	Information is readily available to all community members as required.

Next steps

Create a list of events to consider Auslan Interpreters.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

Historic use of Auslan interpreters at TOVP events

- There has been no formal written policy/procedure mandating having or not having Auslan interpreters at the Town's events.
- The decision to have or not have an interpreter has been made on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration the demographic of the guests attending the event and the type of event. For example, the Town has interpreters for:

- ANZAC days
- Australia Day Citizenship ceremony.
- Previously had interpreters at Remembrance Day
- Previously had interpreters at past Twilight Trio events but, didn't earlier this year as a decision was made that music is not that suitable for signing.

Use of Auslan interpreters

- We currently have an interpreter for each monthly citizenship ceremony regardless of whether they are needed or not.
- The cost is \$300 + GST (this is for 1 interpreter for 1 hour).

Concerns of Auslan interpreters

- Some interpreters are uncomfortable with being required to interpret when guests don't require it. They would prefer to ask if any guests require signing and if not, the interpreter prefer to leave. The Town still pays the full price for the booked service.

Actions

Town officers to bring this item back to the next meeting for the whole group to discuss.

5 General business

Outcome - Place Leader (Strategic Planning) brought an item to the group to consider the removal of a street bench seat placed opposite a local trader (Duncan Street Store) on Duncan Street.

The bench was positioned there to provide a place of rest for community members travelling on Duncan Street from Shepperton Road and Kitthener Avenue. The business is planning to provide alfresco dining at the front that may extend to the bench which then limits the alfresco and pedestrian walking/cycling space. The bench is not shaded or protected from varying weather. In addition, Duncan Reserve has two shaded benches that could be used for rest.

Alternatively, extend the concrete of the verge at the Duncan Reserve to have more accessibility for people with disability and wheeled equipment.

Action – The group to provide any additional feedback to inclusion officer and/or Place Leader around the Duncan Street bench.

Outcome- The meeting did not meet quorum of at least 50% of participating members. Hence bringing back some of the items for discussion to the next meeting on 6 December 2021.

Actions

Town officers to bring back actions from previous meeting and some agenda items to the next meeting on 6 December 2021.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status/Comment	Close Date
Bring item McCallum Park Active Area back to the Access and Inclusion October (September) meeting.	Lizzie Shepande	Completed	1 September 2021
Corporate staff Disability Awareness Training scheduled for completion between July - August 2021.	Lizzie Shepande	Completed – Additional training to be initiated before the December 2021	19 August 2021
A concept plan is to go back to the August 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting and seek further feedback from the Access and Inclusion Advisory	Lizzie Shepande/Tracey McQue	To go to future Ordinary Council Meeting for public advertising.	TBA

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group on the future of Burswood South Streetscape Plan design.			
Town officers to distribute additional details to the group on Etwell Street design.	Lizzie Shepande	Completed - Etwell Street Local Centre Revitalisation Plan. file:///C:/Users/emungandu/Downloads/Access-and-Inclusion-Advisory-Group-Terms-of-Reference%20(3).pdf	1 September 2021
The Transport Strategy will be ready for public comment in early July 2021 and Town officers to distribute to the group for review.	Lizzie Shepande/Caden McCarthy	Completed - Sent to the Access and Inclusion Group.	20 July 2021
Town officers to review online sites (AccessWA and Public Toilet app) to ensure Town owned facilities are up to date and explore the possibility of embedding these details into the Town's website.	Lizzie Shepande	Ongoing	Ongoing
Feedback on use of Auslan Interpreters	Katie Sabatini	To be brought to the next Access and Inclusion meeting.	6 December 2021
Feedback on Duncan Street bench	Jessica Gannaway	Get feedback from the group to recommend to the decision of Place Leader.	October 2021
Actions from previous meeting (16 June 2021)	Lizzie Shepande	To be brought to the next Access and Inclusion meeting.	6 December 2021

7 Close

The meeting was closed by Katie Sabatini at 5:50pm.