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Community Access Committee

Notice of Meeting and Agenda 4 August 2017

Committee Terms of Reference

The City of Bunbury Community Access Committee exists to guide the Bunbury City Council towards attaining best practice on matters of access and inclusion. The Community Access Committee is to make recommendations to Council based on the following Terms of Reference:

- 1 To develop proposals and make recommendations to Council on matters of access and inclusion to City of Bunbury buildings, facilities, services and information.*
- 2 To seek funding opportunities that improves access and inclusion within the City of Bunbury.*
- 3 To provide advice and information to City of Bunbury Officers and Councillors on decisions of best practice on matters of access and inclusion relating to Council buildings, facilities, services or information throughout Bunbury.*
- 4 To provide information to the private sector in relation to access and inclusion to assist in development and redevelopment of buildings and facilities.*
- 5 To monitor the implementation of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan for City of Bunbury buildings, facilities, services and information.*

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Community Access Committee Notice of Meeting

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Dear Committee Members

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Community Access Committee will be held in the Council Function Room of the City of Bunbury Administration Building, 4 Stephen Street, Bunbury on 4 August 2017 at 1:00pm.



Stephanie Addison-Brown
Director Corporate and Community Services

Date of Issue: 1 August 2017

Agenda 4 August 2017

Members of the public to note that recommendations made by this committee are not final and will be subject to adoption (or otherwise) at a future meeting of the Bunbury City Council.

Committee Members:

Member Name	Representing
Deputy Mayor Brendan Kelly	City of Bunbury
Councillor Karen Steele	City of Bunbury
Councillor Wendy Giles	City of Bunbury
Thomas Blair	Community Representative
Kathryn Hewitt	Short on Sight Support Group

Member Name	Representing
Kylie West	Disability Services Commission
Aishath Shizleen	Community Representative
Carol Szabo	Community Representative
Peter Needham	Community Representative
Josef Bandera	Community Representative
Michael Finn	Enable South West

Ex-officio Members (non-voting):

Member Name	Representing
Stephanie Addison-Brown	Director Corporate and Community Services

Support Staff:

Name	Title
Ryan Campbell	Community Development Officer
Deanna Sullivan	Team Leader Community Development
Sharon Chapman	Manager Community and Library Services
Liz Allan	Executive Research and Project Officer

Guests:

Name	Title
Adam Johnson	MARCIA PhD student

1. Declaration of Opening

2. Disclaimer

Not applicable to this committee.

3. Announcements from the Presiding Member

4. Attendances

4.1. *Apologies*

4.2. *Approved Leave of Absence*

5. Declaration of Interest

IMPORTANT: Committee members to complete a “Disclosure of Interest” form for each item on the agenda in which they wish to disclose a financial/proximity/impartiality interest. They should give the form to the Presiding Member before the meeting commences. After the meeting, the form is to be forwarded to the Administration Services Section for inclusion in the Corporate Financial Disclosures Register.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Community Access Committee Meeting held 2 June 2017 had been circulated.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Community Access Committee Meeting held 2 June 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

7. Public Question Time

8. Petitions, Presentations and Deputations

8.1. *Petitions*

8.2. *Presentations*

8.3. *Deputations*

9. Method of Dealing with Agenda Business

Items are dealt with in the order that they appear.

10. Reports

10.1. Local Government Inclusion Forum

Applicant/Proponent:	Internal Report
Responsible Officer:	Ryan Campbell, Community Development Officer
Responsible Manager:	Sharon Chapman, Manager Library and Community Services
Executive:	Stephanie Addison-Brown, Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachments:	Nil

Summary

The City has agreed to sponsor a Local Government Inclusion Forum in Perth on 25 August 2017, in the amount of \$2500, after being approached by Jane Cousins from National Disability Service (NDS). The sponsorship money will be used to provide access for people with a disability in the general community who may wish to attend the event.

Executive Recommendation

That the Community Access Committee receives the information in this report.

Strategic Relevance

Key Priority Area 1: Community and Culture
Objective 1.1 Establish Bunbury as the most accessible regional city in Australia by 2020

Background

The idea of the Inclusion Forum came from the NDS's Access and Inclusion Sub Committee who were aware that local governments were doing a lot of good work around access and inclusion and wanted to get them together to network and share ideas. After discussions with WALGA it was decided to

link the forum to the Lighthouse Project Awards event which is run by Local Government Professionals.

They currently have 150 delegates made up of Local Government Community Development Officers and Disability Service Providers. Minister Stephen Dawson has been asked to open the Forum, however this is yet to be confirmed. The head of both NDS and WALGA will be speaking at the forum. WALGA will be speaking about the NDIS, the impact this will have on the Local Government Sector and the opportunities it will provide. There will also be case studies shared by Local Governments on access and inclusion.

The idea of sponsorship is to provide between 10 and 20 free tickets for provision to people with a disability from the general public who may wish to come along. The sponsorship money would be available to cover any costs that may be needed to make the event as accessible and inclusive as possible depending on the needs of those attending such as an Auslan Interpreter.

Council Policy Compliance

The CAC operates under the Council's Code of Conduct.

Legislative Compliance

Disability Services Act 1993 (amended 2004)

Local Government Act 1995

Officer Comments

The sponsorship would meet DAIP outcomes 1, 3, 4 and 6 which cover: access to events; access to information; receiving same level and quality of service; and access to public consultation. In addition to the DAIP outcomes sponsoring the event would be consistent with our MARCIA aims of going above and beyond what is considered 'the norm' by assisting with a forum that will strengthen networks and promote access and inclusion across the state and promote Bunbury as a progressive City in this space.

Analysis of Financial and Budget Implications

Not applicable.

Community Consultation

Nil

Councillor/Officer Consultation

Nil

Applicant Consultation

Not applicable.

10.2. Disability Awareness Week proposed activities

Applicant/Proponent:	Internal
Responsible Officer:	Ryan Campbell, Community Development Officer
Responsible Manager:	Sharon Chapman, Manager Library and Community Services
Executive:	Stephanie Addison-Brown, Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachments:	Nil

Summary

The City has been approached with the suggestion of screening the film 'Defiant Lives' as part of the year's Disability Awareness Week celebrations. Prior to this the City was considering hosting a Rebound WA Wheelchair Challenge Day to raise awareness. The Community Access Committee normally assist in the delivery of activities during this week and it is therefore important to keep the Committee up-to-date on any developments.

Executive Recommendation

That the Community Access Committee receives the information in this report.

Strategic Relevance

Key Priority Area 1: Community and Culture

Objective 1.1: Establish Bunbury as the most accessible regional city in Australia by 2020

Background

Disability Awareness Week runs each year from 26 November to 3 December finishing on International Day of People with a Disability on 3 December. Each year along with the CAC the City hosts an event or activity as part of this week. Last year the City supported a member of the CAC in

the planning and delivering a community bake-off which aimed to raise awareness and promote equality.

The film *Defiant Lives* tells the story of the rise and fight of the disability rights movement in the United States, Britain and Australia and features exclusive interviews with elders who have led the movement over the past five decades. The film weaves together never before seen archival footage with the often-confronting personal stories of disabled men and women as they moved from being warehoused in institutions to fighting for independence and control over their lives.

The Rebound WA Wheelchair Challenge is an event that challenges people to spend just one day of their life in a wheelchair while raising funds for Rebound WA. The Wheelchair Challenge provides people with an opportunity to have first-hand experience of what life is like in a wheelchair while raising much-needed funds to help Rebound WA continue to make a difference in our community. It is hoped the City of Bunbury Councillors and staff will volunteer their time to be in a wheelchair for a day during the course of their work day while having fun and raising awareness in the community as well as raising money for Rebound WA.

Council Policy Compliance

The CAC operates under the Council's Code of Conduct.

Legislative Compliance

Disability Services Act 1993 (amended 2004)

Local Government Act 1995

Officer Comments

Disability Awareness Week and International Day of People with a Disability are both great opportunities to raise much needed awareness for people with a disability and their ongoing plight to have fair, dignified and equitable access and inclusion to community life.

It would be great if the City of Bunbury along with the CAC can be part of this week and consider the two proposals mentioned above.

Analysis of Financial and Budget Implications

Not applicable.

Community Consultation

Nil

Councillor/Officer Consultation

Nil

Applicant Consultation

Not applicable

10.3. Endorse Draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2017-2022 Strategies

File Ref:	Internal
Applicant/Proponent:	Internal
Responsible Officer:	Ryan Campbell, Community Development Officer
Responsible Manager:	Sharon Chapman, Manager Library and Community Services
Executive:	Stephanie Addison-Brown, Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachments:	Appendix 1: DAIP Review Appendix 2: DAIP 2017-2022 Strategies

Summary

The City is currently developing its new Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2017-2022 (DAIP). Recently a workshop was held with the Community Access Committee to finalise the draft DAIP strategies (**attached** at Appendix 2) which will be included in the City's new DAIP 2017-2022.

Executive Recommendation

That the Community Access Committee endorses the draft DAIP strategies to be included in the City's new DAIP 2017-2022.

Strategic Relevance

Key Priority Area 1: Community and Culture
Objective 1.1 Establish Bunbury as the most accessible regional city in Australia by 2020

Background

The City recently undertook a comprehensive consultation process with both the community and City staff. From this a Consultation Report (**attached** at Appendix 1) was provided by Aha! Consulting who ran the workshops. The Consultation Report was presented to the CAC at a further workshop where the DAIP strategies were finalised. These strategies will be included in the

City's new DAIP 2017-022 which will be submitted to the Disability Services Commission on 19 September 2017.

Council Policy Compliance

The CAC operates under the Council's Code of Conduct.

Legislative Compliance

Disability Services Act 1993 (amended 2004)

Local Government Act 1995

Officer Comments

One of the core functions of this Committee is to monitor the implementation of the City's DAIP which is outlined in point 5 of its Terms of Reference. It is therefore important that the CAC is informed and kept up to date with anything involving the DAIP.

Analysis of Financial and Budget Implications

Not applicable

Community Consultation

Nil

Councillor/Officer Consultation

Nil

Applicant Consultation

Not applicable

11. Applications for Leave of Absence

12. Questions from Members

12.1. Response to Previous Questions from Members taken on Notice

At the meeting held 2 June 2017 the following question was asked and was unable to be answered. A response is now provided.

Question 1: Is there scope for the initiatives of the City of Stirling to be considered by Council?

Reply 1: Ordinarily this kind of program is not something that we would initiate ourselves as a Local Government and it appears that the Stirling Support Program was developed by a private counselling organisation, Vision Counselling, who had seen a gap in service provision and developed a program which they then presented to their local council who agreed to support them financially. Should a local counselling service however put a pilot program together and make a proposal to Council then this would certainly be considered. The Council receives a lot of requests seeking Council support from many worthy causes and they are usually directed to apply through our annual community grants, however this would be a one-off payment and would not include funding salaries/operating cost etc. Therefore a local provider would be best place to run the service and it may be a case of them asking Council for some seed funding or in kind support to get it off the ground.

12.2. *Questions from Members*

No questions had been received at the time of printing

13. Urgent Business

14. Date of Next Meeting

This is the final meeting of this Committee as it currently stands.

15. Close of Meeting