

# Access & Inclusion Advisory Committee

18 February 2019



## Minutes

HELD AT Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre

### Present

Ron Finneran OAM	Anne Leydon (BVSC) on behalf of Kristina Brenner
Cr Robyn Bain	Alice Howe (BVSC)
Colin Dunn	John Turville (BVSC) on behalf of John Grady
Rosemary Oates	Jonathon Pyke (BVSC)
John Reynolds	Ian Macfarlane (BVSC)
Felicity Gates	Jason Deller (BVSC)
Jenny Robb	Laura Golding (BVSC)
Jennifer Russell	

### 1 Welcome and apologies

That the apologies submitted by Nathan Johnston, Chris Sparks, Graham Carmody, Michaela Pascolutti, Francis Pearce, Kristina Brenner, John Grady, Cecily Hancock and Keith Tull for their inability to attend the meeting be accepted.

### 2 Confirmation of minutes

That the minutes including the amendment of the previous AIAC meeting held on 12 November 2018 be taken as read. Motion moved by Ron Finneran and seconded by Rosemary Oates. The majority of the AIAC agreed.

### 3 Review of Action Items & Outcomes Register

#### **Item No. 19/2019 – Timed Parking Zones**

John Reynolds addressed the issue of occupying disabled car parks and the 'Timed Zones'.

**New Action:** Jonathon Pyke to liaise with Senior Ranger Chris Pearson on this ruling and present findings to the Council News publication and provide an update at the next AIAC meeting. The majority of the AIAC all agreed.

#### **Item No. 18/2018 – Aboriginal people not being consulted about access issues**

Ron Finneran moved to support a representative from the AIAC to attend the next Koori Interagency Network meeting to raise the profile of the AIAC to aboriginal people in the Bega Valley Shire. Ron Finneran to attend one of these meetings on behalf of the AIAC. The majority of the AIAC agreed.

**New Action:** Ron Finneran to contact Francis Pearce to follow up and provide an update at the next AIAC meeting on 13/05/2019.

**Item No 15/2018 – Tathra Taylor’s Square inclusive playground**

John Turville advised the project remains as is. There is no scope in the inclusive playground project but will add as a possible future project and will need to seek grant funding.

**Item No 14/2018 – Accessible car space at Merimbula Wharf**

Jason Deller advised that this project has not progressed since the last meeting.

**Item No 13/2018 – Bega accessible parking**

Jason Deller advised no progress.

Cr. Bain highlighted as discussed in previous meetings Council were to conduct an audit on accessible car parks for businesses in need of further accessible spaces.

**New Action:** Ian Macfarlane to retrieve details from Jason Deller to carry out audit through works department and provide an update at the next AIAC meeting. The majority of the AIAC all agreed.

**Item No 12/2018 – Good access is good for business**

Colin Dunn discussed the opportunities for improved access and inclusion in both the business and tourism sectors on the Sapphire Coast and, given direction and effective management and support, the Council has the potential to elevate the Sapphire Coast and Bega Valley to be a much sought-after high visitation area. Colin Dunn proposed a sum of \$10,000 to undertake the research work. This work would be conducted over the next 6 months with a report delivered to Council for its consideration in August 2019.

Cr. Bain discussed the ways the grant money could be distributed from the AIAC funding.

John Reynolds discussed the App that was developed by Michaela Pascolutti.

**New Action:** Colin Dunn, Jenny Robb and Michaela Pascolutti to create a working group and will report back next AIAC meeting.

**Item No. 11/2018 – RMS Eden**

Cr. Bain advised the owner of the building are the tenants and noted they are lawfully allowed to do so. Cr Bain also referred back to the previous discussion into the audit of the amount of available accessible car spaces.

**New Action:** Cr. Bain to contact owner of the building and follow up on selecting another car park to be used.

**Item No 9/2018 – Compleat Angler & Camping World – status of lift**

Jonathon Pyke advised that the lift was operational prior to Christmas and in early January. There is a habit of the staff placing the ‘camping toilet tent’ at the upper level door which was asked to be removed and the operator has not been cooperating with this. Jonathon noted he is leaning towards issuing of a non-compliance with condition of consent.

Cr. Bain advised Robert Green owns the building in is in the process of selling to the shop owners.

**New Action:** Cr. Bain to forward Jonathon Pyke details of the new owners to follow up and explain the issue and report back at the next AIAC meeting. Laura Golding to email the AIAC to notify the outcome asap.

Felicity Gates raised the access issue with the footpath. The kayaks and clothing racks would make it difficult for people with canes to safely walk past.

**New Action:** Laura Golding to follow up to find out if this land is public or private and report back at next AIAC meeting.

**Item No 7/2018 – Misuse of disabled parking stickers**

Rosemary Oates discussed the issue of unacceptable public behaviour regarding a recent incident regarding a lady parking in a pram space with a disabled parking sticker. She was left with note and was confronted with aggressive and abusive language.

Cr Bain it is not enforceable and referred to Google, 'There is nothing to prevent a person without a pram or an infant parking in a pram spot'

It was suggested that people who experience this act of behaviour, threats and intimidation are encouraged to contact the police. It was discussed the cards displayed below that can be placed on vehicles windscreens if they are illegally parked. It is not legally binding just a prompt for people who are illegally parking in accessible car spaces as a gentle reminder.



**New Action:** Anne Leydon to organise a community awareness article in the Council News regarding the profile of AIAC and the misuse of disabled parking stickers/illegal parking in accessible car spaces.

**Item No 06/2018 – 2017 Access Grant Round**

Anne Leydon advised Four Winds Concerts, Eden Service and Social Club, Eden Killer Whale Museum Management Committee, Tulgeen Disability Services and Yuiin Folk Club acquittals have been received. Extensions have been granted for Masonic Investments, Pambula Wetlands and Heritage Project, St Georges Uniting Church.

Ron Finneran suggested that all future grants are to supply completed works photographs on their websites/or on Council News throughout submission of acquittal and final reporting.

**Item No 13/2017 – Increase accessible car spaces in Merimbula**

Jason Deller advised no progress and will report back next AIAC meeting.

**Item No 12/2017 – Bunga Street, Bermagui**

Jason Deller and Ian Macfarlane advised the project is currently being scoped and will likely be funded in budget for next financial year. Preparation is underway and work in progress. Plans will be distributed to the AIAC when available.

**Item No 19/2016 – Status of the EIS on the Eden Port Development**

Jenny Robb was previously advised by Coral Reynolds from the Eden Breakwater Wharf Extension Project that the project is Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant. Rosemary Oates noted this had been dealt with.

Jenny Robb noted to change the desired outcome name to the Eden Breakwater Development and was due for opening on 10/03/2019.

John Reynolds there is a number of changes for the wharf project and will be quite some time before plans are available.

**Item No 18/2016 – Access to Club Sapphire**

Jason Deller advised this project is for consideration in next year's budget.

**Item No 13-2016 – NSW Legislative Improvements in Access**

Ron Finneran has been in contact with Chris Sparks – no report as yet. Ron Finneran will forward a reminder to Chris Sparks to follow up.

**Item No 09/2016 – Pharmacies in the Bega Valley are accessible**

Jennifer Russell advised clients wouldn't agree to her support in providing a letter on their behalf.

**New Action:** Ron Finneran to contact Sue Thomas to seek her approval to action.

## **4 New and other Business**

### **4.1 AIAC Committee Update requests**

None received.

### **4.2 Sub Committees reports and updates**

#### **Community**

John Reynolds advised that there are no reports.

#### **Business**

Colin Dunn advised that there are no reports.

**Tourism** – Jenny Robb provided a report which is attached.

### **4.3 Recreation Projects Update**

#### **Tathra Everyone Can Play Playground**

John Turville advised the design was completed and the Request for Tender (RFT) concluded early February with the report going to next the Council meeting. Seeking recommendation to reduce scope or seek more funding. Scheduled completion, June 2019.

#### **Short Point Viewing Platform**

John Turville advised the contractors had been awarded with the report going to the next Council meeting. Aboriginal heritage approval for site had been gained. Scheduled completion, June 2019. Whale watching pad to be completed June 2020.

#### **Bruce Steer Pool Amenities Upgrade**

John Turville advised the public amenities' architectural design was complete. Scheduled completion, June 2020.

#### **Rural Village Playground Upgrade**

John Turville advised Memorial Park Wyndham, Apex Park Cobargo, Northern and Southern side of Mogareeka Bridge and Bemboka Apex Park are in progress, working with the works team and local schools for design ideas whilst providing accessible parking and pathways to sites. Scheduled completion, June 2019.

#### **Tathra Headland Park Viewing Platform (Tathra Headland Walking Track)**

John Turville advised Daniel Djikic has engaged with architects. RFT is currently open. Further funding may be needed to complete site and walking tracks. Scheduled completion, April 2020

12:40pm Jennifer Russell left the meeting.

**New Bermagui shelter and Skate Park Picnic Table**

John Turville addressed Chris Sparks email. Advised possible picnic table changes for access to work with accessible pathways. John Turville will provide these designs at the next AIAC meeting.

Ian Macfarlane noted limited funding and expenditure.

**Action:** Alice Howe will look into addressing the cause of problem that led to this incident and ways to empowering volunteers to contribute to the community. Alice Howe to provide an update at the next AIAC meeting. The majority of the AIAC agreed.

**4.4 AIAC Correspondence**

None received.

**4.5 Other Business**

Cr. Bain discussed April Merrick's role as the Grant Management Officer for BVSC.

The project of the Bike Track was discussed around the table and to invite Daniel Djikic to the next AIAC meeting in May to provide a briefing on the project.

Ron Finneran wished to highlight the newspaper article of AIAC member Nathan Johnston and requested a letter to be forwarded out to acknowledge his success. Laura Golding to liaise with Ron Finneran and forward Nathan Johnston a letter stating, "We are very proud and wish him the best for the future".

Ron Finneran concluded with the newspaper article of Jason Apps and requested a letter to be forwarded out to invite him to attend the next AIAC meeting, to seek his views on how we might make our waterways more accessible. Laura Golding to liaise with Ron Finneran and forward a letter invitation to Jason Apps to the next AIAC meeting.

Meeting closed 1:10pm.