

## **Minutes**

### **Disability Services Advisory Committee**

Held at the Shire of Denmark Committee Room, 953 South Coast Highway, Denmark on Wednesday, 26 June 2019, at 10 am.

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#### 1. Declaration of opening / Announcement of visitors

10am – The Presiding Person, Cr Allen, declared the meeting open.

#### 2. Record of attendance / apologies / approved leave of absence

#### Members:

Cr Mark Allen
Mr Peter Boyes, Community Member
Ms Yvonne Hortin, Community Member
Ms Helen Spencer, Community Member (From 10.40 am)
Ms Lyn Perry, Denmark Over 50s Association Representative
Ms Anwen Handmer, Community Member

#### Staff:

Mr David Schober, Manager Community Services Mrs Claudia Simpson, Community Development Officer

#### **Apologies:**

Mr Adrian Hinds, Professional Member (Community)
Ms Emma Spencer-Percy, Community Member
Mrs Kylie Spencer, Denmark Health Service Representative

#### On leave of absence:

Applies to Elected Members only.

#### Absent:

Nil

#### **Visitors:**

Nil

#### **Declarations of interest:**

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#### 3. Announcements by the person presiding

Nil

#### 4. Confirmation of minutes

The Mover of a motion to confirm the Minutes of a Council or Committee meeting has to have been present at that meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION & OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

Item 4.1

Moved: Lyn Perry

Seconded: Peter Boyes

That the minutes of the Disability Services Advisory Committee meeting held on the 8 April 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Carried:5/0

#### 5. Reports

#### 5.1 Walk around report

Community Development Officer, Claudia Simpson presented a summary of the findings of the Disability Services Advisory Committee (DSAC) walk around held on the 8 April 2019. The committee visited 4 sites to assess ACRODD parking bays and identify improvement opportunities as per DAIP strategy 2.3.

Noted.

#### 5.2 DAIP Annual Report

Mrs Simpson presented a summary of the 2018/19 committee's achievements to be included in the yearly DAIP report to be submitted to the Disability Services Commission.

10.40 am - Ms Helen Spencer entered the room.

Noted.

# 5.3 National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) roll out in Denmark and Local Area Coordinator (LAC) role presented by Anwen Handmer Ms Anwen Handmer reported on her new role as National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Local Area Coordinator for Denmark and Walpole. Anwen explained the roll out of NDIS into Denmark and how people can access the scheme. Anwen said she will be assisting people with disability develop their plans to access individualised funding.

 Ms Spencer requested further information regarding the legislative measures provided by NDIS to protect participants.

#### Outcome

Ms Handmer and Ms Spencer agreed to discuss this issue outside the committee and report back the outcome at the next meeting.

 Ms Handmer requested for her DSAC membership to be changed from Community Member to NDIA representative in her LAC role.

#### Outcome

The Committee was supportive of this request. Mrs Simpson will investigate the process to amend the Committee Charter to include an official NDIA LAC representative.

#### 6. General business

#### 6.1 Taxi / Bus Service

Mr Schober reported on the plans to implement a bus service in Denmark. The initiative is being led by Chris Lendrum from the Over 50's Association and Petra Thompson from Denmark CRC.

Noted.

#### 6.2 Mokare Heritage Trail

Mr Boyes raised concerns about the condition of the Mokare Heritage Trail, he explained some parts of the trail pose a trip hazard and are in need of repair.

 Mr Schober suggested this issue would be better dealt with at the Paths and Trails Advisory Committee.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 6.2

Moved: Peter Boyes

Seconded: Anwen Handmer

That one of the members of the Disability Services Advisory Committee (DSAC) be a representative on the Paths and Trails Advisory Committee (PATAC).

Carried:6/0

Post script: It is noted that the PATAC already incudes provision for the inclusion of a representative of the Disability Services Advisory Committee.

#### <u>Outcome</u>

Mr Peter Boyes will be the nominated DSAC representative at the PATAC. Mrs Simpson will advise the PATAC Secretary of the Committee's representative.

#### 6.3 Employment Opportunities for People with Disability

Ms Spencer asked what review practices and planning is being currently undertaken at the Shire to look at what roles could be filled by people with disability. Ms Spencer asked if there was a work force plan being developed.

#### Outcome

Mr Schober will seek an opportunity to brief the Council with regard to the achievements of the DSAC committee and future direction including employment strategies. Ms Spencer will be invited to speak at the briefing.

#### 6.4 Transport brochure

Mrs Simpson advised that the Shire's Transport Options Brochure has been updated with current information and that the St John transport service has also been included.

Noted.

#### 6.5 Dementia Australia - Friendly Communities Grant

Mrs Simpson advised that the Shire has been successful in acquiring a grant to work in partnership with the community to increase local understanding and awareness of dementia.

Noted.

#### 7. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12 August 2019, commencing at 10.00am.

8. Closure of meeting
11.55 am – There being no further business to discuss the Presiding Person, Cr Allen, declared the meeting closed.

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the	
Signed:	