



INNER WEST COUNCIL

Minutes of Access Advisory Committee
held at Ashfield Civic Centre on Thursday 7th February 2019

The meeting commenced at 7.10pm

Members:

Vera-Ann Hannaford

Charlie Murray

Meg Alwyn

Jamie De Paulo

Kerrie Lorimer

Hannah Solomons

Holly Craig

Iris Loudon

Emily Dash

Stacey Touma

Angelo Arulanandam

Other Attendees:

Glenn Redmayne

Julia Phillips

1. Welcome / Acknowledgement of Country
2. Introductions & Apologies:
Liam James, Sarah Houbolt, Melanie Werner
3. Disclosures of Interest:
4. Items for consideration

Item 1 – Election of the Chairperson

Action: Vera Ann was elected as chairperson for the April meeting.

Julia Phillips moved/ Iris Loudon seconded

Item 2 – Adopting the Draft Terms of Reference

Action: Adopted

Vera-Ann Hannaford moved/ Emily Dash seconded

Item 3 – Excellence in Access Award program for 2019



Action: The committee will assist with nominations for the program, and will also take note of any businesses that could be improved to reach an award nomination.

Kerry Lorimer moved /Iris Louden seconded

Item 4 – Updates on Inclusion Action Plan and key initiatives for 2019

Action: The committee was briefed on proposals for a Ramp Library and a Disability Collection. The committee was in favour of contributing to the collection list of books. An invitation is to be extended to members interested to contribute to Mental Health Month committee and International Day of People with Disability working group. Committee advised that staff training on the rights of people with a disability will be held in February.

Item 5 – Other business and future items

Action: Future items to be considered: Local area improvements including access to shops (with heritage features) and pedestrian safety in Summer Hill due to increased traffic, facilities at pools and training planners about access and the physical built environment. The Excellence in Access Awards scheme to consider in assessment the acknowledgement of people with diverse behaviours, demonstrating appropriate attitudes and customer responses and having undertaken staff training (disability awareness). The Film Festival held to celebrate IDPWD in December 2019 was highly praised and Petersham Town Hall provided an ideal venue however the pedestrian approaches were raised as being difficult. The need for free/low cost accessible spaces for people to meet and for groups to pursue collective interests/peer support activities was raised. Also raised was the need to have options including face to face and phone for surveys so they are accessible.

The meeting concluded at 8.26pm.