

Meeting Minutes

Access LDG

9 July 2025

Ashfield Service Centre and Teams online

Meeting commenced at 5.31 pm and concluded at 7.26 pm.

Attendees

Community members	Council officers	Councillors
Caithlin McCabe	Glenn Redmayne (Convenor)	
Kitty Farrell	Brigid Kelly, Senior Strategic Transport Planner	
Santiago Ledesma	Holly Cowdery, Parks Project Manager, Capital Works	
Ben Cregan	Peter Jackson, Engagement Officer	
Corinne Smith	Tim Brown, Coordinator Parks Projects, Capital Works	

Emily Dash



Chairperson

Kitty Farrell

Acknowledgement of Country

• KF gave an acknowledgement of Country

Apologies and membership changes

- Kerrie Lorimer apology
- Chris Allen apology
- Maeve King Devery apology
- Hayley Manu apology

Disclosures of conflicts of interest

No disclosures

Endorse previous meeting minutes

The minutes were endorsed



Discussion Items

Age	enda Item	Discussion summary	Agenda item outcome/action (as required)
3.		An overview was given of the Inner West Cycle Strategy and actions to address micromobility issues including a council resolution to develop an e-bike strategy.	Seek advice from the Traffic and Transport teams about options suggested
		It was acknowledged that key issues had been comprehensively considered through a recent parliamentary inquiry and report in 2025 that proposed short, medium to longer term recommendations to address the breadth of issues.	
		Discussion suggested additional improvements that could be made at a local level and included in the e-bike strategy, there were: • Investigate opportunity for on road designated share bike parking as a practical alternative (to on path parking), and • The provision for tech restricted hire bike parking in appropriate locations	
4.		A presentation was given on Marrickville and Camperdown inclusive playgrounds under design.	Consider adding detail on each parks seating options on the website.
		Discussion raised following points for design consideration:	



- Seating in sunny areas for winter
- Opportunity for risky play
- Park as a space that can offer occupational therapy elements – spinning, quiet spaces, hammocks, nets, water play, noise refuge pods, messy play, loose bit play, music play done sensitively, emotional regulation signage,
- Engage with Inner West pediatrics/occupational therapy provider on how to best deliver elements that aid fine and gross motor skills development
- Steel Park natural bark surfaces are not good for accessibility – don't remove it but have less
- Provide shading to section of water play that is unshaded. Flying fox should be used for all ages
- Picnic tables are not accessible provide a variety of seating options at different heights
- Spinning seats to adjust height for some if possible
- Communication board standard in inclusive spaces

Staff to explore who are the leading experts overseas on seating/accessibility

Resource suggested <u>Designing Accessible</u>

<u>Aluminium Seating for Public and Urban Spaces</u>

Park Furniture Australia

- 5. Members were advised that at its meeting on Tuesday 17
 June 2025, Council endorsed 2 policy challenges for the
 Access LDG. These were:
 - How can Council systematically embed Disability Inclusion Action Plan commitments into policy development, implementation, and evaluation?



2. How can Council maintain and enhance its status as an Employer of Choice for people with disability?

Throughout the term the LDG will deliberate over these topics. They will be discussed alongside scheduled agenda presentations, staff updates and briefings relating to the DIAP actions and Councils Workforce and Culture initiatives.

An update on the progress of the challenges will be provided every six months to Council.

Next meeting

Wednesday 17 September 2025