



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Access and Inclusion
Advisory Group
Agenda – 6 December 2021



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1 Opening

Acknowledgement of country

Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaaditjin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

2 Attendance

Access and Inclusion Advisory Group Members

David Vosnacos (Chair)
Pertrin Scott (Deputy Chair)
Asile Wong
Merylyn Adamson
Pauline Wetternhall
Shirley Barnes

Elected members

Mayor Karen Vernon
Deputy Mayor Claire Anderson
Cr Luana Lisandro

Manager Community Coordinator Community Development

Paul Gravett
Katie Sabatini

Meeting secretary

Lizzie Shepande

Presenters

Events Officer

Lisa Robertson

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Access and Inclusion Advisory Group Member

Kim Elis

3 Presentations

3.1 Events Strategy

Time	15 minutes
Presenter	Lisa Robertson
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Inform and consult with the group on the development of the Town's new Events Strategy which is to ensure the Town is attracting the best events, activating the right places, and partnering with the right organisations to make Vic Park a vibrant place for everyone.

Outcome

Seek input from the group on key priorities related to the delivery model for events and types of events held in the Town.

Discussion Points

- What events have you attended/been involved with?
- What did you like/what could be improved with those events?
- What events would you like to see that isn't already happening?

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL03 - Well thought out and managed projects that are delivered successfully.	To ensure that access and inclusion representation is included in the events planning for the Town.
Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S04 - A place where all people have an awareness and appreciation of arts, culture, education and heritage.	To ensure that opportunities for cultural appreciation and understanding are made available to the whole community.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 DAIP 2017-2022 Progress

Reporting officer	Lizzie Shepande/Katie Sabatini
Origin of request	Council resolution
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Update on Disability Access and Inclusion Plan implementation and progress.

Outcome

Seek the advisory group's input in key actions with the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

Discussion points

- Update on Social Policy Specialist
- Feedback activity - review of DAIP
- Expression of Interest for new members

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL07 - People have positive exchanges with the Town that inspires confidence in the information and the timely service provided.	Provide opportunity for community engagement on current projects in the Town in different formats.

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	Provide continuous progress updates on the DAIP achievements to the group.

Next steps

Continue to bring updates of projects and initiatives in the Town to the group for discussion.

Further information

Nil.

4.2 Auslan Interpreters

Reporting officer	Katie Sabatini
Origin of request	Town officers
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Explore options to have Auslan Interpreters at specified events as required.

Outcome

Determine advice and recommendations for inclusion of Auslan interpreters at Town events.

Discussion points

- Citizenship ceremonies.
- Explore what events should consider Auslan Interpreters.

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL01 – Everyone receives appropriate information in the most efficient and effective way for them	Provide the group with information on current services Auslan Interpreters provide at the Town and explore other options.
Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	Information is readily available to all community members as required.

Next steps

Create a list of events to consider Auslan Interpreters.

Further information

Outcome from previous meeting - 1 September 2021

Historic use of Auslan interpreters at TOVP events

- There has been no formal written policy/procedure mandating having or not having Auslan interpreters at the Town's events.
- The decision to have or not have an interpreter has been made on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration the demographic of the guests attending the event and the type of event. For example, the Town has interpreters for:
 - ANZAC day event
 - Australia Day Citizenship ceremony

- Previously had interpreters at Remembrance Day
- Previously had interpreters at past Twilight Trio events, however, did not last year and this year a decision was made that music is not that suitable for signing.

Use of Auslan interpreters

- We currently have an interpreter for each monthly citizenship ceremony regardless of whether they are needed or not.
- The cost is \$300 + GST (this is for one interpreter for one hour).

Concerns of Auslan interpreters

- Some interpreters are uncomfortable with being required to interpret when guests do not require it. They would prefer to ask if any guests require signing and if not, the interpreter prefer to leave. The Town still pays the full price for the booked service.

4.3 Employment for people with disability in the Town

Reporting officer	Lizzie Shepande/Katie Sabatini
Origin of request	Access and Inclusion Advisory Group member
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

The Town to provide opportunities for information training sessions for local businesses in the Town to gain knowledge on employing people with disability.

Outcome

To promote local Town businesses as inclusive and accessible to all by promoting employment for people with disability. Seek Town support on creating platforms for businesses.

Discussion points

- Update on Town's progress to employment target
- Update on resources for local businesses
- Seek feedback of potential options of presenters
- What support the Town could provide to create opportunities for businesses to attend
- Benefits for local businesses

Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	Provide businesses in the Town opportunities to acquire knowledge about the importance of employing people with disability.
S03 - An empowered community with a sense of pride, safety and belonging.	Build confidence in businesses and people with disability by creating meaningful information sessions on access and inclusion to employ people with disability.

Next steps

Town officers to explore details for potential educational forums for local businesses.

Further information

Nil.

5 General business

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status/Comment	Close Date
A concept plan is to go back to the August 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting and seek further feedback from the Access and Inclusion Advisory group on the future of Burswood South Streetscape Plan design.	Lizzie Shepande/Tracey McQue	To seek feedback from the group at the 6 December 2021 meeting.	6 December 2021
Town officers to review online sites (AccessWA and Public Toilet app) to ensure Town owned facilities are up to date and explore the possibility of embedding these details into the Town's website.	Lizzie Shepande	Progressing	Ongoing
Feedback on use of Auslan Interpreters.	Katie Sabatini	To be brought to the next Access and Inclusion meeting - Agenda item 4.2	6 December 2021
Feedback on Duncan Street bench.	Lizzie Shepande/ Jessica Gannaway	Completed	September 2021
Actions from previous meeting (16 June 2021).	Lizzie Shepande/Katie Sabatini	To be brought to the next Access and Inclusion meeting.	6 December 2021
Project officer to explore if charging ports for electric wheelchairs can be included in plan McCallum Park Active Area.	Lizzie Shepande	Project manager will investigate options when it goes out for tender. Updates will be shared with the groups once complete.	6 December 2021
Inclusion officer to continue sending updates to the group on McCallum Park Active Area.	Lizzie Shepande	Continue to update as this progresses	Give an update to the group

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			when it's completed.
Project officer to consider reaching out to other local government / localities that have used this concept to gain a greater understanding of the practicality of the concept.	Lizzie Shepande	Design of the gate is being created and quotes are being sought. Potential start in January 2022.	Give an update to the group when it's completed.
Town officers to engage with group members when planning significant dates.	Lizzie Shepande	Inclusion officer continues to send upcoming events and updates	6 December 2021

7 Close