



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK



Access and Inclusion  
Advisory Group  
Notes – 8 February 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**

#### **Chair**

David Vosnacos  
Asile Wong  
Kim Elis  
Merilyn Adamson

#### **Mayor**

Karen Vernon

#### **Councillor**

Claire Anderson

#### **Councillor**

Luana Lisandro

#### **Manager Community**

Paul Gravett

#### **A/Coordinator Community Development**

Katie Schubert

#### **Meeting secretary**

Lizzie Shepande

#### **Presenters**

Nil

#### **Observers**

Tony Vardaro

#### **Apologies**

#### **Deputy Chair**

Pertrina Scott  
Pauline Watternhall  
Shirley Barnes

## 4 Items for discussion

### 4.1 Ramps in the Town

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Lizzie Shepande
<b>Origin of request</b>	Advisory Group member
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

Safe and accessible spaces around shopping centres in The Town

### Outcome

Communicate to business owners to encourage accessibility in shopping centres.

### Discussion point

- Easily accessible ramps at shopping centres for people with disabilities, mums with prams, seniors and trolley pushers.
- Racks in shops with narrow walkways.

### Strategic outcomes

Economic	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EC02 - A clean, safe, and accessible place to visit.	Ensure all spaces around the Town are accessible and safe for all individuals regardless of abilities. This fosters empowerment, a sense of belonging and a greater control of the environment around them.

### Next steps

Identify businesses and discuss ways to engage regarding improved inclusion options.

### Further information

Nil

### Outcome

- Town officers to regularly raise awareness on physical accessibility throughout our Town centres and with business owners.

### Actions

- Group members and community members to use a combination of the Town's online forms and relevant officers to raise specific areas of concern in public spaces.

- The Town to advocate and work with individual business owners in areas of concern regarding physical accessibility

### 4.3 Accessible Public Toilets in the Town

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Lizzie Shepande
<b>Origin of request</b>	Advisory group member
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

#### Purpose of the item

To provide the group with information on current processes for upgrades and management of accessible public toilets.

#### Outcome

Clear understanding of Town's processes in relation to public toilets.

#### Discussion points

- John MacMillan Park- Accessible toilets
- All other accessible toilets in the Town

#### Strategic outcomes

Economic	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact.
EC02 - A clean, safe, and accessible place to visit.	The Town to provide accessible and safe toilets for all community members.

#### Next steps

Nil.

#### Further information

Nil.

#### Outcome

- The Town updated the group on current upgrades and management of public toilets.
- Share current website with the group:  
<https://www.accesswa.com.au/Pages/SearchResults.aspx?FeatureTypeGroupID=2&SuburbID=0&IncludeSurrounding=False&Region=0&LGA=All&SearchType=>

#### Actions

- 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.
- Town officers to investigate: Do accessible toilets have key only access? And if so, how can a member of public access; who is eligible?

## 4.4 Early Voting centres

<b>Reporting officer</b>	David Vosnacos
<b>Origin of request</b>	Advisory Group member
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

Awareness and understanding of early voting centres in the Town- VisAbility.

### Outcome

Awareness of assisted voting options.

### Discussion points

- Early voting centres in the Town
- Awareness of assisted voting guide.

### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact.
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	Supply information about alternative voting options for the community.

### Next steps

Town to potentially support delivery of awareness information to the community.

### Further information

<https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/vote/elector-assistance/assisted-voting-guide>

### Outcome

- Awareness and understanding of the State Election Early Voting centres. These centres will be announced by the WA Electoral Commission.
- Twenty-five of the centres will have a range of accessibility options- (Desktop video magnifiers, reading pens).
- Only two centres will have vote assist (assists legally blind and it reads everything to you).

### Actions

- VisAbility to provide specific details around the centre to the group.
- Town to assist promotion of the options for early voting where possible through social media.



## 4.5 Priority Projects 2020-2025

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Lizzie Shepande
<b>Origin of request</b>	Council resolution/Town of Victoria Park Advocacy Priority 2020
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

Advisory group awareness and assistance with defined Advocacy Priority - Access and Inclusion.

### Outcome

Advocate and work in partnership with key stakeholders and local government authorities to improve buildings, facilities and management systems with respect to access and inclusion.

### Discussion points

- New and existing businesses located within the Town to meet accessible building code requirements and relevant Australian Standards further creating a more accessibility compliant, inclusive and connected community.
- Employment target for people with disability.

### Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact.
EN05 - Appropriate and sustainable facilities for everyone that are well built, well maintained and well managed.	Provide new businesses with information on providing more accessible and safe spaces according to Outcome 2 in the DAIP.
Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact.
S03 - An empowered community with a sense of pride, safety and belonging.	Build confidence of people with disabilities by creating meaningful employment/training.

### Next steps

- In the process of preparing a Disability Awareness Training for all employees.
- The Town's plan for meeting employment target.

### Further information

<https://www.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/About-Council/Council-documents/Advocacy-Priorities-2020>

### Outcome

- Provide the group with awareness of the Town's Advocacy Priorities 2020.

- Sharing with the group the initial work the Town is undertaking to discover and understand the current systems and landscape of where we currently are at when it comes to building compliance of businesses within the Town and internal employment of people with a disability.

### Actions

- Town officers to collate details of current status and the plan moving forward with consideration of utilising current Lighthouse resources available.
- Town officers to organise Disability Awareness Training for Town employees.

## 4.6 DAIP 2017-2022 Progress

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Lizzie Shepande
<b>Origin of request</b>	Council resolution
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

Update on DAIP implementation and progress.

### Outcome

Seeking the advisory group's input in key actions with the DAIP.

### Discussion points

- Current progress of key actions.
- The Town's projects:
  - Integrated Movement Network Strategy and our Parking Management Plan
  - Archer/Mint Streetscape Improvement Plan
  - New Causeway Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge
  - Edward Millen Park
  - McCallum Park
  - Higgins Park
  - Etwell St, East Victoria Park
  - Strategic Community Plan engagement - Vic Vision

### Strategic outcomes

<b>Civic Leadership</b>	
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.

<b>Social</b>	
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

Reestablish internal DAIP working group.

Bring specific project master plans and drawings to the group to seek feedback.

## Further information

Nil

### Outcome

- DAIP actions are reported internal monthly and quarterly to council.
- Update of current projects discussed:
- Integrated Movement Network Strategy and our Parking Management Plan – Details to be provided at next meeting.
- Archer/Mint Streetscape Improvement Plan- Details to be provided at next meeting.
- New Causeway Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge- Details to be provided at next meeting.
- Edward Millen Park Masterplan- <https://www.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/Works-and-projects/Edward-Millen-Adaptive-Heritage-and-Landscape-Redevelopment>
- McCallum Park Active Area- <https://www.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/Works-and-projects/McCallum-Park-Active-Area>
- Higgins Park and Playfield Reserve- <https://www.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/Works-and-projects/Higgins-Park-and-Playfield-Reserve-Masterplan>
- Etwell Street Upgrade- <https://yourthoughts.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/osnp2>
- Strategic Community Plan engagement- Vic Vision- Review of the Town's Strategic Community Plan - <https://yourthoughts.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/vicvision>

### Actions

- Town officers to invite project managers to meetings when detailed designs and concepts are available for the group for consideration and engagement.
- Town officers to provide details to the group for consideration of 'Workshop in a Box' options as part of Vic Vision project.

## 4.7 Access and Inclusion- Town's Businesses

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Lizzie Shepande
<b>Origin of request</b>	Advisory group member/Strategic project
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

Support opportunities for accessible and inclusive businesses in the Town.

### Outcome

Awareness of potential opportunities for businesses.

### Discussion points

- Business awards – Two specific Access and Inclusion categories.
- Opportunities to partner with Chamber of Commerce and other organisations.

### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact.
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	Information is readily available to all community members and business owners.

### Next steps

To explore workshops/trainings opportunities for businesses in the Town.

### Further information

Nil.

### Outcome

- Acknowledge businesses that consider access and inclusion for people with various needs.
- Consider providing various programs to raise awareness for access and inclusion to business in the Town.

### Actions

- Town officers to clarify internally and share with the group details around the two access and inclusion categories for the Business Awards 2021.

## 5 General business

No general business brought forward.

## 6 Actions from previous meetings

Actions	Responsible Officer	Status	Comment	Close Date
Town officers to liaise with Operations Team to determine who is responsible for the upkeep of the Two ACROD parking bays located at the Balmoral Hotel.	David Vosnacos/ Lizzie Shepande	In progress	<p>Balmoral is planning to upgrade the whole car park in due course but not a priority currently. To have further conversations on how these impact people with disability</p> <p>Check National Standards for ACROD Bays.</p> <p>Requirements for regulations for signage to be visible on the bay.</p> <p>Check with the Department of Communities.</p>	2021

## 7 Close

Meeting was closed by chairperson at 5:41pm