

# Meeting Minutes 18 November 2020

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Date: 18 November 2020  
Time: 4.30pm – 6.30pm  
Venue: Zoom Meeting  
Meeting: Access Inclusion Advisory Committee  
Meeting Objective: Advisory Committee

## 1. Welcome

### Attendance:

Chris Leishman (CL)  
Eliot Shaw (Co-Chair) (ES)  
Joseph Popov (JP)  
Kirsty Russell (KR)  
Margaret Wood (MW)  
Nathan Burford (NB)  
Tracey Walker (TW)  
Ashlee Abbott (Manager Corporate and Community Planning) (AA)  
Steve Warham (Community Development Facilitator) (SW)  
Caitlin McCulloch (Senior Administration Officer) (CM)

Guest: Delia O'Hara (Manager Civic Services) (DO)

## 2. Apologies:

Cr Andrea Rufo  
Cr Matthew Byrne  
Brett Smith (Director Strategy and Engagement)  
Petria Jukes (PJ) Manager Community Planning and Development

## 3. Acknowledgment of Country

SW delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

## 4. Declarations of Interest

4.1 JP noted that he holds a number of board positions and will advise of any potential conflicts of interest if and when they arise and take appropriate action. Noted.

No other declarations were made.

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### **5. Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed as an accurate reflection of the meeting by ES and seconded by MW.

### **6. Business Arising**

6.1 MW congratulated JP on his preparation of his submission for the National Disability Strategy Round 2 Consultation Phase.

6.2 ES suggested that perhaps the vacant position on the committee left by NM resigning could be filled prior to the end of the Council term. MW suggested that we fill the position with someone who expressed an interest in the first EOI process.

AA said this would be taken on notice and the committee advised of the process. SW indicated that the committee was initially only planned to have 3 community representatives, however, it currently has 3 organisational representatives and 4 community representatives, something that seems reasonable considering some other advisory committee numbers.

### **7. 2021 Count Us In-Program Planning**

SW outlined that a 2-hour session has been planned for the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at Newcastle Museum to include members of Community Disability Alliance Hunter, the committee and Community Planning and Development Team staff to form ideas for the 2021 program.

The following questions will be discussed at the session:

What should the festival look like in 2021?

Suggested events/activities that create and promote a more inclusive and disability confident Newcastle.

Who needs to be better engaged?

How can/should they be engaged?

What should the theme be in 2021? Is one required?

Guest Speaker suggestions?

Should there be an external ambassador for the overall program?

Previous committee input was noted as including

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Include inclusive games day, & NSW Business Road Show, online board games, zoom concerts, a youtube channel to speak on inclusion, films on human rights, and the real film festival.

Digital platforms providing for the “ultimate experience in accessibility“ more comprehensive access for people across the community.

Take the digital dimension  
Have enough lead time to get involved

NB said that asking people to film and upload their stories to a youtube channel may be a cost-effective means of producing content to share. Would there be a student group who may be able to assist with this task?

ES suggested that a broader survey/google form could be undertaken to consult the community about Count us in and this could also help promote it, by it being shared.

NB said that he cannot make the Count us in session on the 9<sup>th</sup> or the DIAP one planned for the same day and would like opportunity to provide input in a written form or be sent any relevant information.

### **8. Civic Services**

The committee took the opportunity to hear from Delia O’Hara, Manager Civic Services who attended the meeting to outline that they are currently providing some free events that are highly accessible and may present some good opportunities for socialisation.

The events are lunch time concerts in City Hall but DH is keen to hear other suggestions or encourage groups to book Civic venues for their events/functions.

DO said that she was keen to build her contacts with the committee as they have been working on improving the hearing loop, inclusive programming and performances, undertaken some audits and made other infrastructure improvements but would

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welcome comments/input at any time to enhance access for people with disabilities and their significant others.

DO happy to share contact details and directly contact members of the committee if they express an interest in any cultural activities. Please pass on that Civic wants to be known for delivering for all people and happy to take on suggestions.

Delia O'Hara

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ES thanked DO for her information and said that getting people with disabilities involved in the early planning stages can certainly help make the events inclusive, this is what is important about Count us in too.

### **9. National Disability Strategy - NDS**

CN submitted a submission to the NDS consultation stage 2 (circulated this via email). JP said that his submission had a strong focus on employment and that some important initiatives are being actioned.

SW said that the CN submission highlighted the need to align planning documents across governments and government departments. MW suggested that Council officers from local/Hunter councils may want to meet and discuss their DIAP plans and the issues associated with them. SW said there is a Council Officers group locally where we do discuss DIAP matters and that LG NSW was active in supporting Councils with their DIAP plan development. One issue seems clear is that the reporting or accountability for the plans has not been well considered as a broad sense.

CN supported the selected streams of the NDS and many of the other proposed strategy ideas, see submission for more detail. SW said that there is another stage of consultation open until December 18 and shared a outcomes framework from the document (See powerpoint slides). ES asked for the below link to be shared.

<https://engage.dss.gov.au/stage-2-consultations-ndis-nds-outcomes-framework/public-consultations-for-the-nds-and-ndis-outcomes-frameworks-introductory-paper/>

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## Public consultations for the NDS and NDIS Outcomes Frameworks – Introductory Paper

This introductory paper supports the Australian Government's consultations on the proposed approach to measure and report outcomes for people with disability and track the effectiveness of the new National Disability Strategy (NDS) and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The NDS and NDIS Outcomes Frameworks will track progress over time to determine whether the lives of people with disability are improving.

The introductory paper is available in the following accessible formats:



Share this on:



Consultation period 

29 October 2020 - 5:00 pm

To

18 December 2020 - 11:59 pm

[Back to Public consultations for the NDS and NDIS Outcomes Frameworks](#)

## 10. DIAP Update

SW spoke about the development of next DIAP and shared the following slides.



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### Emerging Actions

-  Continue What we are doing well - keep going (not included as actions but may be reflected in the plan narrative)
-  Amplify -What we are doing - but not telling the story
-  Improve - A business improvement approach is necessary to change the way we do something to get a better A&I outcome
-  Initiate - commence a new initiative

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### How projects and initiatives are identified

-  Foundational : Priority as identified / critical - foundational
-  Extend: Leverage a wider whole of business process or strategy development for A&I outcomes
-  Spotlight: Agree on a specific targeted project that relates to CN business
-  Annual: develop a program annually to inform the DP and OP (Community Check in?)
-  Time series showing in the DIAP are indicative - the commitment is and reporting is made certain annually

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Session on 9<sup>th</sup> of December will provide a further opportunity to discuss the development of the document, this will involve CDAH and the committee.

### 11. General Business

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### 11.1 Social Inclusion Week 21-29 November

This has been established by Jonathon Welch (Choir of hard knocks etc) and may be something the committee would like to share and promote. See link below

<https://www.socialinclusionweek.com.au/>

11.2 SW shared free upcoming events to mark this year's International Day Of People With Disability (IDPWD) on December 3:

#### **ArtScreen 2021 Launch + ArtScreen 2020 Premiere**

- Wed 2 Dec, 10:30am – 11am
- Zoom (link sent following registration)
- Register: <https://aarts.net.au/news/artscreen-2021-launch/>

#### **2020 Inclusive Film Festival**

- Fri 4 Dec, 6pm – 10:30pm
- Petersham Town Hall (live event) + Fan Force (live stream)
- Register: <https://aarts.net.au/news/2020-inclusive-film-festival-spotlights-talent-of-artists-with-disability/>

MW asked could these be shared by Council.

11.3 SW provided an overview of My Community Directory and showed some of its' features.

<https://www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/>

**The meeting was closed at 6.15 pm**