

Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee

6 December 2022

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Meeting details

Date of meeting	Tuesday, 6 December 2022
Time	5.30 – 7.00pm
Venue	Room 4.06 – Griffin Room, 1 Flintoff Street Greensborough
Chair/Facilitator	Cr Peter Castaldo, Cr Alison Champion
Minutes	Xenia Taunt-Rivers

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as traditional custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region's history.

Inclusive Banyule Statement

“Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone: principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.”

Attendee

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Sarah Hockey	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee member
Parvin Ahadi	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee member
Emma Lowe	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee member
Ros Melling	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee member
Sherryn Prinzi	Banyule City Council
Jo Wilson	Banyule City Council
Xenia Taunt Rivers	Banyule City Council

Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Danielle Clarke	Banyule City Council
Kerryn Burgoyne	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee member
Dani Stramandinoli	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee member
Laila Fernandez	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee member
Nick Bamford	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee member
Elizabeth Parry	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee member

Donna Prichard	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee member
Allan Leenaerts	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee member
Alicia Rotella	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Population Committee member

Items

1. Introduction (Cr Peter Castaldo - 5 minutes)

- Introduction of new Councillor Chair
- Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians
- Inclusive Banyule Statement
 - Housekeeping

Attendees introduced themselves. Due to no quorum being reached, any recommendations will be revisited for future meetings.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting (Cr Peter Castaldo – 5 minutes)

Action items noted as read.

Agenda Item	Action Arising	Progress
Community Bus	Vicki to send survey on the community bus to members of the committee	Completed.
Disability Inclusion Bill 2022	Council Officers to draft a response to the DFFH and bring back the members	Completed
	Vicki to send out information on intersectionality with the minutes	Completed
Inclusive Banyule Workplan for Disability	Agenda the website for consultation at the next meeting	Included in agenda
Inclusive Banyule Funding	Parvin to connect with members for suggestions on Autism Day Event	Completed – Focus groups delivered.

3. New Business - Consultations

3.1 Urban Food Strategy – Jo Wilson (20 minutes)

The ‘food system’ is everything that happens from farm to fork - the web of people, processes and interactions involved in growing, processing, distributing, selling, and disposing of the food we eat. Banyule City Council is currently developing its first Urban Food Strategy in partnership with Sustain. This strategy will be a blueprint for creating, celebrating, and enhancing Banyule’s food systems to ensure they are healthy, sustainable, equitable, inclusive and accessible. (More information and Survey - Shaping Banyule - <https://shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/UrbanFood>)

Discussion

Jo introduced the Urban Food Strategy and positioned how this piece could improve outcomes for Banyule. She invited discussion on factors which influence buying and food security with the rising cost of living.

Consultation questions:

1. *What factors influence where you buy food?*
2. *What opportunities are there for creative solutions to accessibility of health eating options?*
3. *With the rising cost of living, is food security important?*

Member feedback:

- Committee members noted that accessibility and convenience are key factors in food shopping.
- Some members preferred open space to shop in such as Latrobe markets, while others found supermarkets the most convenient option. St Helena shopping mall was a preferred option, as it generally has less people and is a single level.
- It was noted that temperature, gradient levels, and availability of appropriate toilets were influential factors, particularly when shopping as a carer with a person with disability.
- For fresh food, it was discussed that it was important to have green grocers and bakeries, in conjunction with other services so to avoid multiple trips.
- Availability of disability parking was a key point for discussion. In East Ivanhoe, the options are extremely limited, with the primary school being one of the only options.
- Donation service at customer service could help with food security issues in the community.
- Green grocers and supermarkets could offer delivery services for healthy options/fresh food.
- An initiative to grow your own produce. One option could be an outreach service to a person's house to build capacity and share knowledge, or a buddy-mentoring program.
- Committee members noted the importance of how to cook with healthy ingredients.
- Local food trading to share excess produce.
- Furthering opportunities to connect with community gardens and groups were also shared as options.

Action

Action 1: Invite members to feedback on Banyule Residential Parking Permit Policy

4. Standing Agenda Items

4.1 Inclusive Banyule Workplan for Disability – Vicki Martinez (20 minutes)

Website Review and Development.

At the Council Meeting on the 5 September, Councillors endorsed the resolution "Establish a dedicated Banyule Website or landing page, that is specifically tailored to providing advice, information, and support to the people with disabilities and their carers. Officers are currently developing the project plan and feasibility study brief to inform the project (See Briefing Paper)

Discussion

Vicki provided an overview and background to the upcoming website review and development. Opened discussion to the Committee on the feasibility of what the new website would need to include and how this could be reviewed.

Feasibility study

Members were asked what the consultants should be investigating in reviewing the options for a new website.

Member Feedback:

- **Consultant Knowledge** - Recommended that the consultants should be aware of the sector, accessibility issues and engaging appropriately.

- **Social media and website relationship** – Members spoke of a dedicated D&I Facebook page in conjunction with a new website and have them linked. Limitations of just using an existing platform such as Facebook as many community members would not readily use this.
- **Integration Options** - Integrating sites and linking sites to the Council website, people tend to go to Council website first. Being aware of not duplicating efforts
- **Reliability of Information:** Importance of the website being Council owned, Quality of resources. Reputable and reliable; Vetting the right opportunities, making sure the services reflect the community need; Referral pathways for services which are trustworthy to be linked with Council
- **Importance of Interaction and exchange;** Importance of networking opportunities and relationship building in services; Noticeboard or interactive element integrated into the website; Newsfeed/monthly e-newsletter
- **Maintenance:** who will do this; whose responsibility to gather and put-up information; designated Council officer to maintain, check and make linkages for information
- **Inclusive and accessible to all Disability groups:** Options for each disability to be represented and included

Opportunities need to be credible and responsive to community needs. Platform needs to be reciprocal and consistent.

Interest in working group:

Ros, Parvin and Sarah highlighted their interest in participating in a working reference group.

Action

Action 2: Council officers to re-engage with the Committee as the feasibility piece moves forward.

Action 3: Vicki to invite other members to be involved in project working group via email

Existing Website

Committee to review the existing website page for People with Disability and provide comment on existing information and what improvements could be made in the interim <https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Community-services/People-with-a-disability>

Discussion

Vicki invited the Committee to review and audit the existing Council website, noting that this could be reviewed ahead of the feasibility of a new website being created. Committee members invited to provide feedback immediately or via email following the meeting by 30 December to Xenia.

Feedback from the Committee on where they access information on disability services:

- Council, Facebook, Google, Support groups, Royal Children's/Hospitals

Things to add to existing website

- Local advocacy
- Contact/Liaison officer who is across availability of different services to the community – across the age groups.
- Social Activities
- Information by age clusters
- Carers Tab
- Gated Playgrounds

Days of Significance

List of days of significance has been developed along with fact sheets for a number of days. Members to review list and identify any gaps from Disability perspective. (See Attached list)

Discussion

Vicki invited feedback from the Committee on any days of significance are missing or not accurately represented.

- Carers day could be added

Action

Action 4: Vicki to seek information on outstanding days of significance from members via email. Comments by 30 December.

5. Council Updates (10 minutes)

Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee (Sherryn Prinzi)

Discussion

Sherryn provided an update on the Committee's membership and the key projects progressed by that committee. She acknowledged that mental health and social and affordable housing are two key areas for that committee to move forward with and highlighted the importance of service connectivity in relation to both key areas.

Committee were invited to express interest in joining the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee, joining Kerryn as the only current representative.

It was noted that the role of local government in the mental health sector is in prevention, particularly in social connections.

Member Feedback:

- Outreach services could be a valuable tool to improve outcomes.
- Explore micro-boarding as an option that could be investigated.
- Access to mental health services is difficult for carers.
- Mental health trained officers in Council buildings and in local service settings to widen opportunities for mental health support.
- Advance training in Mental Health First Aid
- Strengthen relationships between hospitals and Council.

Action

Action 5: Future agenda discussion on mental health prevention and the difficulties faced by the community, in particular Carers.

Vicki provided an overview and led discussion on the below items.

- **International Day of People with Disability Events and Activities** -3 events were delivered recognising the day. One led by Council targeting inclusion in sport and the others received funding through the Inclusive Banyule Grant Program: Waratah Special School delivered an Arts Program and Watsonia Neighbourhood House delivered an anthology of People with Disability.
- **Autism Day Event** - Parvin Ahadi is currently planning an event for Autism Day on the 1st or 2nd of April. Conversation centred on potential ideas for location and program.

Action

Action 6: Council Officers to look at options for hosting the event at a sporting pavilion and share these with Parvin.

Action 7: Parvin to put a call out to members to help form a subcommittee to work on project

- **Changing Places Funding** -Provided brief overview of successful grant of \$180,000 for a new changing places for WaterMarc. Members suggested that we roll out this project across all buildings owned
- **Inclusion@Sport Forum and Project** - Forum delivered on the 30 November promoting inclusion in sport and included 3 time Paralympian Ahmed Kelly Speaking and Sport 4 All. Provided overview of status of project with all pilot clubs being trained in Disability Awareness and undergoing a self-assessment of their inclusion practices. Also discussed potential future partnership with Sports4All being explored.

- **Change of Officer** – Vicki’s role will be changing slightly with the committee. Xenia will be providing the committee with more of the administrative and project support.
- **Committee Mid Term Check In Survey.**- Committee Feedback is highly sought to ensure we are meeting expectations and to identify improvements. Please complete by 30 December
<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/V3GjXAnueD>

- **Action**

- Action 8: Vicki to send out survey link to all members post meeting.

6. Close and date of next meeting – 22 February 2023 5.30 – 7.00pm

Meeting closed 7pm but was followed by refreshments and networking.

Discussion

Ros to email fellow committee members to highlight the value in meeting in person.

Action

Action 9: Council Officers to determine the value in hosting the next meeting in person or in a hybrid setting.