



Minutes Banyule Disability & Inclusion Committee

26 October 2022

Banyule Disability and Inclusion Advisory Committee | Minutes



Meeting details

Date of meeting	Wednesday, 26 October 2022
Time	5.30 – 7.00pm
Venue	Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89226463877?pwd=NnBXaVRuN0lyWCtVREVwYzIGMVYrQT09 Meeting ID: 892 2646 3877 Passcode: 504209
Chair/Facilitator	Jo Wilson (Councillor's Apology)
Minutes	Vicki Martinez

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 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
Alicia Rotella	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Advisory Committee member
Allan Leenaerts	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Advisory Committee member
Parvin Ahadi	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Advisory Committee member
Emma Lowe	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Advisory Committee member
Dani Stramandinoli	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Advisory Committee member
Roslyn Melling	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Advisory Committee member
Sherryn Prinzi	Banyule Council – Coordinator Community Impact
Jo Wilson	Banyule Council – Manager, Resilient and Connected Communities
Catherine Corbett	Banyule Council - Age Friendly Project Officer

Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Cr Rick Garotti	Banyule Council Councillor
Cr Alison Champion	Banyule Council Councillor
Sarah Hockey	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Advisory Committee member
Laila Fernandez	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Advisory Committee member
Kerryn Burgoyne	Banyule Disability and Inclusion Advisory Committee member
Vicki Martinez	Banyule Council – Community and Social Planner
Laura Mannix	Banyule Council – Team Leader Community and Social Planning

Items

1. Introduction (10 minutes)

- Acknowledgement of traditional custodians
- Inclusive Banyule Statement

Attendees introduced themselves. Due to Councillor apologies and no quorum being reached any recommendations will be revisited in future meetings.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Agenda Item	Action Arising	Progress
Inclusion@Sport	Members of Advisory Committee to advise if they want to be a part of the toolkit working group. Sarah and Laila nominated to date. Sherryn invite new members from the committee	Tool kit Framework Developed and Working Group Commenced.
East Ivanhoe Streetscape consultation	Council Officers to investigate the availability and accessibility of disability parking in East Ivanhoe Village and advise.	Incorporated as part of Streetscape Plan
Council Meeting and Endorsement of Inclusive Banyule	Council Officers to send agenda of Council meeting on 31 August Committee Member to represent the Advisory Committee on Inclusive Banyule Development	Completed Completed – Sarah Hosking delivered a presentation to Council
Council Branding and Website	Council Officers to send invitation to Committee Members to join focus group on Branding and Website	Completed – Focus groups delivered.

3. New Business - Consultations

3.1 Community Bus Project – Update and Consultation on Project – Catherine Corbett (15 minutes)

Banyule City Council has approved \$100,000 to fund a 12-month trial for a community bus that will enable vulnerable population groups to access services in Banyule and reduce participation barriers.

Discussion

Discussion item:

Catherine introduced herself and her role. Most of her work is in the older adult's space but also part of the community connections team. One of her projects is the Community Bus Project.

Catherine provided information on the project. Banyule Council have approved funding for a 12-month trial of a community bus. No existing community bus service exists in Banyule.

Aim is to assist vulnerable community members to access services in Banyule and to reduce barriers to participation in the wider community. Targeting Adults over 65, PwD, Lower SES and vulnerable community members. Council will contract the service to a community provider.

Transport routes were outlined with a focus on key areas based on evidence and data. Will operate, Heidelberg, Heidelberg Heights and West, Bellfield, Ivanhoe, Rosanna. Bus will operate as a fixed route at a few times and on certain days in each week. The bus will stop at leisure centres, libraries, neighbourhood houses, community hubs, shopping centres etc. Route is still being determined.

Member Consultation Questions:

- *Suggestions on locations that you would like a bus to stop at in the defined areas*
- *Would you be likely to use this service?*
- *Are there any barriers on you using this service that we need to address?*

Member Feedback:

- What sort of bus? A 17-seater bus is being considered with wheelchair access. Accessible for two wheelchairs per bus.
- Is the route a gap in the existing transport? Feasibility study was undertaken on a community bus and where it needs to go. In determining criteria a number of criteria were considered including suburbs in need; topography, walking proximity to train stations, demographics etc
- Emma from Watermarc outlined consultation with members who defined transport and cost as their two biggest barriers, and this would assist.
- Based on success of program, may look at expanding to other areas
- Committee defined barriers including safe seating – seatbelts, the driver having information on people accessing the bus, inclusion of a communication board, driver trained on diverse community, driver to have contact numbers (next of kin).
- Visual of what the route looks like, what looks like in the bus, sensory based information, drivers names or profiles on website.
- Visual map of where it goes on the bus also so people can point to locations they want to go to.
- Bicycle storage on bus

Action

Action 1: Vicki to send survey on community bus to members of Committee for a response

3.2 Disability Inclusion Bill 2022 – Exposure Draft – Jo Wilson (35 minutes)

The Victorian Government is reviewing the Disability Act 2006 as part of the broader reform agenda set out in Inclusive Victoria: State Disability Plan 2022 – 2026. They have released the Disability Inclusion Bill 2022 Exposure Draft and are seeking feedback.

Discussion

Discussion item

Council Officer provided an overview of the Disability Inclusion Bill 2022 which was part of the review of the State Disability Plan and Disability Act 2006. The Bill takes more of an inclusive approach and strengthens the need to consider disability in all planning.

Key themes that came out of State Government consultation 2021 include adopting a human rights approach, promoting ableism, strengthen government accountability, intersectionality and promoting self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Expectations for Councils and other bodies were outlined and include:

- The need to consider and promote disability inclusion when developing policy and programs and providing services with direct and significant impact on public;
- Council's will need to undertake a "Disability Impact Assessment" on policies, programs, and services, have a Disability Action Plan and report on the milestones of these to the Disability Commissioner. The Commissioner will have the power to put in directives if organisations do not comply with the act;
- Consult with people with disability including using at least one accessible format;
- Foster good relationships between PwD and other residents; and
- Take necessary steps to advance disability inclusion

A brief response will be developed by Council Officers to the DFFH incorporating the member feedback.

Member Consultation Questions:

- *Thoughts on amendments?*
- *Is there anything else that needs to be strengthened?*
- *Any further inclusions?*

Member Feedback

- Doing more of the same but doing it better.
- More opportunities for employment into smaller local businesses not just large entities. You can't be what you can't see.
- Ableism was good to see as members felt that disability is a broad term. We are a spectrum of people with range of abilities and that is what it means to be human. Better communication of that concept would be positive.
- Identifying KPIs may be a challenge. Working out how we will measure success and focus on outcomes rather than outputs. Encourage Department for tangible outcomes and success measures built in.
- Discussion on intersectionality and its meaning and how members are experiencing or working with the difference and individual strengths. Members support the concept of intersectionality in the Bill.

Action

Actions:

1. Council Officers to draft a response to the DFFH and bring back the members
2. Vicki to send out information on intersectionality as part of the minutes

3 Standing Agenda Items

3.1 Inclusive Banyule Workplan for Disability – Sherryn Prinzi (20 minutes)

Workplan developed outlining key actions supporting disability inclusion and advocacy.

Discussion

Discussion item

To make the BDIAC meetings more meaningful, we have created a workplan for the BDIAC and wanted to test it with the members. The draft workplan was shared and has been based on the Inclusive Banyule Action Plan adopted on the 5 September.

Council Officers went through the workplan. The members agreed to the elements of the plan and in playing a role in their planning/implementation.

Ideas for other projects:

- Work with partner organisations to develop inclusion statements to make people feel more supported. Idea for organisations to pledge to Council's diversity statement.
- Liaison with public transport authorities – myki amount (\$ on card) is not accessible when tap off. Engage with Council's transport unit to advocate for this change

Action

Action Item 1: Agenda the Website for consultation at the next meeting

3.2 Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee – Jo Wilson (5 minutes)

Banyule City Council's Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee is a strategic advisory committee to assist with advocacy, partnership and strategic advice to oversee Inclusive Banyule, Councils' framework to uplift equity, rights, participation and access in our community.

Discussion

Discussion item

Council Officers provided an overview of the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee as the overarching committee for Inclusive Banyule Plan and the population committees. Kerryn and ex member Sam are representatives from BDIAC.

Two key priorities that the committee are concentrating and advocate on are Mental Health and Affordable Housing across Banyule.

Consultation with Members:

Is there anything from the BDIAC would like to focus on in these two areas?

- Discussion on whether mental health services understand or adequately support people with disability. Access to services post covid is limited. Very difficult in the children space for mental health services – 1-2 year wait. Shortfall in services post covid – many children impacted with social change. Unfortunately, options limited whilst on waiting lists and online options do not always work for PwD.
- Discussed the role of Council in addressing this and the ecosystem. Members would like Council to encourage more programs and services in the area. Support better access to the community eg venues for professionals to attend. Advocate for increased funding for mental health services. Support for more access in school and workplaces.
- Carer mental health is a real challenge. Access to quality carers that are trusted is difficult. This makes it harder for family carers to take the time they need to access supports for themselves.
- When there are more complex issues, professionals are often challenged ie dual diagnosis or comorbid issues and are often not spending adequate time to unpack the complexity.

- Collapse of health care system – workforce inadequate, not skilled, walking out of professionals, understaffed, overworked staff. Big problem in the system. Suggestion on how we strengthen community to support community.

4. Council Updates (5 minutes)

Consultation Opportunities

On Shaping Banyule there are a number of consultation opportunities available. Please visit

<https://shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/>

- Playground Replacement Program
- Pecks Dam Upgrade
- Urban Food Strategy
- Sports Facilities in Banyule

Inclusive Banyule Grant 2022/23 Recipients and projects

Discussion

Discussion item:

3 applications have been approved for funding:

- Watsonia Neighbourhood House is facilitating an event for IDPWD. See Attachment to attend.
- Waratah Special Development Schools will deliver an art show for IDPWD
- Olympic Adult Education and Parvin to deliver event for World Autism Day. Parvin congratulated for her efforts in the application.

Action

Action: Connect community suggestion for a disco with Olympic adult education and Parvin

5. Close and date of next meeting – 7 December 5.30 – 7.00pm

Action

Action: Next meeting will be face to face. One hour meeting followed on by celebration.