

# MINUTES

## DISABILITY INCLUSION AND ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COFFS HARBOUR CEX INTERNATIONAL STADIUM  
10AM FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022

ATTENDEES:	Steven Paul (SP)	Chair – Coffs Harbour Support Services
	Matt Crawley (MC)	Blue Sky Community Services Inc
	Tanya Watts (TW)	Community Representative
	David Anderson (DA)	Community Representative
	Madalyn Hails (MH)	Community Representative
	Heather Reid (HR)	Council Staff Representative - Minute Taker
GUEST ATTENDEES:	Sonia Doohan (SD)	Coffs Harbour City Council

Item	Discussion	Actioner
Meeting Open	10:06 am	
1. Acknowledgement of Country		Chair
2. Apologies:	Sophie Bek (SB), Khishkok Abdo (KA), Brigit Mackenzie (BM), Cr Tony Judge (TJ), Lynda Warwick (LW), Shalla Thomas (ST), Jane Rowland (JR), Lyndel Bosman (LB) & Adam Ellison (AE)	Noted
3. Confirmation of Minutes	Minutes of Meeting of 4 March 2022	Noted
4. <b>Business Arising –</b>		
5. <b>General Business</b>		
5.1 Inspection of Cex International Stadium – Rebecca Ramsay, Team Leader, Venue Operations	<p>Tour of the 'behind-the-scenes' of the Stadium complex.</p> <p>Design of the venue to accommodate use and attendance by all community members based on feedback from the Disability Access &amp; Inclusion Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Followed by a special morning tea provided by the Stadium Team.</p>	Council

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5.2 Feedback on the MyCoffs Community Strategic Plan (CSP)	<p>The reviewed MyCoffs Community Strategic Plan (CSP) is on public exhibition until 30 May. This is the Community's Plan and outlines the community's vision for the LGA for the next 10 years</p> <p>The plan outlines the role everyone plays in delivering on the plan: the community, state and federal government, council, private industry and not-for-profit.</p> <p>Top priorities during the community check-in included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Quality and maintenance of local infrastructure</li> <li>• Waste management</li> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• More and better-connected foot/ cycle paths</li> </ul> <p>The draft document can be found:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online: <a href="https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/MyCoffs">https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/MyCoffs</a></li> <li>• Hard copies: Customer Service Centre, Coffs Harbour Library, Woolgoolga Library and Toormina Library.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Delivery Program / Operational Program</u></b></p> <p>Council's draft 2022-2026 Delivery Program and 2022/23 Operational Plan is now on public exhibition.</p> <p>The documents include the draft 2022/23 Delivery Program Budgets, draft 2022/23 Fees and Charges and the draft 2022/23 Statement of Revenue Policy.</p> <p>The Program and plan outlines the services and projects we deliver to support our community over the next 5 years</p> <p>Our aim is to give people a clearer understanding of what Council does and how we do it — whether it's business-as-usual or new projects.</p> <p>The community will have from <b>Monday 2 May until Sunday 29 May 2022</b> to review the program</p>	Council

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	<p>and plan, and provide input to be considered in the development of the final documents.</p> <p>The draft documents can be found:            Online:  <a href="https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/2022-2026-draft-delivery-program-and-operational-plan">https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/2022-2026-draft-delivery-program-and-operational-plan</a></p> <p><b><u>Additional Special Variation (ASV)</u></b></p> <p>After the lowest rate peg in 20 years was set at 0.7 per cent late last year there was a significant backlash from councils across NSW especially in rural and regional areas struggling to recover from bushfires, floods, COVID-19 and droughts.</p> <p>After realising the critical situation with forecasts of 1,000 council jobs cuts across the State, the new Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman cleared the way for councils across NSW to apply for a one-off rate additional variation if they could show the funding was critical and included in their long term financial plans. This is allowed to exceed 0.7 per cent but be capped at 2.5 per cent.</p> <p>The Minister has also tasked IPART with reviewing their rate peg methodology including the Local Government Cost Index to prevent a reoccurrence of the 2022-23 anomaly.</p> <p>Coffs Harbour City Council has taken up the offer to apply for a further 1.8 per cent to take the rate peg to 2.5 per cent as this was used in the Long Term Financial Plan.</p> <p>The 2.5 per cent as budgeted will ensure spending continuity across local roads, pools, parks and other community services that Coffs depends upon in addition to the much needed infrastructure projects which are assisting in pandemic recovery.</p> <p>This equates to an additional 45 cents per week for the average residential ratepayer.</p> <p>It is important to note the average rate peg since 2005-06 has been 2.83 per cent per annum.</p> <p>Submission can be made to IPART online:  <a href="https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Local-Government/Reviews/Additional-Special-Variation-for-2022-23">https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Local-Government/Reviews/Additional-Special-Variation-for-2022-23</a></p>	

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5.3 Update on the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) review	<p>The draft DIAP action plan was considered by Council at the meeting of 28 April 2022 with the DIAP approved for public exhibition for 28 days (until 29 May). The final report is to be adopted at the Council Meeting of 23 June 2022.</p> <p>A copy of the DIAP actions was distributed to the Committee for comment.</p> <p>Submissions can be made at <a href="https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/disability-inclusion-action-plan">https://haveyoursay.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/disability-inclusion-action-plan</a></p>	Council
5.4 International Day of People with Disability Planning	<p>A need to focus on community connection for people with disabilities after the isolation of the COVID pandemic.</p> <p>Suggestion of a 'games day' at the Coffs Harbour Jetty area with music and craft on Saturday 3 December with marquees by NDIA &amp; CHCC and performances such as All Abilities Zumba, MixTub Theatre and a band.</p>	Council
5.5 Info Exchange / Round Table	<p>Consideration of Sheryl Duggod – Wellness Space for IDPwD activities (TW)</p> <p>Wet weather is impacting significantly on key access points for people with disability and highlighted the need for ongoing maintenance to ensure safety (TW)</p> <p>Meeting to move to a bi-monthly format from June 2022 (HR)</p>	Council
6. Outstanding Actions Review	Attachment 1	Noted
7. Next Meeting:	Friday 3 June 2022, Committee Room 1, Coffs Harbour Community Village 10 am.	Noted
Meeting Close	12:04 pm	

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Decision / Action</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Updates</b>
3 Sep 2021	Footpath missing on northern side of Albany making it difficult for support housing clients to access the CBD past Brelsford. Also footpath in Hill Street, Coffs Harbour	Ongoing	Council	1/10/2021,	HR – provided feedback to the Committee 1 October that Council's Traffic Engineer was investigating. No update on Hill Street.
5 Nov 2021	Establish guiding principles for café owner to ensure menus, and the fit out of the café meet accessibility needs	Ken Welham and Heather Reid to action	Council	3/12/2021	Yarilla Place Project
5 Nov 2021	Sufficient room under tables to enable wheelchair to go easily under a table – including meeting tables and in the café – (note: tables with single poles impede wheelchair access, better to have 4 legs to allow multiple wheelchairs at a table setting	Ken Welham to look into this matter	Council	3/12/2021	Yarilla Place Project
5 Nov 2021	Will there be an external awning to allow cover when it rains for people with disability to enter / exit the building	Heather Reid to discuss/follow up with Ken Welham	Council	3/12/2021	Yarilla Place Project
5 Nov 2021	Ability to change lighting in meeting rooms for sign interpreters – Lipman to confirm if anyone can change the lighting levels in the meeting rooms	Lipman to follow up and provide a response to KW/HR	Lipman	3/12/2021	Yarilla Place Project
5 Nov 2021	Council to have low sensory hour – similar to Woolworths and Coles – on certain day/mornings – quiet hour for the library/museum/art gallery and sensory spaces for people to go to	Heather Reid to follow up.	Council	3/12/2021	Has been included as a DIAP action