



**Banyule City Council Disability
Reference Group**

**Minutes for Meeting Friday 22nd June 2007,
Meeting Room 1, Rosanna Service Centre
Banyule City Council, 44 Turnham Avenue
Rosanna
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

1. Attendance

Darnelle Eckersall, Michael Malaxos, Maree Fenech, Sonya Maunders, Tony McDonald, Rex Hateley, Lorraine Mackey, Julie Allan, Fiona Reidy (consultant), Ria Papigiotis, Tanya Files, Cr Mulholland

Apologies:

Catherine Gaffney, Brian Rudd

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Were confirmed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- ▶ **Disability Reference Group vacancies** – Letter forwarded to organisations requesting expressions of interest. Advertisement has been placed in local papers to appear next week.

ACTION: Michael, Tanya, Tony, Maree – volunteered to assist in interview process.

- ▶ **Hot Spots** – Follow up with Catherine.

- ▶ **Training Day** – Tony reported good introduction to Disability Awareness.

ACTION: Julie to find out when the next one will take place and invite DRG.

- ▶ **GPAC** – Lorraine and Brian now both on Committee.
- ▶ **Community Planner** – After interviews position was offered to an attendee who subsequently took another position. Darnelle following up.

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- ▶ **Business Breakfast** – New date to be considered as December is difficult.

5. **MEMBER REPORTS**

- ▶ **Michael** – Michael has spoken to VACC re the Driveway Assistance Program. There are now 44 service stations participating. All members have been advised to display a sign on their price boards.

ACTION: Darnelle - Letter from Council to VACC commending this project.

- ▶ **Tony** – Attended a meeting to re-establish Northern Respite Group. Lack of care and lack of DHS housing available was discussed.
Also attended a meeting run by Centrelink – advice given regarding a one page information sheet on eligibility. Working with DHS on implementation of aspects of new Disability Act.

- ▶ **Tanya** – Ian and Sonya did a brochure drop for Rockability Rollers Concert @ YMCA on Saturday 2-4 pm.

- ▶ **Lorraine** – Confirmed she is joining the GPAC Committee with Brian.

- ▶ **Maree** – Vision Australia Support Group – Maree passed on information. She has been invited to play pennant with Heidelberg Ladies who have successfully nominated Maree for Commonwealth Sports Achievement Award to be presented at 7 pm on 26th July at Eltham.

ACTION: Julie to contact Trish Hosking re covering the event for the Banner and local papers.

- ▶ **Rex** – visited Taralee – inclusive kindergarten/early intervention centre for the hearing impaired. Impressed with their equipment and facility.

- ▶ **Darnelle** – Active Ageing Strategy – circulated to all present. Darnelle has visited Araluen and met with the CEO. Highlighted Senior of the Year Program. Darnelle has application forms for Premiers Award for Senior of the Year.

- ▶ **Fiona** – Just back from Vancouver – attending Health Conference as part of her thesis for Disability Planning.

- ▶ **Cr Jenny Mulholland** – LGA standard footpath width 1.5 metres. State Government have installed footpaths at Austin Hospital.
ACTION: Darnelle/Fiona to create report for Cr Mulholland to take to ALGA meeting in November, regarding main issues from disability consultation, i.e. housing, respite, transport.

Crs Mulholland and Tom Melican attending and can lobby as a region through regional representation (six other Councils).

Next meeting to be held on Friday 27th July 2007, Meeting Room 1, 1.00 pm