



Banyule City Council
Disability Reference Group

**Minutes for Meeting Friday 28th September 2007 ,
Meeting Room 1, Rosanna Service Centre
Banyule City Council, 44 Turnham Avenue
Rosanna
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

1. Attendance

Present: Cr Jenny Mulholland, Michael Malaxos, Brian Rudd, Maree Fenech, Rex Hateley, Tanya Files, Paul Bruhn, Brian Rudd, Aaron Purnell, Lorraine Mackey, David Cuthbertson, Jenny Macleod, Shelley Baker, Sonya Maunders, Tanya Herbstreit and Fiona Reidy

Apologies: Simone Lyons, Blair Sanderson, Frank Gallery, Tony MacDonald, Darnelle Eckersall, Julie Allan

2. Induction

The induction was unable to be held as Julie Allan was unavailable due to ill health. It will be completed at the next meeting. Photo identification cards to be provided to DRG members at the next meeting.

ACTION: Julie Allan to arrange

3. Minutes of previous meeting – August

Accepted as printed, moved by Brian, 2nd by Lorraine Mackey.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- **Report to Council meeting on 3rd September re Disability Reference Group membership** – Tanya read out report and resolution as passed by Council and distributed copies to those members who were unable to open the attachment forwarded with the Agenda.

Tanya Files thanked Crs Mulholland and Melican for their support of the Disability Reference Group.

- **Disability Awareness Training** – was attended by Julie Allan – good feedback so far regarding new sessions.
ACTION: Julie to report back to the DRG at the next meeting.
- **Rosanna Shops Sandwich Boards** – Shelley confirmed that they had been moved. DRG members to monitor and inform Shelley if shops are breaching Footpath Trading Policy.
ACTION: DRG members and Shelley
- **Diamond Valley Learning Centre Report** – postponed to the next meeting.
ACTION: Julie Allan to present

5. General Business

Leadership Program – Overview of Leadership Program was provided by Sonya. Currently seeking expressions of interest for mentors and mentees. 2006 participants gave their positive feedback about the program.

ACTION: Sonya to distribute Expressions of Interest forms to DRG.

6. Correspondence

- **Disability Supported Accommodation Forums -**
Tony MacDonald had provided correspondence regarding public consultations to be held in Melbourne on 10th October next (two times – 10.30 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 2.30 pm) at Melbourne Marriott Hotel, Cnr Exhibition & Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.
10.30 am to 12 noon – General Information Session
1.00 pm to 2.30 pm – Program Design Session
The discussion paper and additional information regarding the program can be accessed on the FaCSIA website –
http://www.facsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/News/supp_accomm_29-08htm.htm

To register for a public meeting – phone 1800 045 394 or email

disabilityaccommodation@nationalmailing.com.au

Attached please find a flier re consultations.

MOTION: For the DRG to submit a letter of support for increased supported accommodation.

ACTION: Sonya to follow up with Darnelle.

7. Member Reports

- **Tanya Files** – Community golf program is on again for people with disabilities – for more information see Tanya.
- **Aaron Purnell** – Promoting a social group for 18-35 year olds with an ABI. The group will be promoted in The Banner.

- **Rex Hateley** – Marie and Rex are currently working on A.I.R. programs (Assisted Inclusion Readiness) with child care centres. The program supports services to be inclusive of those with a disability.
- **Michael Malaxos** – Followed up parking changes with Shelley. Queried progress with audit of access to shops in Weir Street. Discussion about Driveway Assistance Program (VACC) – some providers in Banyule haven't followed up
ACTION: Julie to follow up access audit Weir St.
- **Jenny Macleod:** Interested in progress regarding automatic gates at Child Care Centres. Would like further information. Gave an overview of services at Kalparrin for children aged 0-6 years with developmental delay/disabilities.
ACTION: Paul Bruhn to follow up
- **Tanya Herbstreit, Co-ordinator Home and Community Care Services** – Gave an update on current services and funding at Banyule HACC. Nearly reached capacity for respite care clients. Will be advocating for increased respite care services. Currently no waiting list at Banyule however working to ensure equitable access to service for existing and new families.
- **Maree Fenech** – Vision Australia Group requires new meeting venue on Thursdays following the fire damage to the Presbyterian Church. This will also impact on the playgroup which used the facility.
ACTION: Mary Papadopoulos, Strategic Planning and Partnerships Co-ordinator, Early Childhood Services to follow up with the group.

- **Brian Rudd** – Would like Shelley or appropriate person to do some on site visits of dangerous footpaths in driveways particularly in Macleod.
ACTION: Shelley to follow up.
- **David Cuthbertson** – Currently conducting an audit of shop access and footpaths in Lower Plenty area. Will submit information to Council where issues are identified.
Watsonia Neighbourhood House are now running a board games day every second Saturday from 1 pm to 4 pm.
ACTION: Julie to promote in AAA newsletter
Tanya Herbstreit to promote in HACC Chat.

7. Report on Disability Plan – Fiona Reidy

Fiona gave a general background to new members on the review of the Disability Policy and Action Plan and updated on current progress. The Policy and Action Plan (2007-2009) will be going to Council for confirmation soon. Some follow up still required by Darnelle with BCC Departments. Any further comments/suggestions regarding the Action Plan should be submitted to Darnelle ASAP.

8. Access Awards Breakfast

Rex queried when the next Breakfast would be held. Sonya informed the group that this program would be under review to ensure that is a viable and appropriate process.

9. Meeting with Access Audits Australia

A member of the DRG will attend the meeting – to be confirmed.

**NEXT MEETING –
1.00 pm, Friday 26th October 2007 , Meeting Room 1,
Rosanna**



The Hon Mal Brough MP
Minister for Families, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs

Media Releases

Consultations open for Disability Supported Accommodation options

29/08/2007

The Howard Government is opening consultations to establish the best options for providing 1750 new supported accommodation places for people with disabilities.

Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Mal Brough, today said these consultations are part of the Prime Minister's announcement of an extra \$962 million to help older carers and their families as part of the Government's \$1.8 billion disability package announced in late June.

"The priority for the additional places will be for people with severe and profound disabilities aged 40 years and over, who are currently cared for by a parent who is 65 years or over," Mr Brough said.

"We want to hear the views of people with disabilities, carers and service providers on best options for providing these new supported accommodation places so they best meet the needs of those who will be using them.

"The Howard Government recognises a one-size fits all model will not be suitable for all people and communities, and these public consultations will go towards addressing the flexibility required to meet people's needs," Mr Brough said.

Commencing on 10 September, public meetings will be held in metropolitan and regional centres across Australia through to mid October 2007.

Written submissions will also be accepted up to Friday 26 October.

A discussion paper on this initiative will be available from 28 August at www.facsia.gov.au and by calling 1800 045 394.

To get details of the public meetings and register your interest, call 1800 045 394 or email disabilityaccommodation@nationalmailing.com.au.