

# Disability Advisory Committee



## Disability Advisory Committee Minutes

16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

1 – 3 pm Mornington Library Meeting Rooms

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| <b>Attendees</b>     | Karen Ford, Sandra Oulich, Gregg Nicholls, Monica Seal, Lauren Carlomagno, Daniel Laing, Cr Patrick Binyon, Dee Davey, Marcus Harris |
| <b>Apologies</b>     | Jim Dagiandis, Sarah Alcock, Mechelle Cheers, John Catto-Smith, Susan Abbey, Andrea Currie                                           |
| <b>Guest Speaker</b> | Lauren Rundle – Team Leader Major Projects<br>Daniel Garrood – Coordinator Major Projects                                            |

Meeting was recorded.

| #  | ITEM                              |
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| 1. | <b>Housekeeping and Welcome –</b> |

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|    | <p><b>Chair Karen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acknowledgement of Country</li><li>• Welcome and introductions of new and returning members, including online participants.</li><li>• Noted apologies.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2. | <p><b>Minutes of the August 21st 2025 meeting confirmed.</b><br/><b>Moved:</b> Gregg Nicholls <b>Seconded:</b> Sandra Oulich</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3. | <p><b>Sub working committee updates</b></p> <p><b>PACE Update (Gregg Nicholls):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No updates as the previous PACE meeting was an operational based meeting. Will bring feedback as part of the Draft Terms of Reference item agenda</li></ul> <p><b>Councillor Update (Cr Patrick Binyon – Brokil Ward):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayoral Charity and receiving feedback</li><li>• Community public question around access and Sorrento access</li><li>• Draft footpath trading policy. Main activity points Rosebud, Mornington and Hastings.</li><li>• Business and access guidelines 12 months review rented facilities.</li></ul> <p><b>True Advocacy Group Focus (Daniel Laing):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Language inclusivity, terminology (support worker vs. carer/helper)</li></ul> |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for feedback on accessible events guide, accessible documentation, sensory needs, and disability awareness training (like the Sunflower Program suggested)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4. | <p><b>Action Log update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pelican Park accessibility upgrades completed.</li> <li>• Hastings Hoist: Live and operational.<br/>A second hoist has been gifted to Mornington.</li> <li>• Easy English resource now available for the Council Plan and Public Health and Wellbeing Plan</li> </ul>                                                                  |
| 5. | <p><b>Access Request Log</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on consolidated access requests. Accessible car park and sensory-friendly classes in Baxter highlighted.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6. | <p><b>Peninsula Trail – Wayfinding and Signage Update</b><br/><b>Speaker: Lauren Rundle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 170km trail project prioritizing accessibility, cultural inclusion, and community engagement.</li> <li>• Feedback sought on wayfinding, signage (including suggestions for Braille, quiet space icons, clear dog/leash symbols, and better colour contrast).</li> </ul> |

- Audit of iconography to be completed; feedback regarding signage and amenities welcomed.

**ACTION:** Feedback requested from DAC members.

Response from Lauren Rundle following consultation:

### **Signage Update – Peninsula Trail**

Thank you to the Committee for the thoughtful feedback on our signage concept. Your input has been instrumental in helping us ensure the Peninsula Trail remains accessible, inclusive, and welcoming.

### **Current Design Commitments:**

- **Colour palette** aligns with the Shire brand and meets AA accessibility standards.
- **Accessibility enhancements** include:
  - Matte finishes to reduce glare.
  - Readable font styles and spacing.
  - Clear and inclusive iconography.
  - Ongoing feedback review during the Somerville to Baxter rollout.

### **Future Considerations:**

- Exploring tactile and Braille signage at key locations.
- Considering multilingual and audio storytelling via QR codes or digital platforms, as funding allows.

**ACTION:** Keep DAC updated on progress of Peninsula Trail in ongoing Action Log.

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| 7. | <p><b>Disability Discrimination Act Review – Submission</b><br/><b>Speaker: Karen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee discussed the scope and modern definition of disability, importance of lived experience, easy English and video summaries.</li><li>• Agreed to compile committee feedback for DDA submission by deadline (been extended to 14 Nov).</li><li>• Highlighted importance of moving to the social model of disability and updating language to be more inclusive and reflective of a variety of disabilities, not only visible/diagnosed but also temporary and invisible disabilities.</li></ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Finalise and circulate draft DDA submission (lead: Karen, Monica, Michelle).</p> |
| 8. | <p><b>Draft Committee Terms of Reference</b><br/><b>Speaker: Lauren Carlomagno</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussed council officers' role in shortlisting members; final selection by council.</li><li>• Language inclusivity in committee documents prioritized.</li><li>• Reviewed need for Easy English and summary versions, and for clarity in policy given governance changes.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members invited to provide further feedback within a set timeframe.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Share feedback with governance for Terms of Reference. Submitted draft off to governance for approval will circulate when approved by council.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9.  | <p><b>Current Projects – Shape Platform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts, Culture and Events Plan: Incorporate accessibility into community guides.</li> <li>Asset Management Strategy update.</li> <li>Dromana Shade Pathway and other site-specific initiatives.</li> <li>An accessible events guide and A-Z planning guide to be added to the November agenda.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Circulate draft inclusive events guide when back from graphic designer.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Arts, Culture and Events plan consultation now open will request for November agenda.</p> |
| 10. | <p><b>Shape Current Projects:</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Grant Road Dog Park   Shape Our Future</u></a><br/> <b>Closes 27 October 2025</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Asset Management Strategy 2026 – 2036   Shape Our Future</u></a><br/> <b>Closes 13 November 2025</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|     | <a href="#"><u>Dromana Shared Pathway   Shape Our Future</u></a><br><b>Closes 24 November</b><br><a href="#"><u>Arts, Culture and Events Plan   Shape Our Future</u></a><br><b>Closes 24 November</b> |
| 11. | <b>Meeting Closed:</b><br>3.02pm                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 12. | <b>Next Meeting</b><br>Date: 20 Nov 2025<br><b>Mornington Library Meeting rooms</b>                                                                                                                   |

**DAC MEETINGS 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Monthly**  
**February – November 1pm – 3pm Lunch from 12:30pm – 1pm**

Thursday 20th November 2025

Murnong Meeting Room – Mornington Library, Vancouver St

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2025

12.30pm–2.30pm

Safety Beach Sailing Club

Invitation to follow