

Minutes

Disability Advisory Group

Tuesday 15 September 2026

The minutes were accepted at the Disability Advisory Group held on _____

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Minutes of the Disability Advisory Group of the Bayswater City Council which took place in the Committee Room, City of Bayswater Civic Centre, 61 Broun Avenue, Morley on Tuesday 15 September 2026.

1 OPENING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Cr Calla Loiacono, opened the meeting at 4:44pm and delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

Noongar Language

Ngalla City of Bayswater kaatanginy baalapa Noongar Boodja baaranginy, Wadjuk moort Noongar moort, boordiar's koora koora, boordiar's ye yay ba boordiar's boordawyn wah.

English Language Interpretation

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2 ATTENDANCE**Members**

Cr Calla Loiacono	Chairperson
Eva Di Blasio	
Rebecca Hocking (via electronic means)	
Stuart Jenkinson	
Kara Perrin (via electronic means)	
Lucy Rule	
Xavier Teo (via electronic means)	

Officers

Melissa Shaw	Manager Community Planning
Amy Tolley	Community Strategy and Programs Manager
Manon Arnold	Executive Assistant Community Services (minute-taker)

Apologies

Cr Nat Latter	Deputy Chairperson
Ryan Hall	Director Community Services
Laura Bullock	Community Development Officer
Debra Hill	

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST SUMMARY

Nil.

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4 TERMS OF REFERENCE**Purpose**

The purpose of the Disability Advisory Group (DAG) is to offer guidance to the City on issues impacting people with a disability. The group will also provide advice on the development and implementation of the City's Access and Inclusion Plan.

Development applications and City-based works can be referred to the group to request the group's feedback.

Membership

Two Elected Members as appointed by Council.

Up to eight Community Members.

Community members must:

1. Reside in the City of Bayswater, or represent a service provider or organisation within the City of Bayswater; and
2. Live with a disability or are a parent, carer, advocate of a person with a disability, or be able to contribute expertise or advice on disability.

Community members will be appointed and paid in accordance with the *Independent Advisory Group Members Policy*.

All Councillors are appointed as Deputies.

Members must abide by the City of Bayswater *Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates*.

Chairperson

The Advisory Group members are to elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson at the first meeting, both of whom must be an Elected Member of Council.

The Chairperson will preside at all meetings. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson will assume the Chair, and in their absence, a person is to be elected by the Advisory Group present to assume the Chair.

The Chairperson is responsible for the proper conduct of the Advisory Group.

Delegated Authority

This group performs an advisory function and does not have any delegated authority.

Meetings

The Group shall meet three times per year, or as required, at the City of Bayswater Civic Centre.

Relevant staff members and guests may be invited to the meetings at the Chairpersons' discretion.

Administration

Notification of the meeting will be provided at least a fortnight prior to the meeting date.

An agenda shall be provided to members one week before the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting will be provided to all members, and all City Councillors, within 14 calendar days following the meeting date.

OFFICIAL**Liaison Officer**

Director Community Services

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Disability Advisory Group held on Tuesday 26 May 2026 be accepted.

Eva Di Blasio Moved, Rebecca Hocking Seconded

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**6 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION****6.1 Update on previous action items**

The Manager Community Planning provided an update on the previous meeting's action items for or members' noting.

6.2 Inclusive Bayswater: Access and Inclusion Plan 2025 – 2030**6.2.2 Seeking input and comments on key 2026 - 2027 projects and 2027/28 Corporate Business Planning**

An interactive workshop was held with Advisory Group members and City officers to explore priority projects, services and key milestones that will guide the implementation of the Inclusive Bayswater Access and Inclusion Plan 2025-2030.

International Day of People with Disability

City Officers advised that there is grant funding available for an activity on or around 3 December 2026 for International Day of People with Disability, and asked the group for ideas of activities they may wish the funding to be used for. The City advised that in previous years, events included circus skills, basketball and silent discos, catering to all ages. The Group asked if there was any scope to do community consultation to get feedback. City Officers advised there may be scope to undertake some consultation, and this would be looked into. The Group suggested a fashion/makeup activity or use the day as an opportunity to promote the adaptive gym equipment at Bayswater Waves.

Morley Social Garden

City Officers asked the Group to consider how the new Morley Social Garden, located at the Morley Community Centre, can be designed and maintained to support accessibility and inclusivity for all community members. The Group suggested linking the garden opening to International Day of People with Disability, which City Officers said they will consider as an option. City Officers advised that the garden will be fully gated, with a one-way exit point. The Group provided additional feedback on improving accessibility and usability within the space, including ensuring pathways and garden areas are level to support wheelchair access, installing clear hazard signage, and implementing appropriate security measures to help deter vandalism. The Group also suggested that produce grown in the garden could be donated to local food banks or distributed at City of Bayswater community events.

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Recreation Group Fitness

City Officers asked the group for feedback on the current group fitness programs available at Bayswater venues and how the City can engage more appropriately to people with disabilities. The Group suggested the City consider quiet classes without loud music, and include low sensory opportunities. The Group also provided feedback that the classes should be spread over different suburbs, be at different venues, and that hosting these classes on the weekend would also allow for more options. City Officers were asked if there are any fitness classes for children, which was taken on notice. Other suggestions from the Group included classes for people with Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS), assigning an energy level classification to classes as well and a shuttle service if public transportation is not an option.

It was also noted by the Group that there is a lack of awareness as to what disability-friendly options, including gym equipment, that are available to the community, and that these options need to be highlighted in the community.

Accessibility Audit Checklist

The Group was invited to read through the checklist following the meeting and provide any comments on the checklist, particularly in relation to accessibility ("Can I get there?") and inclusion ("Can I participate?"). Comments will help the City to ensure the information reflects the lived experiences and practical needs of people with disability and/or from diverse backgrounds.

6.2.4 Inclusive Bayswater: Access and Inclusion Plan 2025 – 2030 Information Update Report

An information update report on *Inclusive Bayswater: Access and Inclusion Plan 2025 – 2030* actions that have been delivered between April - August 2026 was provided in **Attachment 2** for members' review and noting.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Inclusive Bayswater Advisory Group will take place in the Committee Room, City of Bayswater Civic Centre, 61 Broun Avenue, Morley, at a time and date to be confirmed.

9 CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairperson, Calla Loiacono, declared the meeting closed at 5:42pm.