Meeting:	Disability, Inclusion A	Access Reference Group - Minutes			Snowy
Meeting Date:	30 July 2020			Snowy Valleys Council	
Start Time:	11:05				Council
Place:	ZOOM Meeting			o o a non	
Present:	Member	Position	Present	Apology	Absent
	Martin Brown	Chair	$\square$		
	Moira Kingwell	Principal Snowy Valleys School			✓
	Judi Boyd	Community member	$\square$		
	Wendy Arentz	Community member	$\square$		
	Grace McEachern	Community member			$\checkmark$
	Judy Cussons	Community member			
	Hillary Wilde	IDEAS			
	Matthew Suter	SVC Risk Management Officer	✓		
	Amanda Lewis	MSO Coordinator/ CWC Representative	<b>V</b>		
	Julia Ham	SVC Councillor		✓	
	Cate Cross	SVC Councillor		<b>V</b>	
	Melissa Bradshaw	Teacher Snowy Valleys School.			
	Catherine Anderson	Kurrajong Therapy Plus	✓		
	Fiona Scott	SVC Community Transport Coordinator	✓		
	Tracy Wiggins	Manager Community Services		✓	
	Sophie Gairn	Tourism Officer	$\square$		
	Glen McGrath	Manager Assets			<b>V</b>
	Kylie Bradley	Coordinator Place Activation		✓	✓
	Trevor Robinson	Community member	✓		
Other Attendees:	Nil				

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Minute Taker: Fiona Scott

## 1. Welcome and Introductions:

Participants welcomed.

- 2. Minutes from Meeting 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2020: Moved as a true and accurate account Trevor Robinson Seconded: Matthew Suter Motion: That minutes of the DIARG meeting 07th July 2020 be moved as a true and accurate account. Motion Carried.
- 3. Business Arising from Last Meeting:

Action	By Who	By When	Status
Introducing 'Access at a Glance' to Tumut and Tumbarumba Chambers of Commerce. Wendy has contacted both and has not had a response. Follow up again for a meeting date.	Wendy Arentz	ASAP	Ongoing until safe under COVID – 19 Restrictions
Toilets at the Connection in Tumut supposedly don't meet disability standards. Landlord Hansie Armor looking into this.	Wendy Arentz	ASAP	Landlord Hansie Armor investigating.
Toilets Rotary Park in Tumut, where is this at? Queried that Funding application was applied for. Where is this at?	Glen McGrath	Before 30 July 2020	Glen not present at today's meeting to provide update.
Leash Free Areas. Possibility of fencing and adventure activities for dogs?	Glen McGrath	Before 30 July 2020	Glen not present at today's meeting to provide update.

## **AGENDA ITEMS AND ACTIONS:**

Item No.	Topic	Discussion	Action	Responsibility & Timeframe
4.	DIAP progress update	2.11 What is the underlying driver of this action? Martin explained that not all of the residents in the community have the capability of taking their green waste out for collection or to the waste transfer stations for disposal. Matt Suter explained there has been "exceptions to the rule" where Council will collect green waste from the resident's house for them under exceptional circumstances.	Matt to speak with Martin Canteros- Paz – SVC Resource Recovery Officer about the FOGO project and the access options available for residents with disabilities.	Matt Suter – 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2020

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5.	Community Welfare Committee (CWC) update	Welfare Committee meeting took place 25.06.2020.  New terms of references were discussed and adopted.  Issues raised:  - The Union Lane toilet block behind the Tumbarumba pub requires hand rails, to make it more accessible for those with poor mobility and disabilities. Can this be investigated by Council?  - A footpath is required between Bridge Street to Regent Street; students for the High School are walking on the road as there is no footpath there at present. This is a risk as vehicles coming up over the hill who cannot see the students on the road. Can Council investigate an option for a pathway?  - Units next to The Nest in Winton St; the embankment / nature strip between the road and the footpath is very steep. As there are many elderly residents who live in this complex find it difficult to access the footpath from the road. There are steps and ramp further down the road, however some residents have limited walking capacity. If steps or a ramp could be considered by Council as a solution?  - Feedback from a recent article in the Tumbarumba Times regarding the unpleasant conditions of the Tooma public toilets being smelly and dirty. Tumbarumba Community Transport Volunteer reported back they had utilised the toilets (after the article was	Tracy to follow up within Council re:  - Possibility of having handrails installed into the Union Lane public toilets behind the pub at Tumbarumba.  - A footpath to be installed between Bridge St and Regent St, Tumbarumba.  - Steps or Ramp to be installed outside the unit complex on Winton St for residents to safety access the footpath from the road.	Tracy Wiggins

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		published) and they were very clean and there were no bad odours.		
6.	General business	SVC Events: - SVC Activation Officer Evan Saunders not present at the meeting.	Item to be moved to the next meeting.	Tracy Wiggins to send Evan Saunders an invite to the August meeting.
		SVC Committee Review: Governance Team  Matt explained the Draft copies of the Committee Policy and Operation Manual are now on public display and can be accessed by SVC Website.  All committee members are encouraged to read it and pass any feedback onto Matt or the Governance Team.	Matt to forward Fiona a copy of the documents for distribution to the committee members.	Matt Suter to Draft copies Committee Policy and Operation Manual to Fiona ASAP Fiona Scott to forward the draft documents with the meeting minutes.
		September Council Workshop: It may not be possible to provide a presentation to the September Council due to COVID restrictions. Matt suggested if physical demonstrations could not be carried out to look at the challenges a person with a disability may have due to COVID-19. Following examples were given:  - A seeing-eye dog is not trained to understand to stand on spots on the floor that form a queue with safe distancing measures.  - The sneeze guards on counters are made and intended for people standing. For those in a wheelchair their face is at the same height as the hole at the bottom of the sneeze guard, therefore doesn't protect the person on the other side if they sneeze.  - The hole at the bottom of the sneeze guard is hard for someone to locate if they have a visual impairment and the person on the other side has to instruct them verbally on how to locate it.	Tracy to follow up about booking the presentation to the September Councillor Workshop.	

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		<ul> <li>A person in a manual wheelchair uses their hands to turn their wheels. The wheels are in direct contact with the ground and any germs that maybe there. Therefore they need to be more vigilant with hand sanitisation and touch their face when put a mask on / off.</li> <li>A person who suffers from hearing loss may read lips to communicate, however this is difficult if the other person is wearing a face mask.</li> </ul>		
7.	Service updates	Kurrajong Therapy Plus; Catherine Anderson: Due to the current COVID restrictions some staff are not allowed to cross the border / border zone and this has impacted on services for some clients.  However therapist have are still continuing to travel to Tumbarumba and out to Gundagai.		
8.	Other Business	Trevor wrote to the local radio station – Sounds of the Mountains requesting for the newspaper to be read out so those with vision impairment or reading impairment can still keep updated with local news. Sounds of the Mountains responded with a letter advising the idea would be considered. However they would need to look into any copyright issues.  Martin explained he volunteers for Radio Upper Murray and he reads the first paragraph of each article out of the local paper with the acknowledgement going to Wilkie Watson Publications.		
		Sophie – following up the MLA Keys.	Tracy to follow up with Sophie when returned from leave.	Tracy Wiggins 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2020

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		Matt – going to Talbingo to look at the new playground equipment that has been installed to assess any access issues. Wendy asked why this wasn't done prior to the equipment being purchased and installed.	Matt to advice of findings.	Matt Suter 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2020

9. Next meeting: 11am – 1pm. Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

10. Meeting closed: 11:50am