



MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

ALL ABILITIES CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (AACC)

FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSED COUNCIL PLAN 2017 - 2021

April 2017

Our Community (page 6 - 7)

- The demographics under 'our prosperity' including a growing \$11.3billion local economy and 13,800 businesses employing 48,000 people. As the population is 155,505 with 38,000 residents with a disability, this is 24% and so a very significant proportion. *There should recognition that it is important to promote opportunities for people with disabilities in employment and as valued customers.*

Mission (page 10)

- Includes 'resilient, inclusive community'; 'create new opportunities'; get involved in your community'. *This is not well described in the Our Peninsula 2021 Plan (Plan) for people with disability except for (1) beach matting (2) changing places toilets (3) footpath strategy.*

Managing Strategic Risk (page 15)

- It is encouraging to see community engagement, and 'minimising the adverse impacts of health, welfare and safety of the community' identified in the context for Council action. *These need to be clearly articulated for residents with a disability in the Plan.*

Council Plan Overview (page 17)

- Our Place – inclusive, functional and accessible places – *how specifically?*
- Connected mobile Community – *support expanding accessible transport, accessible communication methods.*
- Our Prosperity – Employment, education and training – *a strategy for disability is not specified in the Plan.*
- Our Wellbeing – *residents with disability should be included here. What is specifically meant by point #6 for people with disability? Point #8 – how is the Council going to facilitate and promote connected and active lives for people with disability?*

Our Place (page 18-19)

- Strategy 1c. does not appear to be articulated in the major initiatives.
- Does the Activity Centre Strategy include provision for various disabilities?
- Need an accessible public pool and hydrotherapy pool.
- Need an accessible playground.
- How is the Plan addressing strategy 2d?
- Access to *the* beach needs improving. This also overlaps with stewardship of the coast (strategy 3)

Strategies that Support Our Work (page 21)

- It is good to see supporting plans mentioned such as the Disability Action Plan, Public Toilet Strategy and Social and Affordable Housing Policy. We suggest consultation with the AACC on all of these issues.
- *The NDS should be included here.*

Our Connectivity (page 22)

- It is encouraging to see more frequent public transport as a strategy. The word accessible needs to be added and we suggest liaison with Peninsula Transport Assist.

- Strategy 2c – how will the signage be improved specifically and will it be suitable for people with disabilities?

Initiatives (page 23)

- Something should be added here about ensuring pathways, crossings etc. are accessible to all.

Our Prosperity (page 25)

- “Promote business participation in employment program opportunities” – *add “for all citizens”.*
- Initiatives: Promote region as a year round destination – *add “for all”.*
- How is disability included in the ‘increase employment opportunities and career pathways’ (strategy a)?
- Is the value of a disabled employee covered in the workshops to enhance business capability? What is covered in these workshops?
- How are disabled visitors catered for in providing a diverse range of high quality passive and active experiences (strategy 2a)?

Our Wellbeing (page 28 -29)

- It is not clear that the Public Health and Wellbeing Plan specifically address issues for people with disabilities? *Maybe add as a separate objective – “Ensure disabled citizens feel valued and supported”.*
- *Initiatives: Add in All Abilities Playground and Hydrotherapy Pool.*

Specific suggestions for additional inclusions into the Plan:

- *Direct express bus runs from Rosebud – Frankston and from Rosebud to Hastings (similar concept to the express trains from Frankston to the city) that arrive in Frankston or Hastings before 9am for youth, adult students, aged and volunteers who are working at these locations. It currently takes as much as one and half-hours to reach these locations via public transport.*
- *An accessible train service from Frankston to Southern Peninsula on the Port Phillip Bay side, not just Hastings/ Westernport side.*
- *More frequent and accessible transport runs throughout the Peninsula – some services only occur every two hours.*
- *Continue to the implementation of the Changing Places facilities and Accessible Beach matting*
- *More Wheelchair accessible footpaths such as around Leon Avenue, Rosebud near the community gardens and leash free park.*
- *Footpaths at Destination Rosebud (playground) to be widened so that people in wheelchairs can pass and access the fully inclusive swing, BBQ’s etc.*
- *Strong promotion of eateries, restaurants and cafes, which are accessible for wheelchairs, vision impaired (braille signage and menus) and assistance dogs.*
- *Implementation of a main street hearing loop.*
- *The creation of options for vulnerable youth such as The Lab in Frankston/ Karingal area for youth that are not into skating, footy or netball.*
- *The promotion of recognised safe places/ spaces to go in times of an emergency so that more people know where to go and how to get there.*
- *The development of an accessible and inclusive recreational space such as Pelican Park in*

Hastings for Rosebud Area.

- *Ensuring accessible and inclusive public and private business buildings and pathways. Perhaps raise footpath so that there is no lip into entranceways of shops, widen doorways and open circulation spaces. This would be ideal for not only wheel chair users but also parents with prams, scooter users, mobility aid users.*
- *More lighting around footpaths, parks, recreational centres, beach tracks and walkways. This is especially needed for winter months when it gets darker earlier.*
- *An accessible path to be included in the 'Ride Safe strategy'.*
- *Accessible coastal paths where there are walking paths. This would promote inclusive (tourism) activities for visitors and residents. At least one on each side of the Peninsula initially.*

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