

## Disability Advisory Committee Minutes

20<sup>th</sup> November 2025

1 – 3 pm Mornington Library Meeting Rooms

<b>Attendees</b>	Karen Ford, Sandra Oulich, Sarah Alcock, Gregg Nicholls, Monica Seal, Cr Patrick Binyon, Andrea Currie, Susan Abbey, Mechelle Cheers
<b>Apologies</b>	Jim Dagiandis, John Catto-Smith, Lauren Carlomagno, Marcus Harris, Dee Davey, Daniel Laing.

Meeting was recorded.

#	ITEM
1.	<b>Housekeeping and Welcome – Chair Karen</b> <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 October 16th, 2025, meeting confirmed.</b> <b>Moved:</b> Sandra Oulich <b>Seconded:</b> Cr Patrick Binyon</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>• Commonwealth’s new aged care support program introduced; concerns raised about affordability for pensioners.</li><li>• Positive feedback on recent forum at Hastings (42 attendees).</li><li>• Update on Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation changes in Victoria.</li><li>• Advocacy continues for PACE involvement in DAC member selection; Terms of Reference to be ratified by Council on 2 December.</li></ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Monica to circulate confirmed Mornington Peninsula organisation structure diagram for clarity.</p> <p><b>Councillor Update (Cr Patrick Binyon – Brokil Ward):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor and Deputy Mayor confirmed for next 12 months.</li><li>• Councillor training on Access &amp; Inclusion completed; positive engagement noted.</li><li>• Advisory committee delegate positions to be confirmed at next Council meeting.</li></ul>

	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Members to prepare questions for Councillor delegate reports in 2026.</p> <p><b>Wellbeing and Inclusion Update (Monica Seal):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acting Coordinator role confirmed until January; team restructure ongoing.</li> <li>• Beach matting rolled out at remaining sites; minor issues at Mother’s Beach.</li> <li>• Better Boating Victoria gifting two additional hoists for accessible jetties.</li> <li>• Discussion on Safety Beach ramp and need for integrated access solutions.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Monica to follow up on Changing Places facility access at Somerville Recreation Reserve.</p>
4.	<p><b>Action Log and Access Request Log Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See updated Action Log and Access Request Log attached to meeting minutes email.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Arts, Culture and Events Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocating for artists living with disabilities</li> <li>• Performing arts centre – universally designed</li> <li>• Focused on people with disabilities, accessible to audiences</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low cost</li><li>• Mental health and wellbeing positive</li><li>• Ability Fest was a great example of an inclusive event although needed wider paths.</li><li>• Accessibility as a pillar, audiences, visibility, end users</li><li>• Community consultation open until 24 November.</li><li>• Advocate for inclusion of artists with disabilities.</li><li>• Universal design for venues and events.</li><li>• Low-cost, accessible events to support mental health and wellbeing.</li></ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Monica to compile DAC feedback and submit to Arts &amp; Culture team.</p>
6.	<p><b>International Day of Persons with Disabilities</b></p> <p>Theme was announced <i>"Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress."</i></p> <p>Calendar of events to celebrate IDPwD that is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December every year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March for 16 Days of Activism (25 Nov)</li><li>• Andrew Fuller keynote &amp; panel (27 Nov)</li><li>• All Abilities Day at Civic Reserve (3 Dec)</li><li>• Auslan Storytime at Rosebud Library (4 Dec)</li><li>• Music on the Hill and Inclusive Songwriting workshop (5 Dec)</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BAM ARTS Open Studio (6 Dec)</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Monica to distribute E-bulletin and event flyers to DAC members.</p>
7.	<p><b>Ongoing Membership and Chair and Deputy Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karen Ford and Michelle Cheers re-nominated as Chair and Deputy Chair for 2026.</li> <li>Ongoing membership confirmed; new industry representative from Abacus joining in 2026.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>General Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion on improving visibility and communications for DAC events (social media, signage, radio opportunities).</li> <li>Suggestion to explore a Disability Awareness Week or festival in 2026.</li> <li>Advocacy for portable ramps and universal design in public spaces.</li> <li>Public Amenities Strategy delayed; consultation expected early 2026.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Current Projects - Shape Platform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Somerville Recreation Reserve Master Plan – closes 3 Dec.</li> <li>Dromana Shared Pathway – closes 24 Nov.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arts, Culture &amp; Events Plan – closes 24 Nov.</li><li>• Crib Point Pool Mural Project – closes 5 Dec</li><li>• Lease &amp; Licence Policy – closes 14 Dec.</li></ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Members encouraged to provide feedback before closing dates.</p>
11.	<p><b>Meeting Closed:</b> 3:05pm</p>
12.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> End of year celebration Safety Beach Sailing Club</p>

## End of year celebration

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

12pm-2.30pm

Safety Beach Sailing Club

Invitation to follow