

Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Date:	Monday 20 November 2023
Time:	9.30 – 11.30am
Place:	Community Disaster Education Coordination Centre, Vernon Street, Atherton.

Attendance						
Name	Role	Present	Apologie s			
Councillor Peter Hodge	TRC (Tablelands Regional Council)	✓				
Georgina Breeuwer	TRC (Secretary)	✓				
Michael Trimble	Breakthru	✓				
Akpene Attakey	Better Together	✓				
David Jones	U3A		✓			
Louise Anderson- Clemence	STEPS Peer Support Leader	✓				
Carrie De Brueys	Tableland Community Link		✓			
Melitta Lewis	Disability Support Coordinator		✓			
Belinda Moore	ECHO	✓				
Jess Clauss	TRC Trainee	✓				
Marcela Fischer	Ethnic Communities Council of Qld		✓			
Leeanne Strathooles	Community Member	✓				
Sandra Walden Pearson	Guest speaker	✓				
Julia Moncrieff	Right at Home aged care provider	✓				
Mary Mahoney	David Osbourne Proxy U3A	✓				
Darren Hughes	Community member	✓				
Leona Hallam	l'ara	✓				

Description			
MEETING OPEN			
Meeting Open at 9:30am by Councillor Hodge			
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY			
Delivered by Councillor Hodge			
We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Tablelands region and recognise their continuing connection to country. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future.			
APOLOGIES			
Attendance and apologies recorded above			
WELCOME GUESTS			
Sandra Walden Pearson (Guest Speaker)			
 Leona Hallam – l'ara disability provider Darren Hughes – Lived Experience 			

• Julia Moncrieff – Right at Home aged care provider Mary Mahoney (U3A proxy) 5 **PREVIOUS MINUTES FROM MEETING 14 AUGUST 2023** Motion carried: Belinda Moore Seconded: Akpene Attakey "That the minutes of the Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 August 2023 be confirmed as true and correct." 6 **MATTERS ARISING** Disability Gateway materials provided to committee members Mission Australia Inclusion Advisory Committee Monday 21 August meeting Georgina attended to support group in understanding IAC processes Surrounding Councils of the Tablelands have contacted Georgina Breeuwer (Community Development Officer) in acknowledgment of the achievements of the Tablelands • Jodie Bjorkstein has resigned from Mission Australia Georgina will check in with Cairns Regional Council and provide support where possible for the committee **Inclusion Advisory Committee membership** Karen Amato & Tim Pianta have resigned as committee members. There are currently 3 vacancies in the Inclusion Advisory Committee. Darren Hughes has forwarded an application and interested other 2 parties A balance between lived experience and organisations in the committee is desired 7 **GUEST TOPIC: COACHING RETIREES** Sandra Walden Pearson Preparing beforehand for retirement, financial, mental, physical, wellbeing to work proactively for/towards retirement 25-30 certified retirement coaches in whole of Australia Retirees require a service and yet unable to get it 8 hours dedicated 1 hour a week over 8 weeks Coaching plan after 8 weeks and legacy book 8 **DISABILITY EXPO** Mission Australia have no plans for another expo Committee had a show of hands and there is a strong interest in expo Georgina advised this would be a collaboration Mission Australia funded the 2023 Disability Expo An appetite for a 2024 Disability Expo in May from providers and consumers was agreed upon.

Vote of committee – unanimous

Action: Georgina to go out for EOI to be part of steering committee

9 MAKING BUSINESS BETTER

Project mapping and training completed

- Spinal Life delivered training and mapping across the region. Ravenshoe,
 Millaa Millaa, Herberton, Malanda, Yungaburra, Tolga, Atherton, Herberton
 Historical Village, Tinaroo Foreshore were mapped.
- 22 attended Realistic Race
- There was a range of activities/challenges such as decoding braille, ordering coffee without speaking, using different mobility aids such as canes and wheelchairs.
- Shops and organisations can be reviewed on the Accessible Australia https://www.accessibleaustralia.com.au/pois
- 12 attended Accessible Australia Training

Action: Georgina will advise when project product is delivered and available on the website

10 AGE-FRIENDLY STRATEGY

Regional Ageing Well Forums small attendance

- Seniors Month was delivered through the funding of the Inclusion Advisory Committee.
- Akpene Attakey Care Finder, Nurse Navigators, representatives of ECHO,
 Better Together and Cairns Legal Centre attended the Ageing Well
 Forums as panel speakers.
- The sessions ran for 2.5 hours at Yungaburra, Malanda, Ravenshoe, Herberton and Atherton. There was a minimum of 5 to 12 participants in the smaller towns and 47 in Atherton
- Each participant received kits for ageing well and some took more for their friends who didn't attend

Ageing Well Expo

- 120 people visited
- Potential new date for the Ageing Well Expo as October is very hot
- There was some confusion between the Expo and the Ageing Well Forum
- The forums may be moved back to Advanced Care Planning week in March as there are many events occurring in October

Dying to Know Day August 8

May suit date for expo

	Conversations about preparing for end of life could be a delivery for IAC
11	 DISABILITY ACTION WEEK AND INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABILITY Disability Action Week 25 November - 2 December International Day of Disability 3 December Georgina delivering the P-CEP workshop in collaboration with Sarah Dean (TRC Senior Advisor Emergency Management) on the 27th and 28th Novembers at the Grove and the Hive. The workshop is free and lunch is provided Individuals will complete their plan including their needs and what they have in place to respond in case of an emergency. The University of Sydney gave permission for the P-CEP workbooks to be reprinted and used by the Tablelands Regional Council. Sarah funded printing of 2000 workbooks P-CEP was developed with QDN and those with lived experience. QDN has delivered training in the Tablelands and are offering peer training ACTION: Georgina will send out information on QDN peer training to the committee
12	CELEBRATING INCLUSION IN THE NEWS: Media Release: Construction start to make rail travel more accessible to everybody Park for all opens with a big splash Nov 1 Edition of The Express • Congratulations to Lachlan Farquharson for the opening the Lake Tinaroo Holiday park, public can attend with a day pass by booking a campsite Sailing club pleads with council over costs to expand toilets • Sailing club applied for a grant for the addition of 10 toilets and showers, council has given full support.
13	MEDIA Article on Older Australians struggling to afford health care and dentistry
14	GENERAL BUSINESS ECHO – Preparing for Christmas, hamper applications open for anyone facing hardship. Community Garden now on Monday morning, looking for more volunteers - inclusive and accessible. U3A – road to U3A building is needed some repairs and have approached Council. Fees have been raised from \$30 to \$35. Brain Injury Group – Brain injury awareness week was 19-25 Aug. Next meeting is on 8 December at Kairi Pub. Boxing academy has received donations and

made a section at gym where clothing and suits and some other sorted items are available for free. Boxing does some rehabilitation in exercise, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday 9:30am parents and babies, 11am adults class, 3:30pm (5 to 12 years) children's fitness, 5:30 boxing technique, 6:30pm normal fitness and boxing technique, Monday and Friday 6:30pm fitness and Muay Thai **Breakthru** – Breaking Grounds Café is fully accessible for both employees and customers with a 100% disability employment rate. The café is located in New South Wales and is intended to be replicated at another location.

Better Together - The new Better Together centre is having an opening event Friday 24/11/2023 starting at 10apm on Robert Street (next to Atherton library) **Right at Home** - Recently purchased the new RSL building and moved in last week. Meal prepping for all those in need as well as being a day respite centre, will also support the ageing. Is sensitive to the community that has lost the RSL.

l'ara – Everyone is welcome to come, 14th December 8:30am start, 26A Main Street, Georgie to send out Leanne email mailing list

Darren - Has been assigned Project Manager by Herberton Tourism and Business Association to develop the courthouse into a viewing museum. Approaching Council for accessible parking at the front of the building which is a TRC road. We are applying for \$150,000 grant to pave an accessible parking lot and pathway along the fence of the Herberton Courthouse and Police Station.

Next Meeting	Proposed 2024 meetings move to Tuesday mornings.			
	Dates proposed:			
	 Best time/day for members – Tuesday mornings 9.00 - 11.00am, 1st week of month. Dates put forward 13 Feb, 9 April, 11 June, 10 Sep, 12th Nov. 			
	Moved: Michael Trimble Seconded: Akpene Attakey			
Meeting Close	Meeting closed by Councillor Hodge at 11:35am			

Action Items									
Date	No.	Action	Responsibility	Completed					
20/11/2023	1	Go out for EOI to be part of steering	Georgina						
		committee	Breeuwer						
20/11/2023	2	Advise when project product is delivered and	Georgina						
		available on the website	Breeuwer						
20/11/2023	∣ ≺	Send information on QDN peer training to	Georgina						
20/11/2023		the committee	Breeuwer						