



ACCESS AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**1 March 2012
9.19AM**

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rescission motion passed by Council

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REPORT OF THE ACCESS AND EQUITY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON ON THURSDAY 1 MARCH 2012 COMMENCING AT 9.19AM

1 PRESENT

Members Present

Deputy Mayor, Councillor R A Swadling (Chairperson)

The Mayor, Councillor B N Carter

Mr B Cooke

Ms A De Vries

Mr D Ryan

Officers

Mrs C Houghton – Strategic Manager Community Development and Culture

Ms L Dobson – Committee Support Officer

2 APOLOGIES

Councillor S J Schwarten

Councillor S M O'Brien

Mr M Shearer

Mr R Thompson

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes, as circulated, of the Ordinary Meeting of the Access and Equity Committee, held on November 24 2011

[Minutes November 24 2011 Access and Access and Equity](#)

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Access and Equity Committee, held on November 24 2011 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

Moved by: Mr Ben Cooke

Seconded by: Councillor Carter

MOTION CARRIED

(Please refer to separate Minutes document)

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5 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Request	Date	Report Relating to Request	Description of Request	Responsible Officer	Delegated Officer	Due Date
Resolution	26/05/2011	Community Plan Workshop - 'Unity in the Community'	Members promote the workshop through their networks and identifying the suit of opportunities available to allow people to oarticipate and that a letter be forward to the various agencies to assist in engaging people who may not other wise take the option to participate in the engagement process	General Manager Community Services		
Resolution	24/11/2011	Safety Access of Yeppoon Central Shopping Centre	That Ray Thompson from Capricorn Coast Access Group supply the relevant information from John Mayo in regards to the safety access of the Yeppoon Central shopping centre and is seeking Council to respond in relation to this ongoing issue	General Manager Community Services		
Resolution	24/11/2011	Rockhampton Community Access & Equity Group Meeting Minutes 14 September 2011	That a representative from the ADCQ be invited to attend the next Access and Equity Committee Meeting in regards to the access of live entertainment areas	General Manager Community Services	Strategic Manager Community Development and Culture	16/02/2012
Resolution	1/03/2012	Policy for equitable Access and Social inclusion feedback	That the Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the report be received and members provide feedback on the draft policy being developed.	General Manager Community Services		

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

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7 OFFICERS REPORTS

7.1 General

7.1.1 Policy for Equitable Access and Social Inclusion Feedback

File No: 8315

Attachments: [Policy Access & Equity Policy.doc](#)

Responsible Officer: Michael Rowe
Acting General Manager Community Services

Author: Cheryl Haughton
Strategic Manager Community Development and Culture

Proposed Meeting Date: 1 March 2012

SUMMARY

Council is in the process of developing a new policy for Equitable Access and Social Inclusion, and is seeking feedback from the Advisory Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the report be received and members provide feedback on the draft policy being developed.

Moved by: Mr Ben Cooke
Seconded by: Ms Andrea DeVries
MOTION CARRIED

COMMENTARY

Council is committed to building a more inclusive community by enhancing access to its services and facilities, and overcoming barriers to participation and inclusion in community life.

As part of this commitment Council has developed the Access and Equity framework, with a structure involving local community reference groups and a formal Advisory Committee to make recommendations to Council for action.

It is now looking to develop a policy to underpin its commitment. The policy will formally articulate Council's values and direction in relation to access and social inclusion.

Following the adoption of the policy an Action Plan will be developed to detail the strategies that will be used to allow Council to meet legislative requirements and deliver on its commitment.

A first draft of the policy has been developed and the attached copy is provided for consideration by the Advisory Committee.

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8 STRATEGIC REPORTS

8.1 General

8.1.1 Queensland Government's Carer Action Plan 2011-14

File No: 2431

Attachments: [Queensland Government Carer Action Plan 2011-14](#)
[Queensland Carer Action Plan 2011-14.pdf](#)

Responsible Officer: Michael Rowe
Acting General Manager Community Services

Author: Cheryl Haughton
Strategic Manager Community Development
and Culture

Proposed Meeting Date: 1 March 2012

SUMMARY

A copy of the Queensland Government's Carer Action Plan 2011-14 is provided for the information of Committee members.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Advisory committee recommends to Council that the report be received.

Moved by: Councillor Carter
Seconded by: Mr Ben Cooke
MOTION CARRIED

COMMENTARY

Recognising the contribution that carers make to the people they care for and the broader community, the Queensland Government has adopted a new Carer Action Plan 2011-14.

The plan builds on the work achieved through the previous plan and is based on three areas:

- recognition and respect for carers
- support for carers
- carers participation

It is informed by priorities in both State and National Disability and Carers Strategies and the Productivity Commission report 'Disability Care and Support', and links with other government reforms and legislation.

It is estimated that about 500,000 people or approximately 11% of the State's population are undertaking some form of role as a carer of a person with a disability and the plan is designed to recognize and support these people.

A copy of the plan is attached for the information of Committee members.

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8.1.2 Capricorn Coast Access and Equity Advisory Committee

File No: 8315

Attachments: [Minutes of Yeppoon Access and Equity Community Reference Group 6 December 2011](#)
[Yeppoon Access & Equity Community Reference Group minutes 6 December ...](#)

Responsible Officer: Michael Rowe
Acting General Manager Community Services

Author: Cheryl Haughton
Strategic Manager Community Development and Culture

Proposed Meeting Date: 1 March 2012

SUMMARY

Minutes of the meeting of the Capricorn Coast Access and Equity Reference Group are attached for the information of members.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the minutes be received and endorse the name of Capricorn Coast Access and Equity Reference Group.

Moved by: Mr Des Ryan
Seconded by: Councillor Carter
MOTION CARRIED

COMMENTARY

The Capricorn Coast Access and Equity Reference Group held its meeting on 6 December 2011.

The minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of Advisory Committee members.

8.1.3 Mount Morgan Access and Equity Advisory Committee

File No: 8315

Attachments: [Minutes of Mount Morgan Access and Equity Community Reference Group 22 December 2011](#)
[Mount Morgan Community Access & Equity Reference Group Minutes 22 Dece...](#)

Responsible Officer: Michael Rowe
Acting General Manager Community Services

Author: Cheryl Haughton
Strategic Manager Community Development and Culture

Proposed Meeting Date: 1 March 2012

SUMMARY

Minutes of the meeting of the Mount Morgan Access and Equity Reference Group are attached for the information of members.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the minutes of the Mount Morgan Access and Equity Reference Group be received.

Moved by: Ms Andrea DeVries

Seconded by: Councillor Carter

MOTION CARRIED

COMMENTARY

The Mount Morgan Access and Equity Reference Group held its meeting on 22 December 2011.

The minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of Advisory Committee members.

8.1.4 Rockhampton Access and Equity Advisory Committee

File No: 8315

Attachments: [Minutes of Rockhampton Access and Equity Community Reference Group 14 December 2011](#)
[Rockhampton Community Access & Equity Reference Group Minutes 14 Decem...](#)

Responsible Officer: Michael Rowe
Acting General Manager Community Services

Author: Cheryl Haughton
Strategic Manager Community Development
and Culture

Proposed Meeting Date: 1 March 2012

SUMMARY

Minutes of the meeting of the Rockhampton Community Access and Equity Community Reference Group are attached for the information of the members.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the minutes of the Rockhampton Community Access and Equity Community Reference Group be received.

Moved by: Mr Des Ryan

Seconded by: Mr Ben Cooke

MOTION CARRIED

COMMENTARY

The Rockhampton Access and Equity Reference Group held its meeting on 14 December 2011.

The minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Advisory Committee members.

9 URGENT BUSINESS / QUESTIONS

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10 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.44am

COUNCILLOR R A SWADLING
CHAIRPERSON

DATE

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