



Inclusive Communities Advisory Committee UNCONFIRMED MINUTES REPORT

Tuesday, 16 May 2023

9.38 AM

at Cluden Park

Opening of Meeting and Announcement of Visitors

The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney opened the meeting at 9.38 am.

Present

Members

Councillor Liam Mooney - Chair	Townsville City Council
Councillor Margie Ryder	Townsville City Council
Robyn Moore	CORES
Sandra Elton	North Townsville Community Hub Inc (NOTCH)
Anne Hebert	Queensland Human Rights Commission
Maria Hutton	Spinal Life Australia
Vicki Trevanion	Townsville Region Committee on the Ageing
Cayley Downey	Community representative
Brenton Creed	Community representative
Teresa Hudson	Community Information Centre

TCC Staff

Chris Jensen – Acting Meeting Facilitator Senior Social Planner

Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the Wulgurukaba of Gurambilbarra and Yunbenun, Bindal, Gugu Badhun and Nywaigi as the Traditional Owners of this land. We pay our respects to their cultures, their ancestors, and their Elders – past and present – and all future generations.

Apologies

Representative Sharleen Irvine Representative Megan Keown	Townsville Community Law Community representative Shed 3 Defence Member and Family Support (DMFS) North Queensland
Donna Jackson Marita Akee	Principal – Inclusive Communities Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Not in attendance

Stephanie Naunton	Unify Intercultural Australia
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Disclosure of Interests and Confidentiality - Statement by Acting Meeting Facilitator

The Acting Meeting Facilitator reminded councillors and committee members of their obligations for confidentiality and disclosing declarable conflicts of interest and prescribed conflicts of interest for items on the agenda.

Disclosure of Interests

- (i) Item 2 – (Declarable) conflict of interest – Councillor Margie Ryder – “I sit on the management committee of Volunteering North Queensland.”

Councillor Ryder advised that she will not be vacating the meeting as she will be presenting on Volunteering North Queensland's behalf.

The Committee did not have any concerns with this.

Correspondence received

- (i) Ricky Esterguest, (Towards Better) and Matthew Higgins (community representative) have resigned from this Committee.

The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney thanked Ricky and Matthew for their time on this Committee and expressed that their input was greatly appreciated.

Councillor Mooney requested the Committee members to, before the next committee meeting, forward any suggestions you may have for the (2) new committee members to Donna Jackson (Principal Inclusive Communities) and himself.

- (ii) Tracey Wise of the Queensland Human Rights Commission advised that Anne Hebert will be joining the Committee for the rest of the term.

The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney welcomed Anne and thanked Anne for joining the Committee.

- (iii) Townsville Community Law advised that Jane Andreassen has resigned from Townsville Community Law and that they are still confirming the new representative for this Committee.

Confirm Quorum

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Advisory Committee Meeting

It was MOVED by Brenton Creed, SECONDED by Sandra Elton:

“that the minutes of the Inclusive Communities Advisory Committee meeting held 21 March 2023 be confirmed.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Register update

The Acting Meeting Facilitator and the Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney provided an update on the Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Register (attachment 1) which included the following:

- 8** The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney advised that he has sent the letter to the Townsville Bulletin and that he will be asking for a reply.

Meeting Action

Councillor Mooney to forward a copy of the letter to the Committee members.

- 9** The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney sought feedback from the Committee on progression of the LGBTIQ+ focussed discussion Working Group.

The Committee provided feedback / discussed.

Meeting Actions

1. That a meeting be scheduled in the next month for the LGBTIQ+ focussed discussion Working Group.
2. That suggested guests for the Working Group be forwarded to Councillor Mooney.
3. Councillor Mooney to invite the Youth Council to the Working Group.
4. Councillor Mooney requested Brenton Creed to provide a summary to the next Committee meeting on the LGBTIQ+ Leadership Summit he will be attending in Melbourne on 30-31 May.

Agenda items

1 Membership Update

The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney advised that St Vincent de Paul have been unable to attend multiple meetings of this Committee and have not been able to supply apologies, therefore, they have been removed from the Committee for the remainder of this term.

Teresa Hudson took a seat at the meeting during the following item.

2 Volunteering North Queensland – Breaking down the barriers with volunteering

Councillor Margie Ryder provided a verbal presentation on an overview/update of Volunteering North Queensland including an overview of a survey being undertaken.

The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney congratulated Councillor Margie Ryder and Volunteering North Queensland on where they have managed to get to so far.

3 Committee discussion – Agenda submission item 15 - Determine the level of community demand for public toilets in Anderson Gardens, Palmetum and Belgian Gardens Cemetery

The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney provided data on bookings for Anderson Gardens, the Palmetum and the Belgian Gardens Cemetery and sought feedback from the Committee.

The Committee discussed / provided feedback on the matter of determining the level of community demand for public toilets in Anderson Gardens, the Palmetum and the Belgian Gardens Cemetery

Meeting Actions

1. That a *Have Your Say* survey be created to understand the priorities in Council's public spaces (ie if public toilets in Anderson Gardens, the Palmetum and Belgian Gardens Cemetery is a priority for the community).
2. That the Committee members be requested to provide questions for the *Have Your Say* survey regarding priorities in Council's public spaces ie public toilets.
3. Councillor Mooney to forward to the Committee members the Council data on bookings.

General Business

(i) LGBTIQ+ Leadership Summit

Brenton Creed advised that he will be attending the upcoming LGBTIQ+ Leadership Summit in Melbourne.

(ii) Mabo Oration

Anne Hebert advised that the Queensland Human Rights Commission with QPAC are hosting the Mabo Oration in Townsville on 2 June 2023.

(iii) Beach chairs

Cayley Downey raised the issue of the beach chairs.

The Committee discussed this issue.

Meeting Action

The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney requested Cayley Downey to present at the next Committee meeting on the situation on Magnetic Island with regard to the beach chair.

(iv) Story of inclusion

Sandra Elton shared a story of inclusion that happened recently.

(v) Suggested Committee members

Councillor Margie Ryder requested consideration be given to Volunteering North Queensland to come back as a member of this Committee. Councillor Ryder provided the background for this request.

Two other suggestions for Committee members were also raised by Teresa Hudson.

The Committee discussed this matter.

Meeting Action

The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney advised that he will liaise with the Principal – Inclusive Communities with regard to the potential Committee members.

(vi) Request to install an accessible drinking water feature

Maria Hutton requested that an accessible water bubbler be installed on The Strand and/or at Riverway.

Committee Recommendation

Investigate an accessible drinking water feature to be installed.

(vii) Free training by CORES Qld

Robyn Moore highlighted the free training being provided by CORES Qld on suicide intervention.

(viii) Petition on issues with disability parking and disability seating at Queensland Country Bank Stadium

Vicki Trevanion advised of issues with regard to disability parking and disability seating at the Queensland Country Bank Stadium and advised that a petition is being organised.

The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney and Councillor Margie Ryder provided advice on petitions.

Confirmation of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18 July 2023.

Close of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney closed the meeting at 11.19 am.

**COUNCILLOR LIAM MOONEY
CHAIR**

Attachments

Attachment 1 – ICAC Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Register

Attachment 2 - ICAC 2023 Meeting Schedule

Attachment 1 -ICAC Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Register - 2021 - 2024

Action Item No.	Agenda Submission / Meeting Action	Item	Action to be taken	Advisory Committee Meeting date	Responsible Officer	Outcome
6	Agenda Submission	LGBTIQ+ Strategy - Seeking a recommendation for consideration by Council for TCC to develop and implement a four-year LGBTIQ+ Strategy outlining a plan to drive equality and inclusion for Townsville's diverse LGBTIQ+ communities (the outcome); and, that Townsville City Council make a commitment that LGBTIQ+ voices will be central to the design of the LGBTIQ+ Strategy; prioritising collaboration and empowerment (the process).	Establishment of LGBTIQ+ focussed discussion Working Group. Refer to item 9 of the Agenda Submission and Meeting Action Items Register.	7/07/2022	Meeting Facilitator	OPEN - has not progressed Agenda item for ICAC meeting 7/7/2022. UPDATE 21/3/2023 - This item was held over.
8	Committee Recommendation	Guest Speakers (a)	"That the Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney reach out to the Townsville Bulletin on behalf of the Inclusive Communities and provide awareness/education on the negative impacts of their reporting on the	7/07/2022	Councillor Liam Mooney	ACTIVE: Update 15/11/2022 - discussed at ICAC meeting. Update 21/3/2023 - ICAC Chair tabled draft letter at ICAC meeting for feedback. MEETING ACTION 21/3/2023: Letter to be distributed by email to ICAC

			LGBTIQ+ community			members for further comment. MEETING ACTION 16/5/2023: Councillor Mooney to forward a copy of the letter to the Committee members.
9	Meeting Action	Establishment of LGBTIQ+ focussed discussion Working Group	connected to item 6 - The Meeting Facilitator to email Committee members seeking nominations to be on the working group.	7/07/2022	Meeting Facilitator	OPEN - has not progressed MEETING ACTIONS 16.5.2023: 1. That a meeting be scheduled in the next month for the LGBTIQ+ focussed discussion Working Group. 2. That suggested guests for the Working Group be forwarded to Councillor Mooney. 3. Councillor Mooney to invite the Youth Council to the Working Group. 4. Councillor Mooney requested Brenton Creed to provide a summary to the next Committee meeting on the LGBTIQ+ Leadership Summit he will be attending in Melbourne on 30-31 May.
10	Agenda Submission	Townsville and Thuringowa Australian Early Development Census 2021 data	Queensland Education would like to share the Townsville and Thuringowa data to the advisory group, highlighting area of high	1/09/2022		ACTIVE: Agenda item for 2023 Update 21/3/2023 - This item was held over. Update 2/5/2023 - invited to

			vulnerability..			18 July ICAC meeting
13	Recommendation for Councils Consideration	Item 3 Round table discussion The committee discussed accessibility issues for amenities and noted that Council's current accessibility guide was 5 years old.	"that Council scope and research current information and tools available, to inform a review and update of Council's inclusive access guide."	14/11/2022	Meeting Facilitator	ACTIVE: Update 21/3/2023 - Council agreed to the Inclusive Communities Advisory Committee's recommendation at the Ordinary Council meeting on 25 January 2023, and the review will be discussed at Item 2 of today's meeting. Update 14/3/2023 - further discussed to inform project scope at ICAC meeting. Council operations will return future updates as project progresses.
14	Recommendation for Councils consideration	Item 3 Round table discussion The committee discussed accessibility issues for events, including parking, access and seating arrangements.	"that Council scope and research with the intent to engage an accessibility consultant to produce an inclusive events framework (for outdoor temporary events)."	14/11/2022	Meeting Facilitator	ACTIVE Update 21/3/2023 - It was decided at the Ordinary Council meeting on 25 January 2023 for the matter to be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration and a report be provided to Council. The Meeting Facilitator has

						undertaken preliminary discussions with key stakeholders within Council, and noted that a lot of changes were currently taking place in the industry in relation to this issue. The Meeting Facilitator will return updates on this item to the Committee as project progresses.
15	Meeting Action	General Business - Anderson Gardens and Palmetum toilets	The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney, to investigate the status of toilet facilities in Anderson Gardens and Palmetum and report back to the committee.	14/11/2022	ICAC Chairperson	Update 21/3/2023 - The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney, reported that the lack of public toilet blocks at Anderson Gardens and the Palmetum was due to the proximity of toilets at the Kokoda Memorial Pool and Tumbetin Lodge. Item further discussed at the March ICAC meeting - see Meeting Minutes. 21/3/2023 - Meeting Actions: 1) Determine the level of community demand for public toilets in Anderson Gardens, Palmetum and the Belgian Gardens Cemetery: a. Councillor Liam Mooney to request available data from Council staff in relation to bookings or user

						<p>groups at Anderson Gardens, Palmetum and the Belgian Gardens Cemetery.</p> <p>b. Committee members to identify any user groups for Anderson Gardens, Palmetum or the Belgian Gardens Cemetery and ask if they would support a request for public toilets at these locations.</p> <p>c. The Community Information Centre to review their database of community groups for any that use Anderson Gardens or Palmetum, and email them to ask if they would support a request for public toilets at these locations.</p>
16	Meeting Action	General Business - Townsville Enterprise invitation	The Meeting Facilitator to invite a Townsville Enterprise representative to talk to the committee about the designated area migration agreement.	14/11/2022	Meeting Facilitator	<p>ACTIVE</p> <p>Update 21/3/2023 - This item was held over.</p> <p>Update 2/5/2023 - contact made with TEL to invite to a future ICAC meeting.</p>

21	Meeting Action	Review and Update of Council's Inclusive Access Guide	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Liam Mooney to provide a link to the current (2015) Inclusive Access Guide. 2. The Meeting Facilitator to invite the Department of Transport and Main Roads to present information on the Townsville Mobility Strategy. 	21/03/2023	Meeting Facilitator	<p>ACTIVE Update 2/5/2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. document shared by email 2/5/2023 2. Senior Social Planner supporting connection of information with TMR
22	Meeting Action	Committee discussion – Agenda submission item 15 - Determine the level of community demand for public toilets in Anderson Gardens, Palmetum and Belgian Gardens Cemetery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That a <i>Have Your Say</i> survey be created to understand the priorities in Council's public spaces (ie if public toilets in Anderson Gardens, the Palmetum and Belgian Gardens Cemetery is a priority for the community). 2. That the Committee members be requested to provide questions for the <i>Have Your Say</i> survey regarding priorities in Council's public spaces ie public toilets. 3. Councillor Mooney to forward to the Committee members the Council data on bookings. 	16/05/2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. and 2. Meeting Facilitator 3. Councillor Liam Mooney 	
23	Meeting Action	General Business – Beach chairs	The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney requested Cayley Downey to present at the next Committee meeting on the	16/05/2023	Meeting Facilitator	

			situation on Magnetic Island with regard to the beach chair.			
24	Meeting Action	General Business - Suggested Committee members	The Chair, Councillor Liam Mooney advised that he will liaise with the Principal – Inclusive Communities with regard to the potential Committee members.	16/05/2023	Councillor Liam Mooney	
25	Committee Recommendation	General Business - Request to install an accessible drinking water feature	Investigate an accessible drinking water bubbler to be installed.	16/05/2023	Meeting Facilitator	

Attachment 2 - ICAC Meeting Schedule 2023

Month	Date	Time	Location
March	Tues 21/3/2023	9.30am – 11.30am	Civic Theatre, C2
May	Tues 16/5/2023	9.30am – 11.30am	Cluden Park
July	Tues 18/7/2023	9.30am – 11.30am	Mayor's Reception Room, 103 Walker Street
September	Tues 19/9/2023	9.30am – 11.30am	To be confirmed
November	Tues 21/11/2023	9.30am – 11.30am	To be confirmed