

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 6 June 2024

**Time:** 10am - 12pm

**Venue:** Level 1, Council Chambers, 12 Stewart Ave, Newcastle West

**Meeting Objective:** To provide advice and guidance in the application of planning instruments that prioritise access, social inclusion and overcoming discriminatory impediments to promote a highly accessible, inclusive and welcoming community that respects independence and human dignity.

### 1. Welcome

#### Committee Members Present

Cr Margaret Wood	Councillor, City of Newcastle (Co-Chair)
Cr Dr Elizabeth Adamczyk	Councillor, City of Newcastle
Cr Katrina Wark	Councillor, City of Newcastle
Lynn Duffy	Executive Manager Community & Recreation (Facilitator), City of Newcastle
Chad Ramage	Accessibility in the City
Ben Moxey	Community Representative
Lindsay Gardner	Community Representative
Stewart MacLennan	Community Representative
Petria Jukes	Community Planning & Development Manager, City of Newcastle
Steven Warham	Community Development Facilitator, City of Newcastle
Leonie Ayrton	Acting Community and Recreation Operations Officer, City of Newcastle

#### Apologies

Cr Nuatali Nelmes	Lord Mayor, City of Newcastle
Andrew Vodic	CDAH (Co-Chair)
Patrick Bellamy	Clear Sky
Sandra Irons	Community Representative

#### Guests:

Alexander Goodwin	City of Newcastle, Accessibility Inclusion, Diversity and Equity guest
Nadene Watts	City of Newcastle, Accessibility Inclusion, Diversity and Equity guest
Nick Kaiser	City of Newcastle, Executive Manager Media Engagement Economy & Corporate Affairs
Georgia Lazzari	City of Newcastle, Destination & Economy Manager
Ryan Tranter	City of Newcastle, Interim Executive Manager - Transport & Regulation
Lisa Davis	City of Newcastle, Social Planner

## 1. Welcome

### 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

An acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

### 1.2 Apologies

The Committee acknowledged apologies from Lord Mayor Cr Nuatali Nelmes, Andrew Vodic, Patrick Bellamy and Sandra Irons.

### 1.3 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts declared.

## 2. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the AIAC meeting held on 3 April 2024 were confirmed as a true and accurate recording of the meeting. Committee members accepted the minutes.

## 3. Accessible Tourism Project Update - Nick Kaiser and Georgia Lazzari

Nick Kaiser and Georgia Lazzari provided an update on the project. Multiple conversations are taking place to make Newcastle a more accessible and inclusive destination. The work CN is doing is intended to complement and amplify the work the Newcastle Tourism Group and the Business Improvement Association are also doing. CN have onboarded the Melbourne based Access Agency, whose CEO is Ryan Smith who has lived experience. Access Agency has worked with many government departments.

There are two components to this project:

1. Develop a benchmarking framework considering a combination of legislative and user components.
2. Conduct an audit of key venues and experiences through an expression of interest. (accommodation, food and beverage, bespoke hospitality and general facilities public spaces). Cr Adamczyk flagged many Newcastle businesses in Newcastle feel they offer those types of products or services and can we ensure when the EOIs are assessed there is a depth of business captured in the successful EOIs.

## 4. Newcastle 2040

Alex Goodwin presented an update on Newcastle 2040, covering framework, vision, commitments, engagement and key dates.

Review process undertaken every 4 years to assess how effective the CSP is in achieving its objectives in line with the local government election cycle. This review will help identify the community's current vision, aspirations, and priorities.

In 2021 we heard the community vision is to create a livable, sustainable, inclusive global city which was shaped by more than 5000 pieces of feedback. Now checking back in with our community to see if we are on track to achieve this vision along with if the themes, priorities and objectives set are still important.

The consultation period is 6 May to 5 July and a communication and engagement plan has been developed to support this. Several pop-ups have been scheduled, a medial release was published along with a video posted on social media.

The whole review process will span over 14 months including internal engagement. Key Dates - engagement for draft CSP - May to 5 July, develop draft CSP - August 2024 to January 2025, public exhibition of draft CSP - Mar to April 2025 and adoption of final CSP - June 2025.

Cr Wood encouraged the committee to review materials and absorb key points. Cr Wood asked the committee for feedback on how to engage deeper community. Suggestions included leveraging social media, direct contact with identified community groups and NDIS support workers and other approaches. The committee suggested a specific approach to reach community by 'going to them as they can't always come to us'. The social strategy was a different type of engagement model, very strategic and this model should be standardized.

**ACTION:** Petria added digital campaign may be targeting those groups, can get corporate team to check. AIAC suggests we check on the in-person outreach, going to people in real time as well as social media. AIAC suggests a strategic proposal for community engagement as something to be adopted across all campaigns.

## **5. Walking and Mobility Plan**

Ryan Tranter provided an updated on the Walking and Mobility Plan. The draft plan, 'On the Path', was circulated for review prior to the meeting. The Plan is currently text heavy and about to head through the graphic design process. The aim is to report to Council at the June meeting and community consultation following that.

This 10-year plan sets the vision, objectives and actions to support walking, pedestrian safety, and accessibility throughout the region. The intent of the plan aligns with state government and the Road User Space Allocation and has a 'human movement first' approach.

Community engagement included a range of public surveys resulting in 600+ submissions, 900 interactions on story mapping, workshops, stakeholder and committee engagement.

From feedback set four key themes included i) promote safety and prioritization of pedestrians, ii) support walking trips and destinations, iii) foster and celebrate walking in our communities, and iv) build and maintain walkable neighbourhoods. Each key theme has multiple action items.

Committee members discussed various themes such as walking etiquette, use of EV bikes and scooters on shared pathways, reporting of the plan and ongoing data management.

Cr Adamczyk called for committee to think about the title 'walking and rolling', is it reflective of inclusionary language, do we want that language, wanting other peoples experiences and opinions on that. Ryan advised that language is only on the lead page, plan does define in the first paragraph why we utilize the term walking.

Feedback on plan to be provided to Petria or can reach out to Ryan directly.

## **6. DIAP Progress CAMMS Reporting**

Lisa Davis updated the committee on DIAP's existing 35 actions now reported and progress monitored quarterly internally via CAMMS.

First quarter 2024 shows 35 actions in plan, 59 separate reports against the 35 actions with a high proportion showing progress being made. The migration to CAMMS reporting enables improved reporting and context for targeted discussions with service units.

Next stage actions are to provide staff further training, review and refinement of set targets and milestones for ongoing works.

Cr Wood commented that CAMMS is making people more accountable.

## **7. Count Us In**

Steve Warham provided an update on the festival. This year will be a shortened program, sport and recreation focus, building capacity and awareness of disability inclusive options and leverage the message of inclusion via sport.

The key aspects include inclusive sports forum, inclusive sports pitch event, come and try sports day, raising Paralympic flag and inclusive sports and recreation database.

Tentative program dates are 8-15 August. Event dates include 8 August flag raising / register call, 9 August come and try day, 13 August inclusive sports forum and 15 August inclusive sports pitch.

Cr Wood asked for the proposed program to be distributed to committee members and any questions be directed to Stephen and Petria.

## **8. General Business**

### **6.1 Follow up to forum on Digital Tourism**

Stewart provided a recap of Digital Guides for Tourists with Disabilities Forum in May. Many key speakers were included in the event and presentations from WheelEasy and BindiMaps. Another forum is scheduled for 8 August.

### **6.2 Sports Survey Update**

Survey questions have been completed and final version circulated.

### **6.3 Local Government Excellent Awards**

Community Planning team nominated for 'Count Us In' 2023 festival. Awards were held on 6 June 2024, with Petria, Stephen and Lynn attending to represent CN.

Final meeting scheduled for 1 August.

**Meeting closed:** 12:20 pm

**ACTIONS TABLE**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Status</b>
6 June	Newcastle 2040 CSP Update	Petria to discuss community engagement process with Corporate Planning and MEECA		