

**NOTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
53 HEREFORD STREET, Function Room, Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 10:00 am**

Present: Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB), Rachel Mullins (CCC Inclusive Communities), Philippa Cosgrove, Gail Payne (CCC) Paul Barclay, Pat Edmonds, Simon Templeton, Anna Mitchell, Shane McInore.

Apologies: Dayl Milne, Debbie Baker, Adele Wilkinson, Gaye Austin, Debra Edmonds.

Facilitator: Gail Payne

Previous Notes, Matters Arising:

It was agreed that regular Councillor and Community Board contact with the Disability Advisory Group is important to promote accessible inclusive solutions as the City rebuilds. In the New Year the DAG will meet regularly with Community Board members, and also present to Council Committees such as the Infrastructure, Transport, and Environment Committee, and the Social and Community Development Committee.

Ongoing discussion about mobility parking challenges, and the Access Aware App that allows you to report any mobility parking abuse; and to map mobility parks in your area. Simon Templeton explained his experience of the process and is successfully using the App. CCS Disability Action developed the Access Aware parking App with ThunderMaps. It is a pilot project in partnership with the Christchurch City Council and the Wellington City Council.

It was noted that Age Concern Canterbury's October Positive Ageing Expo had more than 3000 people in attendance. Feedback was very positive, and the recent evaluation of the Expo confirmed it achieved specific health promotion goals and outcomes both for the older adults attending, and for the NGOs who participate.

Rachel advised that the newly designed KiwiAble Leisure card will be distributed by the end of the year; and the next KiwiAble recreation network meeting is to be held on 13 November. At this stage eligibility criteria for the KiwiAble Card remain unchanged.

Shane outlined the services offered by People First, including their service to turn documents into an 'easy read' format. Both Auckland City Council and Hutt Valley Council have released some planning documents with an easy read option.

Pat explained the importance of standards for, and expansion of, Peer Support Services for people with Spinal Cord Injuries CSI. It was acknowledged that the impact and changes for family members, friends, workplaces and communities were significant when a person sustained a CSI, and adequate education and support for the person's wider networks and community were required.

Philippa was pleased to report that the reach of dementia awareness was extending into a wider network of community and health services.

Canterbury Accessibility Charter

The Council's Executive Leadership Team has endorsed the adoption of the Charter by the Christchurch City Council; and it will also be endorsed at a Council meeting. A multi-unit Council staff steering group will implement the Charter's principles and monitor progress within the Council, ensuring a collaborative best practice approach to accessibility issues.

Allison reported that the CDHB has endorsed the Charter.

The Charter will be launched by Barrier Free NZ Trust and the Earthquake Disability Leadership Group on 3rd November.

Tuuranga – New Central Library

The Council's Places and Spaces Manager, and the Central Library's Establishment Manager, discussed the Library's plans with the DAG members. Members gave lived experience advice about flooring surfaces, the importance of accessible wayfinding and signage, quiet spaces, accessibility challenges, and the many small things that can be considered to ensure the library is inclusive and meets the needs of all people in the city.

The Library team will return to the DAG in January.

General Business

There is work being undertaken (at a national level) how about how to understand the overlaps and similarities between the different 'community-friendly models'. Examples include: age-friendly, disability-friendly, dementia-friendly, youth-friendly, child-friendly, etc. It will be very useful to have a matrix to promote understanding and discussion.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 10:00 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street.