

Disability Advisory Committee



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Type	Advisory Committee
Purpose	To provide information, advice and guidance to Council at both a strategic and operational level on universal access and mainstream participation of people with disability and ongoing support to Council in ensuring that disability rights are integrated into the core business of Council.
Objectives	<p>The Committee may provide advice and be consulted on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of forums for the discussion of contemporary issues affecting the well-being of people with disabilities and their carers; • Any proposed strategies, programs, services and initiatives developed by all levels of Government and Non-Government Organisations to respond to access and inclusion issues; • Community development initiatives across the City of Yarra; • Systemic advocacy issues; • Development, implementation and review of Council's Access and Inclusion Policy and Strategy; • Review of Council's plans, strategies and policies; • Accessible and inclusive Council services, programs and events; • Council's major capital works and infrastructure; • Influence community attitude and perceptions
Membership	<p>Sixteen members, comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Councillors • Fourteen community representatives
Chair	The Chair shall be a Councillor appointed by the Committee at the first meeting in each Council year.
Selection Criteria	<p>As far as practicable the composition of the community members will reflect the widest access and inclusion perspectives of people with a disability , and their families and carers, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with disability from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait community; • People with disability from Culturally, Religiously and Linguistically Diverse (CRALD) backgrounds; • People with disability from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex (LGBTI) community; • People with disability from a variety of life stages. <p>Community representatives can be someone who resides, works, studies or receives services in Yarra.</p> <p>Community members will be eligible for selection if they;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a disability; or • Are a carer or a family member of a person with a disability; and • Have experience, knowledge and understanding of disability issues; and • Are able to represent the views of other Yarra residents with disability; and • Demonstrate ability to work effectively as a member of an Advisory Committee.

<p>Meeting arrangements</p>	<p>Up to ten meeting times per year (excluding informal meeting held in December).</p> <p>The co-chairs will consult with Committee members and officers to confirm the frequency of meetings from time to time, including the option of holding sub-committee meetings.</p> <p>Meetings shall be approximately two hours in length.</p>
<p>Departures from the Council Committees Policy</p>	<p>The following additional provisions apply to this Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The names of community members shall not be published on Council’s website unless specifically requested by that person. • Minutes of meetings shall not be published on Council’s website. Instead, a meeting summary shall be produced which will outline the subject matter discussed by the Committee. The meeting summary will not include private information about Committee members.