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COUNCIL APPROVES DISABILITY INCLUSION PLAN



COUNCIL UPDATE

The Devonport City Council last night adopted a Disability Inclusion Plan, which aims to ensure that the full range of Council information, services and facilities are available to all community members.

The Plan was developed by a working group comprising key disability advocates, service providers, the Liveable City Special Interest Group and community members.

The group reflected on community concerns and considered opportunities in line with the Plan's objectives, assets of the local community and budget options

It presented 37 actions grouped into the four focus areas of:

- Participation and inclusion
- Communication and awareness
- Buildings and facilities and;
- Parking and mobility.

Community feedback on the draft plan was invited with 44 responses received.

On average across the 37 actions, 96.57% of respondents were in agreement with what was proposed and, as a result, no variations to actions as listed in the draft Plan have been proposed.

The action plan will be reviewed annually with a full review to occur in 2025.

Based on 2016 census data, 1,984 Devonport residents have a severe or profound disability. The same data indicates that about 4,200 Devonport residents would be carers for a person with a disability. This represents 8% of residents and has increased from 5.9% in 2006.

A copy of the Plan can be found at <https://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/council/governance/strategies-reports-publications/>

DNA CONSIDERS NEW MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY AT MAIDSTONE PARK

Council has provided in-principle support to the Devon Netball Association for a proposed multi-function facility at its Spreyton headquarters.

It was told the indoor facility could be used for basketball, volleyball and badminton as well as netball and would enhance the existing multi-purpose sports area at Maidstone Park.

The DNA has had initial plans drawn up which have been designed to comply with all Australian Standards for indoor stadiums as well as complying with the World Netball requirements for indoor playing surfaces.

It proposes to replace the four enclosed courts at the back of the centre with three indoor courts, including a show court, which would allow the club to attract the Tassie Magpies and Australian Netball League games to the Devonport area.

The cost is estimated at \$6.3 million and discussions have been held between DNA representatives and the Federal and State Governments regarding possible funding opportunities.

The DNA is one of the major providers of netball on the North West Coast with 800 to 1,000 members each year attending from Devonport, Penguin, Ulverstone, Sheffield, Latrobe and Port Sorell. It is also the only Club on the North West that participates in the Tasmanian Netball League.

It believes that an indoor facility would support more rosters and provide the ability to target participants that are no longer able to play such as offering Walking Netball for players that are no longer capable of running.

COUNCIL SEEKS BUDGET INPUT

As part of the 2020/21 budget consultation process Devonport City Council is inviting community members to put forward their ideas for projects and initiatives which they feel will benefit the community.

This is the fifth year that Council has sought input from the community into the budget process.

Ideas can be submitted through www.speakupdevonport.com.au, by emailing council@devonport.tas.gov.au, by completing a form available from Council's Customer Service Centre or in writing to PO Box 604, Devonport, Tas, 7310.

The consultation period will close at 5 p.m. on Monday 2 March 2020.

ENTRY POINT PROJECT CONTRACT AWARDED

Council has awarded the Design and Project Management - State Vehicle Entry Point Project contract to GHD Woodhouse for \$225,000.

In March 2019, the Federal Government promised Devonport City Council \$3 million to improve the first impression for visitors to Tasmania arriving by sea.

Known as the State Vehicle Entry Point Project, the project will be funded under the Community Development Grant Programme.

The project aims to beautify the Tasmanian sea entrance at East Devonport to create a welcoming environment, encouraging visitors to explore the North West of the State and experience the local attractions available.

The funding will be allocated as part of the 2020/21 and 2021/22 capital works programs.