

# ACCESS INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE



**GOVERNING BODY / APPROVED BY** Council  
**FUNCTIONAL ALIGNMENT** Creative and Community Services

## SHORT DESCRIPTION

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.

## NEWCASTLE 2040 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

### Liveable

- 1.1 Enriched neighbourhoods and places
  - 1.1.1 Great spaces
  - 1.1.2 Well-designed places
  - 1.1.3 Protected heritage places
- 1.2 Connected and fair communities
  - 1.2.1 Connected communities
  - 1.2.2 Inclusive communities
  - 1.2.3 Equitable communities
  - 1.2.4 Healthy communities

## PURPOSE

1. To provide advice and guidance to ensure that all residents are able to participate actively in all aspects of community and civic life and ensure that Council recognises and values the diversity of its community.
2. To provide advice and guidance on identifying and addressing barriers preventing people from participating in programs, services and facilities across the City. This includes barriers relating to disability, health, age, and cultural and linguistic diversity.
3. To promote adherence to the principles of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014 which will benefit the community as a whole.
4. To promote social inclusion in our community through recommendations to improve the built environment, changes in community attitudes and behaviours, and creating better systems and processes for meaningful social and economic participation of people of all abilities and backgrounds.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Quarterly, on the first Tuesday of the month commencing at 5:30pm.

## MEMBERSHIP

1. Up to three Councillors;
2. Representatives from Stakeholder Organisations, determined by the Committee (Chairperson and Co-Chairperson with the assistance of the Facilitator); and
3. Up to three Community Representatives.

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## **CHAIRPERSON**

This committee operates using a co-chairperson model. One Councillor appointed by the Council from among the Councillor members, and one member elected at the first meeting of the committee.

## **MEMBERS**

Co-Chairperson – Cr Margaret Wood  
Councillor Member – Cr Katrina Wark  
Councillor Member - Cr Dr Elizabeth Adamczyk  
Andrew Vodic – Stakeholder Member  
Chad Ramage – Stakeholder Member  
Patrick Bellamy – Stakeholder Member  
Ben Moxey - Community Member  
Lindsay Gardner - Community Member  
Sandra Irons - Community Member  
Stewart MacLennan - Community Member