



Minutes (Excerpt)

Access and Inclusion Advisory Group meeting

25 November 2025

11am – 1pm

Citiplace Community Centre, Large Conference Room.

Meeting objective

An engagement forum on matters relating to equity, diversity and inclusion, with particular focus on the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and associated initiatives.

Approved for release by:

Wendy Attenborough

A/Chief Executive Officer

Date: 8 December 2025

Minutes to be confirmed at the next Access and Inclusion Advisory Group meeting

Excerpt of Minutes from Agenda Item Related to Claisebrook Cove Redevelopment (Stage One)

Presenter	Andrew Watt and Felicity O'Neill
Related	DAIP Action: 2.1 Improve access in the public realm and availability of public amenities

Due to aging infrastructure and issues such as algae growth, deteriorating walls and outdated public amenities the City has commenced a project to revitalise the public spaces around Claisebrook Lake.

Proposed improvements in lake upgrades (deepen and reshape lake, install new liner and UV treatment, biofiltration and a new water feature) greenway stream enhancements (improve wildlife habitat) public realm improvements (lighting, pedestrian and cycle paths, play areas, landscaping and irrigation and stormwater systems) and environmental and community benefits (native vegetation, public art and supporting local business).

The AIAG provided the following accessibility advice and offered to provide feedback on designs for the Cove as they progress.

Regarding design of the area for accessibility

- Boardwalks will need to include essential railings and protective strips with kick rails for safety
- Railings need to be heat-sensitive for usability in hot climates.
- Boardwalks made from wood could be problematic for cycling use due to wear and tear
- Need to illuminate board walks to ensure visibility and prevent hazards.
- Barriers (bollards/chicanes) should deter cyclists but must allow wheelchair access (including wider electric wheelchairs); spacing and manoeuvrability of both inline and offset bollards need careful design.
- Paths must avoid the use of cobblestones; it is better to use larger pavers or resin-bound surfaces for smoother movement.
- Non-slip asphalt (e.g. PSP14) could be applied to prevent slipping by wheelchairs, prams, and mobility scooters.
- Seating should also include chairs with backs and arms at standard heights, plus some at age-appropriate heights, in addition to stools
- Barbecue areas need to be wheelchair accessible, including clearance under barbecues for ease of use.
- Separate surfaces for pedestrians and cyclists need clear sightlines and guidance to steer cyclists toward northern pathways.
- Outdoor gym equipment could be installed for all abilities to encourage frequent use.

Lighting

- Lighting upgrades should address dark spots and improve safety, using both functional lighting and amenity lighting (e.g. fairy lights in trees).
- Lighting displays need to use coloured lights without strobing or flashing.
- Ground-level lighting is requested so wheelchair and mobility device users can check that the passage ahead is smooth and safe, and avoid travelling over paving misaligned paving or cracks, which can cause tipping. Ground level lighting also helps avoid glare.

- Ensure lighting on the ground/ pathway/ artwork does not create visual undulation, impeding smooth movement.

Play Elements

- Accessibility features include an accessible swing (Liberty Swing), and pathways should be suitable for all abilities.
- Adequate access points will ensure usability for everyone.
- Outdoor gym/resistance equipment should be provided to cater to a broader age group, including older residents.

Other Design Features

- A shelter installed above the stage/performance area to allow year-round use is supported.
- A natural amphitheatre or performance space would be positive for community events.

**12.05 p.m. Amber Dennis left.*