

City of Belmont Access and Inclusion Advisory Group (AIAG)

Meeting Notes:

Date: Friday, 13 February 2026
Time: 10:00am – 12.00pm
Location: Belmont Hub Ground Floor Meeting Room 1, Library
Entrance, 213 Wright Street, Cloverdale
Chair: Gauri Thanasingam
Notes Taker: Shubh Jhajhra

Access and Inclusion Advisory Group Members:

- Marzel Norton (MN), City of Belmont, Manager Economic & Community Development
- Gauri Thanasingam (GT), City of Belmont, Coordinator, Community & Cultural Engagement
- Shubh Jhajhra (SJ), City of Belmont, Community Engagement Officer
- Caroline Lissaman (CL), Community Member
- Helena Rusanan (HR), Community Member
- Melaine Friedrich (MF), Community Member
- Monica Fitz (MF), Community Member
- Monika Steiner (MS), Community Member
- Nick Auld (NA), Community Member
- Rebekah Situe (RS), Community Member
- Ability Centre, Stakeholder
- Befriend, Stakeholder
- Cloverdale Education Support Centre, Stakeholder
- Communicare WA, Stakeholder
- Department of Communities, Stakeholder
- Down Syndrome WA, Stakeholder
- Mission Australia, Stakeholder
- People with Disabilities (WA) Inc., Stakeholder
- Purple Path Therapy, Stakeholder
- Valued Lives Foundation, Stakeholder

Apologies:

- Helena Rusanan (HR), Community Member
- Melaine Friedrich (MF), Community Member
- Rebekah Situe (RS), Community Member
- Ability Centre, Stakeholder
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Agenda Items:

1. Acknowledgment of Country
2. Welcome & Apologies
3. Introductions
 - 3.1. Brief round-table introductions
4. Outstanding Actions from the Last Meeting
 - 4.1. The need for pedestrian and accessibility audits of footpaths across the City of Belmont, particularly in areas frequently used by older residents, was noted.
 - 4.1.1. Update: The Works team has been consulted and advised that footpaths are managed across Assets, Design and Sustainable Transport. To progress accessibility improvements, specific details are required, including the exact location and description of the access issue. Members and community feedback should be submitted via the City's online reporting tools:
 - 4.1.1.1. [General Access and mobility issues](#)
 - 4.1.1.2. [Potholes and surface defects](#)
5. Access and Inclusion Advisory Group Focus
 - 5.1. Brief recap of AIAG role and purpose
6. Access and Inclusion Strategy - Direction Setting Activity

- 6.1. An overview of the upcoming DAIP development was provided.
 - 6.2. Members participated in a group discussion activity, reviewing recent DAIP survey findings and identifying key focus areas to inform the strategy's priorities and approach.
7. Community Safety Update
- 7.1. Community safety information was provided, including details of upcoming pop-up event times and the launch of the "See Something, Say Something" animation.
8. General Business
- 8.1. Members were advised of an upcoming free [Disability awareness training](#) session on 22nd April 2026 for the City of Belmont community, delivered by Inclusion Solutions. The session will cover different types of disability, common barriers, and practical actions to support inclusion. The training is open to residents, volunteers, community groups and anyone interested in creating a more inclusive community.
 - 8.2. Members were advised that the rollout of ACROD bay monitoring on privately owned but publicly accessible business parking areas had commenced. Businesses are able to opt in to authorise City of Belmont Rangers to monitor and enforce correct use of ACROD bays, subject to approved applications and compliance with required signage and line-marking standards. A communications plan was noted as being developed to promote the program to local businesses.
 - 8.3. The City of Belmont offered the use of its kitchen facilities to Down Syndrome Western Australia to deliver a five-week cooking program, which ran from January to February, aimed at supporting participants to develop independent living skills.
9. Round Table Update
- 9.1. Members gave an update on their organisations.

9.1.1. MF advised of increased use of the kitchen space and noted it is being made available to community organisations. MF also advised of an intention to explore meetings specifically for carers, with this item noted for future consideration.

9.1.2. CT (Mission Australia) advised of plans to introduce additional art-based sessions, with a focus on engaging broader community groups rather than limiting participation to disability service providers.

10. Next Meeting: 8 May 2026