

DISABILITY REFERENCE GROUP (DRG)

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5.30 PM
TUESDAY 9 MAY 2006

Committee Room 2

Members

Ross Livingstone
Jules Tangiwha
Jenny Rains
Joanne Ward

Ollie Gouden
Lorraine Offord (Chair)
Nick Luger
Kendall Akhurst

1. **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed the group.

2. **Apologies**

Thomas Bryan
Katie Rigarlsford (late)
Councillor Leonie Gill

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

4. **The Annual Plan Feedback**

There was discussion on the Annual Plan. It was decided that we would give an oral submission on each of the areas listed. Those members highlighted would lead the group:

Urban development: Kendall, Jenny, **Ross**, Jules

Transport: Paul, Thomas, **Kendall**

Economic development: **Joanne**, Lorraine, Thomas, Nick, Ross

Environment: Jenny, **Nick**

Cultural well-being: Jules, **Thomas**, Joanne, Jenny

Social and recreation: Paul, Lorraine, Jules, **Kaeti**

Governance: Lorraine, Jules, **Paul**

(Oral submissions are due on Thursday 18 May 06 11.10am to 1.50pm)

5. Report on Mental Health

A report on a recent seminar was given to the group and this was discussed at length.

It was agreed that there is still a negative image of mental illness and that more needs to be done to remove the stigma that is still attached to mental illness.

6. Other Business

There was a verbal report on accessibility in Melbourne given to the group.

The disability information currently provided on the Web is currently under review. It was suggested that members provide a profile of themselves and this would be included in the update.

Parks and Gardens are working with the Island Bay Lions Club to put in a Liberty Swing for children in Shorland Park. The DLO was working with Parks & Gardens to ascertain the best location.

The sub group formed to progress the next Accessible Wellington Forum and would meet on Monday 22 May 06 at 5.30pm. Maurice Priestley would be invited to attend as his Day of the Disabled planning at Te Papa could overlap nicely with the Forum planning.

There was brief discussion on reports issued to the group for Waitangi Park and Wellington Airport Warehouse parking.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 13 June 2006

Action to be undertaken by the group

Revamp of Council Disability Module

Jenny/Ross

Deaf programme

Jenny/Rosie/Theresa

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