

## Inclusion & Access Advisory Group

**Meeting Date:** Monday, 24 May, 2021  
**Location:** Osprey Training Room, Level 1, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road,  
Nowra  
**Time:** 11.00am

## Addendum Agenda

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## **IA21.12 Membership Application**

**HPERM Ref:** D21/206390

**Department:** Business Assurance & Risk

**Approver:** Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

**Attachments:** 1. Membership Application - Jennifer Anstiss [↓](#)

### **Reason for Report**

For the Committee and Council to consider an application for membership to the Shoalhaven Inclusion and Access Advisory Group from Jennifer Anstiss.

### **Recommendation**

That Council appoint Jennifer Anstiss as a community member of the Inclusion & Access Advisory Group.

### **Options**

1. As Recommended
2. Adopt an alternate recommendation.

### **Background**

Council received a membership application from Jennifer Anstiss (attached) who wishes to become a member of the Inclusion and Access Advisory Group.

Ms Anstiss is an Occupational Therapist with substantial experience in working with clients with disabilities. She has served on the Board of SCIA and on Access Committees in Kiama and Wollongong.

Ms Anstiss states that if appointed she will represent the Callala Beach Progress Association, as a member of which she has advocated on accessibility issues in her local community.

The application from Ms Anstiss is attached for review and consideration by the Inclusion and Access Advisory Group.

**Application for Membership of the Inclusion and Access Advisory Group.**

My Details

Name: Mrs Jennifer Anstiss  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Residential Address: [REDACTED] Callala Beach NSW 2540  
Phone: [REDACTED]

I am applying for the following reasons:

I am passionate about advocating for access and inclusion, and would like to have input into improving access in the Shoalhaven for people who have a disability. Previously, as a partner of a person with a disability, I experienced first hand what it is like to be denied access to attractions and facilities due to a lack of accessibility. It is something not easily forgotten, and has given me a personal perspective of the importance of advocating for access and inclusion for all.

Until now, my work commitments have kept me from applying for membership of the committee. However, from the end of June, I will no longer be working on Mondays, thus making it possible for me to attend meetings, should my application for membership be approved.

I am applying to represent the following organisation or group:

If appointed, I will represent the Callala Beach Progress Association wherever issues local and relevant to Callala area are being considered. However, my personal interest is not limited to issues only pertinent to my local area, but to the Shoalhaven generally.

My relevant experience and attributes related to inclusion and access:

- I am a registered, practising Occupational Therapist with over 40 years of experience, working with clients with various types of disabilities. I have experience working with clients with Spinal Cord Injuries and other neurological conditions which affect mobility, as well as with children with disabilities. I currently work part-time for the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District.
- I was a carer for my late husband, George Mamo for 15 years. George had quadriplegia, and was a founding member of the Australian Quadriplegic Association, now known as Spinal Cord Injuries Australia.
- I have served on the board of SCIA, and was made a life member in 1995.
- Along with my late husband, George Mamo, I helped found the Kiama Access Committee, for which, in 1993, we were awarded a joint Australia Day Award for Community Achievement.
- In the 1980s, I also served on the Access Committee of Wollongong City Council. The Committee was chaired by Councillor Bill Mowbray.
- I have worked as a volunteer with Interchange Shoalhaven, caring on a one-on-one basis with children with disabilities over a number of years.

Recently

As a member of the Callala Beach Progress Association, I have advocated on accessibility issues in my local community. Some of this has been regarding issues which have been officially raised by the Association through correspondence with, or submissions to Council, or at meetings with Council representatives.

I attended one of the face-to-face public consultations prior to the implementation of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2021, and also wrote a submission on behalf of the Callala Beach Progress Association.

I recently completed the on-line survey for the new Disability Inclusion Action Plan, and have registered to attend the upcoming workshop for Bay and Basin at Sanctuary Point.

Signed

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Mrs Jennifer Anstiss  
[REDACTED] Callala Beach

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2021