

A4A FORUM – CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Information Only – No Decision Required

Report to: Accessibility for All (A4A) Forum

Meeting Date: 24 August 2018

Report Author: Cr Dana Wensley, Chairperson

1 Welcome

- 1.1 Welcome to all those who make the time to attend these meetings. We are a busy forum and your input and attendance is much appreciated. At the last meeting it was discussed shifting this meeting to Nelson City Council. I received a number of emails about this and due to accessibility concerns it was decided to keep the meetings at Tasman District Council.
- 1.2 The Terms of Reference are attached, and can be read online follow the link at <http://www.tasman.govt.nz/transport/walking-mobility/accessibility-for-all/>

2 General Update

- 2.1 It has been a busy few months. In July I attended the meeting at Elim Christian Centre in Stoke run by the **Office of Seniors**. This was a workshop to discuss the changes, challenges and opportunities that an ageing population brings to New Zealand. It was wonderful to see so many A4A members attending as well. Accessibility issues were high on the agenda, and I was proud to be able to say that both Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council through this forum are undertaking so much work in this area. Much credit goes to council staff for embracing the accessibility challenges that an ageing population brings, and working with the community and this forum to drive strategic solutions. Consultation on the new strategy closes on 24th August. I have some hard copies of this available for those interested.
- 2.2 I am happy to report that the **Barrier Free Checklist** we have been working on is with Richard Liddicoat (Tasman District Council: Online Services Architect) and this should be up on the website soon. The graphic version will take a little longer to get up and running. I have asked for the site to be forwarded to us so members can trouble-shoot any problems with it.
- 2.3 Tasman District Council was mentioned in the latest [Lifemark](#) newsletter as making another step towards an age friendly location by the incorporation of **Universal Design Principles** into the design of dwellings in the RIDA (Plan Change 66: Richmond Intensive Development Area). Thanks to those in A4A who submitted on this, in particular Jane Murray (Health in All Policies Advisor: NMDHB).
- 2.4 For vision impaired, it is always worth remembering that Richard Liddicoat produces a show on Fresh FM called **Tasman District Council Lowdown**. Podcasts of the show can be heard on the Fresh FM links or at <http://freshfm.net/Programmes/Programme-Details.aspx?PID=83f4bf74-ba4b-4718-a012-775d21472f0c>

- 2.5 Tasman District Council is in the process of revising its Positive Ageing Strategy which has been renamed '**Age-Friendly Policy**'. Brylee Wyman (Senior Policy Advisor: Tasman District Council) will be speaking about this at the meeting on the 24th August. I attended a focus group meeting on this on 27th July and learned a new phrase 'Incidental Social Cohesion' which relates to the fact that if we build communities right then social cohesion follows and social isolation is reduced. Thanks to all those who attended this meeting.
- 2.6 I have been liaising with Kate Malcolm about the possibility of establishing a **Nelson/Tasman Community Transport Trust** to investigate and promote a community busing service in the Wakefield area. Kate is going to present an item at this meeting about her work-to-date on this, and if the forum approves then I will write a letter of support on behalf of A4A for this community initiative.
- 2.7 I have had complaints about **disability parking** at the Richmond Mall and along Queen Street. As the Richmond Mall is a privately operated car park I have undertaken to email them to let them know of the concerns around safety and convenience. I have had discussions with our transport team at Tasman District Council about the issue of disabled parking and drop-off and pick-up zones along Queen Street.
- 2.8 On a positive note it is wonderful to see that **Queen Street is a finalist in the Best Street Award**, which is part of the Best Awards promoted by The Designers Institute of New Zealand. Queen Street is one of the three streets to reach the finalist stage. Awards will be announced at the Maritime Museum in Auckland on the 26th October.
- 2.9 Lastly, Tasman District Council is developing a new Active Transport Policy. As part of the research into the shape of this policy Drew Bryant (Activity Planning Advisor: Tasman District Council) has been working on an **Active Transport Survey** which I encourage you all to fill out. It is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YQCDQ65>

3 Meetings

- 3.1 I have attended the following meetings since we last met:
- Positive Ageing Forum
 - Richmond Community and Whanau
 - Office for Seniors, Workshop on Developing a New Strategy for Ageing Population
 - Focus Group (Age-Friendly Policy) Tasman District Council

4 Reminder: Driverless Cars

- 4.1 If anyone is interested in reading the latest report on driverless cars (Michael Cameron: Law Foundation) entitled "**Realising the Potential of Driverless Vehicles**", I have purchased a hardcopy of this in book format. If anyone wants to borrow it and report back to the next meeting on its findings I would gladly make it available.