



Disabled in Norwood Payneham and St Peters

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NEWS

Outdoor Dining Policy

Something which affects all of us who live in Norwood, Payneham and St Peters is the use of our footpaths in areas where trading may occur.

Council currently has an outdoor dining policy and a by-law with respect to the use of A-frame advertising, but apparently no policy with respect to the display of goods on the footpath for the purposes of trading. I'm sure we are all aware of areas where the rules are non-existent or are not enforced and it is virtually impossible to get through.

What is an accessible footpath?

The Human Rights Commission includes these statements:

- A footpath should, as far as possible, allow for a continuous accessible path of travel so that people with a range of disabilities are able to use it without encountering barriers.
- Have a minimum clear width of at least 2 metres at the narrowest point
- The continuous accessible path of travel should **extend from the property line** with no obstructions or projections in order to provide the best possible guidance line for all users including people with a vision impairment.

Staff have, in isolation, prepared a new Draft Dining Policy which formed part of the Agenda for the December council meeting. Much of it addressed safety issues, etc., but as disabled people, the point of contention is this statement:

“It is at the discretion of the Council to determine whether circumstances permit dining areas adjacent to the building alignment.”

There is a deal of documentation on the web relating to this question. I will put links to this material on our web page at <http://users.adam.com.au/marcia/DisabilityNPSP.html>

Otherwise contact me on 8362 5526.

It should not be possible for Council staff to give ad hoc permission for dining furniture or any other goods to be placed on the footpath next to the building line. We need to make **submissions** asking that the paragraphs giving permission to Council staff to allow inappropriate placement of furniture be removed from the draft policy.

Please write to
Mr Matt Atkinson
Acting Manager, Development Assessment
City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters
PO Box 204, Kent Town, SA, 5071
All written feedback must be received no later than **5.00pm** on **Wednesday 1 May 2013**.
Or email townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

**ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN
(or DISABILITY ACTION PLAN)**

Council is also in the process of developing a new Disability Action Plan which will guide its actions in relation to the disabled for the next five years.

While Council has hired a consultant, as yet unnamed, to assist in the development of the Plan, I have combined the information you have given me with Council's previous plan and with a deal of research and developed a plan of our own which hopefully is appropriate for the Norwood, Payneham and St Peters area.

There is not room to detail it here, but these are the sections I have included.

PRINCIPLES
PURPOSE
DEFINITIONS
CONSULTATION
DEMOGRAPHICS
LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND
PRIORITISATION
EVALUATION
THE PLAN - TO BE COMPLETED FROM
PREVIOUS PLAN (2007-2012)
THE PLAN - (2013-2017)
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION
BUILT ENVIRONMENT
NEW CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS
EXISTING BUILDINGS
ACCESSIBLE FOOTPATHS
PUBLIC TOILETS
LOCAL BUSINESSES
ROADS
PLAYGROUNDS
FACILITIES AND EVENTS
SIGNAGE
ACCESSIBLE PARKING POLICY
EVENTS INFORMATION
GOVERNANCE
SERVICES
LIBRARIES
CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES
TRANSPORT
YOUNG PEOPLE
HACC SERVICES
COMPANION ANIMAL SUPPORT
PROGRAM
GARBAGE

**DISCRIMINATORY ATTITUDES, PRACTICES
AND DISABILITY AWARENESS**
INDUCTION
PUBLIC AWARENESS
EMPLOYMENT
EMPLOYMENT
POSITION DESCRIPTIONS
WORK SPACES
WORK EXPERIENCE
VOLUNTEERS

I would still welcome any feedback or requests for information on any of these matters on 8362 5526 or marcia@adam.com.au

Our proposed plan will be placed on line at users.adam.com.au/marcia/DisabilityNPSP.html
Google DisabilityNPSP

Council is conducting a forum on the Plan

Date & time: Tuesday 16 April 2013,
10.00am – 12 noon
Venue: Payneham Library, 2 Turner Street,
Felixstow

To register your interest, please contact the Council's Community Care Services Unit on 8366 4611 or email ssteer@npsp.sa.gov.au.
Transport to and from the Forum can be arranged.

If you are unable to attend the Forum, you can provide your input by completing an online survey, which will be available on Council's website, from 16 April 2013. The survey must be completed by Wednesday 15 May 2013.

If you are unable to attend the Forum or complete the online survey, please contact the Council on 8366 4611 and alternative arrangements can be made to capture your views.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING. DON'T BLAME THE COUNCIL IF YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY.