



Disabled in Norwood Payneham and St Peters

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OUTDOOR DINING POLICY

At the July 2013 Council meeting, the following were passed: "...the draft Policy be amended to include a requirement that all outdoor dining areas be required to be located adjacent to the kerb, rather than adjacent to the associated building" and width of the Pedestrian Zone will be 2.0 m in areas of high traffic and 1.5 m in areas of low pedestrian traffic.

"The Council notes that the new Outdoor Dining Policy, as approved, will be transitioned into operation over the next 12 months."

A draft policy on the use of Council footpaths for Business Merchandising Purposes is currently being prepared and is expected to be presented in September according to the minutes of the July meeting.

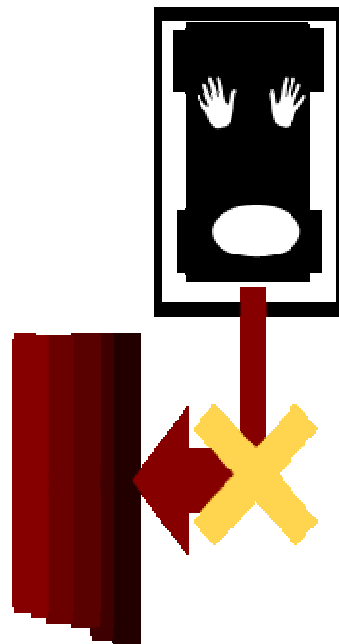
This means we are on the way to getting footpaths clear next to the building line and with sufficient space for people, both disabled and able, to pass without the dangers of zigzagging backwards and forwards as we have to do now. Norwood, Payneham and St Peters will be starting to meet the standards of other councils across SA and indeed Australia, those Standards demanded under the Disability Discrimination Act.

Our thanks to Councillors Whittington and Duke for their effective support in the matter.

This is not a matter of adversely affecting shopkeepers but a way of making streets such as The Parade more accessible and welcoming to all.

WARNING!

For those of you using a mobility scooter or possibly a wheelchair, a word of warning about the lift at the Norwood, Payneham and St Peters council chambers. In my opinion and that of others this lift is potentially dangerous.



If you enter the lift forward, there is no room to turn around in the lift. When you back out of the lift, you need to go to the right i.e. you tend automatically to back to the left to make the turn.

**DO NOT DO THIS OR YOU MAY FALL
DOWN THE STAIRS.**

**BACK INTO THE LIFT SO YOU CAN
COME OUT FORWARDS.**

Worksafe SA has been requested to inspect this lift.

Possibly as a result there is now a triangular warning sign, about 5” tall, to the left of the lift. I did not notice any warning features for the visually impaired when I last checked the lift.

FLASH – BATTERY RE-CHARGING

Following a suggestion from one of this group, I have followed up on battery re-charging of scooters and wheelchairs.

You can currently re-charge at St Peters Library, Payneham Library, Council Chambers on The Parade and Scooters and Mobility at 190 Magill Rd, Norwood. (Thanks to Vaughn Rothall from Scooters and Mobility who has shown proactive support for us including scooter education, etc.)

DISABILITY PARKING PERMIT

If you are the holder of a disability parking permit, you are offered the options of renewing it by cheque and post, or by visiting a Service Centre. Not necessarily the easiest options. No electronic transfers!

If you phone the number on the renewal letter, you **can** renew by credit card.

I have requested on behalf of all disabled people that this option be included on the letter.

ACCESS GUIDE

This is now available online. It is hugely demanding in terms of time and it will be some time before I even get off The Parade.

It is available at
<http://users.adam.com.au/marcia/NPSP%20Access%20Guide.html>
or by Googling “NPSP Access Guide”

42% of premises so far entered on the guide are inaccessible to those people who can’t get up steps.

Please publicise the guide.

Hopefully apart from providing information, the guide will encourage shopkeepers and Council to make some moves towards increasing access.

COUNCIL WEB PAGE

Council has just totally updated its web page with a considerable improvement in general appearance.

The page states: “The City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters website has been designed to meet Level A of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 1.0 of the W3C (World-Wide Web Consortium).”

It is my understanding that this should currently be WCAG2 and I hope this will be able to be achieved in the near future for those who are visually-impaired.

In the update, some documents which were previously available are no longer there.

If you are visually-impaired or have some other disability which makes using the web page difficult please let me know. I will be working with the Norwood Residents Association to address some of the issues involved with the webpage both with respect to the disabled and the general populace.

USE OF COUNCIL FOOTPATHS FOR BUSINESS MERCHANDISING

This has been transferred to November 2013.

Feedback welcome on all topics.

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