



Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting of the HMinfo Advisory Committee

21 March 2019

At 3.00 p.m.

Room 4035, L4, Red Centre West Wing, BE Faculty, UNSW

Welcome, Introduction, Attendance & Apologies

Professor Catherine Bridge opened the meeting at 3.00pm.

Apologies were noted.

Attending in person

Julian Werrett (JW)	3 Bridges Community
Nicholas Loder (NL)	NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC)
Susan Dinley (SD)	Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA)
Deborah Hammond	Occupational Therapy Australia (OTA)
Greg Killeen	Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA)

Attending via Zoom

Karen replace (MH)	National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)
Steve Pretzel (SP)	Technology for Ageing and Disability WA (TADWA and MODA)
Annette Hanly (AH)	SCOPE Home Access
Agnieszka Kuna (AK)	Domiciliary Equipment Services South Australia (DES SA)
Angela Peri (AP)	Wesley Mission
Karen Appleby (KA)	Council on Ageing NSW
Anthony Ryan (AR)	Young Care (YC)
Robyn Chapman (RC)	Assistive Technology Australia (ATA)
Ellen Small (ES)	Physical Disability Council Network (PDCN)
Lyndal Millikan (LM)	iCare

Apologies

Megan Roach (MR)	Australian Government Department of Health (DOH)
Lee Davids (LD)	National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)
Irene Stein (IS)	National Seniors Australia (NSA)
Konstantina Vasilakopou (KV)	Home Modification Information Clearinghouse (HMinfo)

Chair

Prof Catherine Bridge (CB) HMinfo

Minute Taker

Vincent D'cruz (VD) HMinfo

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes from 5 March 2019 Meeting were approved.

Follow up actions:

- (i) In relation to the recently established Professional Industry Forum, we need support from professionals within the relevant field to start posting messages to create the snowball effect in order to create activity within this newly established forum.
- (ii) PDCN (Ellen Small) to submit tax invoice and report for usability testing of the responsive HMinfo website.
- (iii) In the area of potential collaboration with Irish government on their housing strategy for ageing population, still awaiting advice from them. No updates from Chinese government on potential collaboration.
- (iv) LM advised putting on hold a potential MOU between iCare and HMinfo due to restructure and changes occurring within iCare. Postponed till structure is clearer for decision making.
- (v) AK had advised that due to structural changes within DES SA, it was not feasible to advertise HMinfo on their website and other relevant sites and webpages.

1. HMinfo Website

Action

1.1. HMinfo Website Report

The HMinfo Website Report was included in the Advisory Committee Member's Package for review and comments.

1.2 HMinfo Website Progress

CB gave an update on the accessibility audit report from Vision Australia and also advised that PDCN would submit a similar report in April. Subsequently, Helmut would consolidate review comments from both Vision Australia and PDCN for CB's approval before making suggested amendments to the responsive mobile website.

Report to be discussed at next Advisory Comm Mtg

CB advised other website enhancements that were undertaken in the past three months:

- service directory search results,
- exclusion of certain administration publications from digest,
- single step Captcha.

1.3 Website Development next 3 months

The web development proposed includes:

- Accessibility and usability adjustments to the website after reviewing the reports from Vision Australia and PDCN
- Automatic population of source acknowledgement fields
- Event date range control utility to automate based on input
- Rebuilding of android Liveability App to be Google compliant

Helmut

2. Publications and Research Activities

Action

2.1 HMinfo Publications

a. Evidence based research: Designing home environment for people who experience problems with cognition and who display aggressive or self-injurious behavior Ed 2

STATUS: updated and available for review. Published in March 19

2.3 Grant Applications

The following grant applications were made in the last quarter:

- a. Disabled Peoples and Families Organisations – ILC Readiness Grant Round 2018-19
- b. Commonwealth Home Support Programme Innovation Funding – Expression of Interest Stage One (GO2108)

3. Events & Training

3.1 Conferences / Symposiums / Congress

a. Property Council of Australia hosts Retirement Outlook

CB was one of the presenters who talked about building for an ageing Australia and advised further research work was needed in this critical area for the future.

b. Google Workshop for Google Ad Grants

VDC attended this workshop to learn more about digital marketing strategies and how to optimize the Google Ad grant.

c. NCC 2019 Workshop

KV attended this workshop which was about verification methods for access and design performance codes for ramps

4. Governance & Administration

Action

4.1. Governance

The Annual Report 2017-18 has been printed for distribution as well as a copy uploaded in the HMinfo website.

5. EBEP Funded Projects

5.1 Submitted input to ABCB for DV2/3 Wayfinding Handbook.

ABCB has approved the submission

5.2 Australian Research Council's (ARC) LIEF scheme

Work in progress

5.3 GWA/Caroma: Under basin clearances for wheelchairs

Project work in progress

5.4 AHURI – AT for ageing and disabled housing

Liaising with relevant external stakeholders on project

5.5 2019 RIS: FIP Livability Lab: Fit Out and Upgrade

6. Reports from Committee Members

Action

KA

Spoke about NSW State election asks, specifically a commitment from all candidates to a gold level standard on new public and social housing. Coalition asserted that public housing was built to silver standard, no firm commitments from other parties.

ES

PDCN should be completing the usability report for the responsive website by the end of April.

- ES to submit report and tax invoice

SP

Providing feedback in getting home modifications via NDIS and Royal Commission is aiding in that cause. Royal Commission focused on providers and consumer strategy. Minister announced \$15M funding for home modification for older people living at home.

AK

Working with NDIS on resolving claims that are not approved e.g. door opener deemed to be too costly. Also looking into other areas such as security doors for disabled people so that they can close doors and windows through home automation; working with regulator evaluating plumbing standards – shower hose, bidet, dual tech valve.

- KV to contact AK to liaise on issues impacting national codes for submission to ABCB

AH

Awaiting NDIS to approve applications. In the Aged Care space, we've experienced a local RAS provider (Catholic Care) that did not proceed with the tender incurring a significant impact on referral numbers.

LM

Supervising students from Western Sydney University at kitchen modification - looking at products, undertaking analysis for different injury types, starting with SCI from T6 up to C3. This will be on ongoing project depending on student placement availability.

iCare Home Modifications Team - looking into connections between smoke alarms and personal alarms, and ensuring back up power generation for those relying on home automation, especially life saving functions. All systems to comply with 2018 Electrical Standards changes.

Pilot project on Home Automation needs for people with severe injuries. Being headed up by Lisa McLean and Nick Taylor from iCare in conjunction with the iCare Home Modifications Team.

GK

Involved in SDA Reference Group consisting of 18 people and also involved in Transport NSW Wayfinding screens test for access for people with disability and aged care.

DH

Representing OT Australia on the NDIS SDA Design Guidelines Industry Reference Group Review hosted by the Property Council. Discussing the NCC briefing noting the introduction of Changing Places toilets, which adopts a new class of public toilets. From May 1st, 2019, specified public buildings across Australia such as large shopping centres, sports stadiums, aquatic centres, museums, art galleries and airports must include an 'accessible adult change facility' that complies with design specifications mandated by NCC.

SD

DVA major contract still on hold. In relation to NDIA, disputes for home mods are increasing due to a lack of clear guidelines. Stakeholder companies (e.g. building companies) are running SDA courses i.e. supported accommodation that participants in NDIS can rent. These have to be built to Platinum level.

NL

Anecdotally, LAHC faces some pressures from hospitals seeking to discharge patients with a disability as LAHC's assessment of the property may result in the tenant requiring relocation to a more suitable property.

Close

- Professor Catherine Bridge closed the meeting at 4.15pm.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting 20 June 2019