

Resolution of Council

11 March 2024

Item 14.5

Brown Street Community Hall Accessibility

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Ellsmore –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) following Covid and long lock-down periods, isolation and loneliness is at an all-time high, with local community gatherings often being a great form of social interaction and sense of community;
 - (ii) Brown Street Community Hall is a hall the City advertises as ‘suitable for small community meetings, training courses and discussion groups’ located in Newtown;
 - (iii) Brown Street Community Hall has the capacity for 80 people and provides: tables and chairs, a kitchenette with sink, air-conditioning, heater, carpeted floor and instant hot water tap;
 - (iv) the City state on their website that Brown Street Community Hall is not accessible to people with disability. The venue has none of the following:
 - (a) onsite mobility parking;
 - (b) accessible toilets;
 - (c) lift;
 - (d) ambulant toilets; and
 - (e) level access entrance; and

- (v) advice received from City staff in February outlined that due to Brown Street Community Hall's constrained building nature and heritage listing, ensuring full accessibility will be significantly more difficult; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
 - (i) outline the steps required to include the Brown Street Community Hall in a future whole-of-building upgrade program to ensure full compliance with current accessibility standards and to abide by the current heritage listing; and
 - (ii) report back to Councillors via the CEO Update on the above.

Carried unanimously.

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