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## MINUTES OF FORUM MEETING

**Monday 24 November 2025**  
**Forum Meeting 1:30pm –2.30pm**  
**By Webinar**

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### 1. Welcome (1:15 – 1.16 PM)

##### **2025 forum Registered Attendees by Webinar**

Giulio Dolcetti, Nermein Loka, Rami Shakour, Alison Brown, Andrew Blamey, George Saliba, Sian Murphy, Hamish Murray, Chris Richards, Adeline Bisson, Dishana Liang, Howard Moutrie, Paul McCarthy, Erika Webb, Kyle Sunderland, Alex Noor, Annabel Drynan, Craig Fafeita, Judy Harwood, Michael Wheeler, Joe Manton, Eden Fong, Lee Wilson, Richard Klinger, Aja Goddard, Wendy Gould, Samantha Borg, Jenna Cohen, Grant Wooller, Michael Moutrie, Luke Trento, Michael Hatzinikolis, John Van der Have, Nikki Jackson, David Anstiss, John Ward, Stephanie Loria, Simone Pirovich, Jhanvi Desai, Kathleen Lockwood, Kellie Millar, Anthony Leuzzi, Robyn Thompson, Feargal O Cathain, Evan O'Hanlon, Brett Inglis, Nicholas Krastev, Chris Porter, Adrian Gotlieb, Paul Eltringham, Tas Kriaris, Jeremy Soden, Troy Richardson, Bryce Tolliday, Sophia Kitson, Francesca Davenport, Jordan Busher, Jane Bryce, Douglas Melloh, Paul Bulman, Francis Lenny, Farah Madon, Daniel Bedwell, ANITA HARROP, Suwat Phonsawat, Vanessa Fahey, Vanessa Griffin, Eric Martin, Paul Martin, Catherine Roberts, Lynda Wilem.

#### Apologies (1:16 – 1:16 PM)

Rosie Allison

#### 1. Discussion (1.17 pm to 1.30 pm)

##### 1.1 New Fellow Members announced Farah Madon

- Bruce Bromley
- Anita Harrop
- Kellie Millar

Bruce Bromley

Bruce has given generously of his time and expertise for the benefit of ACA from serving as the Vice President of ACA for a number of years, to working closely with the website designer on the new ACA website, to representing ACA in Standards Australia Committee FP-017 on Emergency Management



Planning and most recently taking the lead on organizing our Access 2025 conference which was a huge success.

Bruce is an Accredited member of ACA, and Accredited SDA Assessor, Changing Places assessor, Livable Housing Assessor and a Director of Equal Access Group.

Bruce has over 32 years of experience in the field of accessibility and formed Equal Access Pty Ltd in 2006.

He is the lead author of Changing Places Australia Technical Standards as well as a co-author of the NDIS Specialist Disability Accommodation Standards.

In these past two years no one has contributed more to ACA than Bruce.

#### Anita Harrop

Anita was a member of the Committee of Management from the beginning of 2017 to mid 2022 and undertook the role of Secretary from the end of 2018 until she stepped down from the committee in mid 2022.

Anita was also a member of the membership subcommittee between 2018 and 2020

Other tasks undertaken during Anita's time on the Committee of Management included: Supporting Access 2017 and Access 2019 conferences all the way from WA, and working to secure sponsorship for these conferences

Anita has been an active member, and chair of the WA Access Networking Group, which unfortunately hasn't got off the ground again since COVID, but it is definitely on Anita's "to do" list to get the WA access consultants together again after too long a break.

Anita's proudest work has been in her role as Editor of Access Insight magazine from November 2019 to October 2022.

#### Kellie Millar

Kellie commenced working as an access consultant in approximately 1998, prior to the emergence of ACA, when the industry was being led by the champions of access at the time, e.g. Max Murray, Becky Llewellyn, and many others.

Kellie notes that she was a bit reluctant at first to become a member of ACA, wondering what it would achieve, given 'disability' didn't seem to be high on the political agenda, however identifying an opportunity to play a small part in the change occurring following ACA's development, she became an ACA committee member in 2011. During her tenure on the committee, she worked as treasurer, the Victorian Access Consultant Network convenor and membership committee convenor. She also played a part in the development of ACA policies and procedures which were being developed at the time.



Information sharing has always been high on Kellie's agenda. She successfully co-convened what according to her was likely the best ACA conference in 2015 which was held at the MCG, with the committee managing to entice Ed Steinfeld from the University of Buffalo to our shores to present on Universal Design.

Kellie has also played an instrumental role in the training and assessment of numerous ACA members through her consultancy work with Access Institute, training many current ACA members in the Cert IV and Diploma of Access Consulting. She remains adamant that the best feedback she's received on this training was from a former colleague, speaking of another colleague who noted "since he did that course with you Kel, he just 'gives a shit'", she's thought about putting this statement on her business cards....

#### 1.2 Website update

Bruce Bromley

The website is mostly complete although we are still adding new features such as the Logo download. New members and those upgrading can now log into their account on the website and download a copy of their personalised logo as well as their Certificate of Currency, saving time and administrative hours. Conference sponsors will also be added to the website soon as their Conference sponsorship includes 12 months display as sponsors on our website.

#### 1.3 Access 2025 Conference

Bruce Bromley

The conference was very successful thanks to the organising committee including; Joe Manton, Lynda Wilem, Stephanie Loria, Pia Maden, and Hank Van Ravenstein. We also had generous support from the City of Melbourne in providing such a great venue; the Town Hall. We have also sent out a short survey for your feedback to help improve the Conference experience going forward.

#### 1.4 Other items from the floor

Andrew Blamey asked about the legal expenses occurred by ACA as mentioned in the Treasurer's report.

Howard Moutrie advised that this was incurred due to no fault of our own when a product supplier wanted to litigate against ACA for advising that their product was non-compliant.

Bruce Bromley advised that if any member is approached with legal action in similar circumstances, to contact the President for advice before responding.



2. Close of Meeting (1:15 PM)