



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 19 August 2014

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Barbara Aird Manly Council

Other Representatives

Mr Andrew Macintosh	Community Member / Manly Club for Seniors
Ms Beverley Mathieson	Community Member
Mr Evelyn Shervington	Community Member (Chair)
Ms Verity Shervington	Community Member
Ms Mandy George	Sunnyfield Independence

Council Staff

Ms Katie Acheson	Coordinator Community Development and Direct Services
Ms Anna Nikolov	Community Development Officer (Minutes)

In Attendance

Ms Anneli Karlsson	Transport Planner
Mr Alan Finlay	Bitzios Consulting (Guest speaker)

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 15 April 2014 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 2.10 pm

ITEM 1 INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies from Manly Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio) and Cllr Adele Heasman. Ms Anneli Karlsson, Transport Planner and Mr Alan Finlay from Bitzios Consulting were introduced.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 April 2014 AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2014 were confirmed.

ACTION

ITEM 4	ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION	ACTION
	The Access & Mobility Committee Progress Report August 2014 was tabled. The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters and completed items.	
4.1	Balgowlah and Pittwater Roads Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) Mr Alan Finlay from the consulting firm Bitzios presented the findings from the PAMP study. A copy of the draft report was tabled and a discussion took place. The Committee thanked the consultant and complemented them on the good job. The draft PAMP will be exhibited from 25 August 2014 to 1 October 2014 at: • Manly Council Chambers, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly (Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5pm); • Manly Library, Level 1, Market Lane, Manly (during Library's operating hours); and • Council's webpage (www.manly.nsw.gov.au). Submissions either by email or mail to Bitzios Consulting's project manager on: • ManlyWalking@bitziosconsulting.com.au; or • Bitzios Consulting, Studio 203, 3 Gladstone Street, Newtown NSW 2042. CDO to circulate a PAMP ppt document to the Committee members. Mr Finlay and Ms Karlsson left the meeting following the discussion.	
4.2	Manly LGA Kerb Ramps upgrades Council program for upgrade of kerb ramps and footpath improvements is ongoing. The kerb ramps at Raglan St crn Belgrave St / Pittwater Rd western side have been completed in June 2014.	
4.3	DA referral process for Access comments Following discussion with the Deputy General Manager, Land Use and Sustainability, it was agreed that feedback of conditions proposed by the Committee be communicated back. The CDO is now receiving copies of Notices of Determination of DAs, on which the Committee has submitted comments.	
4.4	Accessibility on North Head Following April discussion with Ms Margaret Campbell, Sydney Federation Harbour Trust the Committee has requested a further meeting at North Head Kiosk. CDO to follow up.	CDO
ITEM 5	General Business	
5.1	Cycling on Shared Paths A referral via Manly Electorate Office to the Chair has been received on 04/07/2014 from a visually impaired local resident having concerns with cyclists on shared paths and crossings who posed threat for people with disabilities. The matter has been discussed at	

the Community Safety & Place Management Committee meeting on 17/07/2014. It was agreed to review the cycling signage on Marine Parade.

The Committee referred to the signage for shared pathways used by City of Sydney Council which is providing a good example. URL: <http://sydneycycleways.net/low-risk-riding/using-shared-paths>

5.2 Letter from disability advocate Ms Scarlett Finney re: Accessible Beach Ramp

CDO

The Committee discussed options regarding Ms Finney's proposal to install a removable roll-on access mat to the water edge on a beach in Manly LGA. The current sites on the ocean beach cannot be used due to tides, lack of storage and dedicated staff to manage them.

Council to write to Ms Finney that accessible timber beach ramps exist on Manly Cove beach western side of the wharf and on Little Manly beach. Council has also constructed a ramp and railing to Fairlight Pool for older or frail people who want to walk directly from the beach into the pool.

Potential sites that can be considered for improvement and use by people with disabilities are the concrete ramps at Shelly Beach, South Steyne and Little Manly Beach.

5.3 Accessible Taxi Rank at Stockland Shopping Centre, Balgowlah

**CDO
Transport
Planner**

The current Taxi rank is located on a steep sloped terrain away from the entry of the shopping centre, thus, it is unsuitable for wheelchair users.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council implement an additional Accessible Taxi rank drop off/ pick up zone at the level area in front of the main entry.

5.4 Accessible Parking in the proposed redevelopment Manly 2015

Constituents expressed concerns at the potential loss of 14 accessible parking spaces in the process of Whistler Street car park redevelopment. The distance from the proposed car park under Manly Oval is not appropriate for wheelchair users to access Manly Town Centre.

Recommendation

The Committee request that the General Manager provides clarification where the 14 spaces will be relocated or compensated for by an increase in the number of spaces in the existing car parks in Manly CBD.

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Meeting closed at 3:30pm

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 21 October 2014

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council