



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 15 OCTOBER 2013

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Adele Heasman	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Mr Andrew McIntosh	Community Member / Manly Club for Seniors
Ms Beverley Mathieson	Community Member
Ms Elizabeth Graham	Wesley Heights Aged Care Representative
Mr Evelyn Shervington	Community Member (Chair)
Ms Mandy George	Sunnyfield
Ms Verity Shervington	Community Member

Council Staff

Ms Katie Acheson	Coordinator Community Development and Direct Services
Ms Sandra Faase	Sen. Community Development Officer (Minutes)
Ms Juliana Scali	Social Work Student - visitor

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 15 October 2013, 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 Eric Poulos, Community Service Manager.

The Committee was introduced to Juliana Scali, who is working with Youth Services under the supervision of the Coordinator Community Development and Direct Services (CCD&DS).

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held 20 August 2013 were confirmed. They were adopted by Council on 9 September 2013.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

ACTION

ITEM 3	ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION	ACTION
	The Access & Mobility Committee Progress Report, September 2013, was tabled (attached). The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters and completed items. Items that need further progress and new items are discussed below:	
3.1	Manly Sea Life Sanctuary The Sanctuary advised that consultants Certis, undertook an access audit on 20 August and the report would be provided to the Committee. The access issues from the report would be addressed as part of a large refurbishment planned for 2014. Recommendation The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Sea Life Sanctuary be followed up to verify that the access issues identified in the audit are addressed in their 2014 refurbishment plans.	CDO
3.2	Kerb Ramps Upgrades Half of the curb ramps the Committee identified for reconstruction have now been constructed as follows: • West Esplanade and Eustace Street – completed • Raglan & Belgrave Streets near the Manly Tennis Centre – to be completed. • Pittwater Road between Rolfe Street and Golf Parade – eastern side completed; western side near Stuart Blinds, to be completed Works staff report the other ramps are due to be built by end October.	
3.3	Hazards Manly CBD The issue of bicycles locked to poles, trees, etc. had been raised. The Compliance Manager was advised and Rangers requested to put warning stickers on these bikes. The Committee requested a review of bike racks and the Traffic Section has advised that that a Bike Racks Improvement Plan is being implemented, with more racks near Manly Library awaiting approval, and more near the MEC and around the CBD perimeter being planned. This raised the question whether bike riding was allowable in the busy Market Lane area. Note: Inspection of the Market Lane area after the meeting found that it is a shared zone allowing bike riding. Also vehicles along the route marked by bollards are allowed during restricted hours. • A new trip hazard was reported at the corner ramp of Darley Rd & The Corso near Movenpick. This has been entered into Council's Customer Request Management System (Request no. 197936)	
3.4	Lack of access to Restaurants at 46 East Esplanade, Manly Site was inspected on 5 September. To gain access to the three shops/restaurants wheelchair users must get a waiter's attention who then opens the gate on the ramp for access via the back door. The Building Manager was contacted and was requested to: 1) post the restaurants' names & unit numbers on the business directory wall sign, and 2) link the gate buzzer directly with the restaurants (currently linked to Building Manager). This gate was not shown on DA 347/2010 commented on by the Access DA Sub-Committee in August 2011. It was noted that Criniti's did not have the access in terms of toilets and change facilities as requested at DA stage.	

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. A Compliance Officer inspects the gate on the ramp at 46 East Esplanade and Criniti's restaurant to ensure that both are in compliance with the access requirements of the approved DAs.
2. The Building Manager for 46 East Esplanade be contacted to request signage at the front of the restaurants to advise wheelchair access is via the rear of the building.
3. The final Reports on DAs that have been referred for comment be checked for inclusion of the DA Sub-Committee's comments.

**Manager
Compliance**

**CDO/ Building
Manager**

CDO

3.5 International Day for People with a Disability (IDPwD)

Various proposals were discussed for IDPwD (3 December) including:

- One received from a community member (tabled) to hold a designated night out at a local night spot/bar for young people with a disability, to promote social inclusion, and
- Council hosting a morning tea with speakers on this year's theme: "Break barriers, open doors: for an inclusive society for all".

However, the Committee supported a proposal for an eye-catching flyer to be developed that shops / businesses can display that have good access, as a way of congratulating them.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council that:

1. An A4 flyer be developed with the IDPwD logo, that businesses with good access can display for IDPwD and raise access awareness.
2. That Community Development staff hold a stall on IDPwD at Stockland Balgowlah promoting disability and other community information.

SCDO/ CDO

ITEM 4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 An email was received from a local Clinical Psychologist re Seatrak, a track system via which wheelchairs can access the water. A response email dated 24 September was also tabled. Council already provides an accessible wheelchair more suitable for Australian conditions.

4.2 Manly Swim Centre DA

A submission was tabled for this DA received by Council Records from a wheelchair user who regularly uses the Centre. The DA Sub-Committee had already reviewed the DA in September but wished to review it again given the points raised in the tabled submission.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that it would like to review the Swim Centre DA again to provide a more thorough comment in relation to access.

SCDO

4.3 Pedestrian Access Mobility Plans (PAMP)

A PAMP has been proposed for the busy area near the Pittwater Rd / Balgowlah Rd roundabout by the Traffic section. The Committee also suggested a PAMP is needed for the Roseberry St / Balgowlah Rd area. The Committee would like to be informed of progress on these matters.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that it supports the developments of PAMPs for the Pittwater Rd / Balgowlah Rd area and for the Roseberry St / Balgowlah Rd area.

**Traffic
Manager**

4.4**Flooding at Manly Seniors Centre**

The Manly Club for Seniors representative asked what plans there are for alleviating flooding at the Seniors Centre car park. Club representatives had met with Council engineers last year to discuss ways to mitigate flooding.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that an update be given on plans to alleviate flooding at the Manly Seniors Centre.

**Manager
Urban
Services**

Meeting closed at 3:40pm

ITEM 5**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Date: 10 December 2013

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council