



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2012

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

Evelyn Shervington

Community Representative (Chair)

Verity Shervington

Community Representative

Bourke Gibbons

Community Representative

Beverly Mathieson

Community Representative

Council Staff

Kathryn Fayle

Community Services Manager

Sandra Faase

Community Development Coordinator (minutes)

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 17 April 2012, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 2.15 pm

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Elizabeth Graham and Mandy George.

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 21 February 2012 are confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Meeting of 2 April 2012, that the minutes of the Access Committee of 21 February 2012 be adopted.

ITEM 4	REPORT- APRIL 2012 ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION	ACTION
	The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters discussed: Access DCP, accessible bus stops North & South Steyne, Wider access ramps CBD intersections, Time-limited disability parking Wentworth Street, Access ramps near Wharf West Esplanade, Whistler Street forecourt disability parking, Aquatic wheelchair ramp, concrete grinder for pavements, Budget bid for ramps, Carer parking permit scheme. Recommendation The Committee recommends that: 1. Access DCP. Draft DCP was circulated to Committee flagging sections on access. Committee's input to DCP provided late March. 2. Request for accessible bus stops along North & South Steyne. Bus stop at near Ceramic Lane – is the last in this area to be made accessible. Design for this ramp still being undertaken by Design Team. - Committee requests an update on progress and timeline for this ramp from Design Team, and suggests another on site visit if necessary. 3. Request for wider access ramps CBD intersections. Request to widen ramps from Wharf to The Corso over East Esplanade – project sheet had been signed off for widening to be undertaken. Design nearing completion and ramp construction then to be contracted. When timing established, Committee will be updated. - Committee requests an update on expected date of construction. Ramps across Raglan Street at Belgrave Street/Pittwater Rd intersection – From February site meeting Traffic Team agreed to undertake a survey all ramps at intersection. Design briefs have been prepared for the 2 ramps on the tennis court side, and the ramp opposite outside ex-baby health centre. If Design Team determines new ramps are required, they will be installed. - Committee refers Traffic and Design Teams to the Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan (PAMP) study undertaken in 2004 which would have investigated these older-style ramps, advises they are not adequate or safe as established at the recent site meeting – in particular the ramps subject to design briefs as above – and requests update on construction timeline. 4. Request for access ramps on West Esplanade near Wharf. A site meeting was held with the Traffic Team in December to progress a holistic solution to provide access ramps on both side of West Esplanade near the Wharf as it is a frequent drop off/pick up area. Traffic Team's update is that a design brief has been submitted for the upgrade of the ramp on the west side of Eustace Street if feasible. The outcome will be reported to the Access Committee once finalised. - Committee requests a further update on the Eustace Street ramp upgrade.	CDO/ Design Team
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		CDC /Design Team

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| <p>5. Request for budget bid for wheelchair-friendly ramps. At the last meeting it was asked that a budget bid be submitted for wheelchair-friendly ramps in the CBD and Pittwater Road, and discussion ensued that it might be prudent to do a study of ramps in this area first, as well as other aids for hearing and sight impaired at intersections, so that resources could be targeted to areas of most need. Since then it has been advised there is a budget of \$20,000 in 2011/12 for ramps. As well, Committee members recall a Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan (PAMPs) study undertaken in 2004 which would have investigated ramps in the CBD and prioritised which need rebuilding (also mentioned in item 4.3).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee requests advice on whether the ramps budget bid for 2012/13 has been increased from \$20,000. • Committee requests a PAMPs study be undertaken for the Balgowlah Road/Pittwater Road area near the roundabout and Seniors Centre, given the high pedestrian volume (including seniors & students) and traffic in this area. | <p>CDO/
Traffic Team</p> |
| <p>6. Time-limited disability parking outside Wentworth Street medical facilities. The General Manager wrote to RMS on 29 November 2011, advising Council had already received support from a peak disability organisation, Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA, 27/4/11), for implementation of timed disability parking near Wentworth St medical facilities. Response received from RMS dated 8 March 2012 advises they would like to see: “broader support from a peak group, such as the NSW Disability Council, before agreeing to time limited disability parking at this location.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee requests Council on behalf of the Access Committee, writes to the NSW Disability Council to seek their support on this issue, in particular as the Mobility Parking Scheme review currently underway will also look into this issue. | <p>CDC / GM</p> |
| <p>7. Enforcement of Whistler Street Car Park forecourt accessible parking. At the February meeting, the Committee endorsed the Traffic Team’s proposal to have the signage changed in the forecourt to state vehicles in the accessible parking bays could park for “No return with three hours”. Traffic Team’s update is that “No return within 3 hours or fines will apply” have been approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee applauds this change in signage which will ensure vehicles do not park in the accessible parking spaces repeatedly, blocking their use by other vehicles, if new rules are enforced. • The Committee would also like thank the Transport Planner for all her work on behalf of the Committee to date. | <p>CDC /
Transport
Planner</p> |
| <p>8. Letter to RMS re stricter guidelines for issue of Mobility Parking Permits. Committee Chairperson drafted a submission to the RMS Mobility Parking Scheme Review currently underway, for Committee input, which was forwarded with a covering letter from the General Manager to the RMS on 11 April 2011.</p> | |
| <p>9. Watson’s Bay Aquatic Wheelchair Ramp. Committee requested at last meeting Council consider building a similar facility and that more information be sought, in particular cost. Woollahra Council’s Project Manager, Capital Projects, has advised the ramp cost</p> | |

\$530,000. It was suggested that given the cost, it might be more realistic to have the access ramp currently proposed at Fairlight Pool to provide for wheelchair access into the water if it could be modified to do so. And if this were feasible, that this would also include building accessible paths leading to the pool, and provision of accessible parking nearby. The existing ramp at Shelly Beach may be another possible location for a wheelchair access ramp into the water.

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10. Concrete grinder to level lifted pavements. Several emails have been sent to relevant section asking that Council look into this method of levelling trip hazards, given that some other Councils use this method.

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- Committee again requests Council look into using this method of levelling pavements to trip remove hazards.

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Letter from Guide Dogs NSW/ACT. Council has received correspondence from the Guide Dogs Orientation & Mobility Instructor dated 12 March 2012, with a request on behalf a visually impaired Manly resident, "that Manly Council refer to the RMA to consider adding a controlled crossing to the Northern side of the intersection (with Pittwater Rd), or consider placing a crossing at Collingwood St and a zebra crossing across the laneway", "due to there being no safe crossing option at the intersection of Pittwater Rd and Collingwood St". The emailed letter was sent to the Traffic Team on 13 March and they have advised they will investigate.

Recommendation

- Committee supports the upgrade of the crossings at this intersection, and requests a copy of the letter be sent to the State MP for Manly, who has also petitioned on this matter.

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State MP

2. Improved access to Fairlight Pool for older or people with a disability who want to walk directly into the pool. A site meeting was held with Council's Architect, the Committee Chairperson and the Community Development Officer, to discuss a proposal originating from Fairlight Precinct to build a ramp out of the sandstone at the western side of Fairlight Pool, enabling access into the pool without having to use the stairs into the pool, as is currently the case. At the meeting it was also noted that:

- Gate at northern side should be altered to swing both ways and the safety lock should be lowered so that the gate can be used by wheelchair users;
- The need for a railing on the north-east corner of the concrete pool platform was questioned. The Access Committee would recommend that the need for and effectiveness of the fencing around the pool be reviewed.

Recommendation

Committee supports the new ramp into the pool and agrees with the written comments provided after the site meeting dated 27 March, that the whole area needs to be reviewed in terms of access.

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3. Accessible parking space request near Seaforth Medical Centre. A site meeting was held with the Chairman, the Traffic Team and Community Development Officer to discuss the Medical

Centre's request for an accessible parking space on Sydney Road. The proposed location was deemed not appropriate due to safety issues (insufficient width for space and traffic volume), and alternative locations in Wanganella Street & Pickworth Avenue were also deemed not appropriate due to the parking space not being wide enough and with these locations being too far from the Centre. Also, the Centre's off-street parking could not be used for such a space as there is no lift access to the second floor. The Committee was made aware of this situation given no suitable location has been found.

4. **Accessible parking at new cafe at North Fort, North Head.** The Committee Chairperson noted that the accessible parking space near the cafe was no longer there, although there were still accessible parking spots at the scenic lookout.

Recommendation

Committee requests that the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust provide an accessible parking space suitable for wheelchair users near the cafe.

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ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Tuesday 19 June 2012

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 3.35pm