



**MINUTES OF MEETING
ACCESS COMMITTEE
HELD TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2011**

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Barbara Aird

Manly Council (Chair)

Other Representatives

Elizabeth Graham

Mandy George

Bourke Gibbons

Wesley Heights Representative

Sunnyfield Independence Representative

Community Representative

Council Staff

Kathryn Fayle

Sandra Faase

Community Services Manager

Community Development Coordinator (minutes)

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 19 April 2011, 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, Cllr Adele Heasman, Evelyn Shervington (Chairperson), Verity Shervington. Cllr Aird agreed to chair the meeting in the absence of the Chairperson.

A letter or resignation from the Committee dated 12 April 2011 from Kirelle Mathieson was tabled. Mrs Beverly Mathieson has expressed an interest in becoming a Committee member.

Recommendation

1. The Committee thanks Kirelle Mathieson for her input during her time on the Committee.
2. The Committee requests that a letter be sent to Mrs Beverly Mathieson with an invitation to join the Committee.

ACTION

**CDC/
Secretariat**

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 19 October 2010 are confirmed.

The Notes of the Inquorate Meeting held on 15 February 2011 are confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Ordinary Meeting meeting held on 13 December 2010, that the minutes of the Access Committee of 19 October 2010 be adopted.

ITEM 4 REPORT- APRIL 2011 ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION

The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters discussed: Accessible taxis pick-up drop-off zone, disability parking in CBD, Accessible Manly information, Fairlight Shops accessible parking spaces, bus stops along North & South Steyne, Parking for Sailability on East Esplanade reserve, Ellery Punt Reserve Masterplan, Tania Park accessible pathway, Manly Cinema access, wider laybacks in Manly CBD, 2011 International Day of People with a Disability, time-limited disability parking Wentworth Street, rules for Loading Zones, proposed disability parking space Bower Lane, Fire Brigade guest speaker request, request to bring forward December meeting.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that:

1. **Accessible Taxi Access Ramp at Kiss & Ride Zone Belgrave Street.** This ramp has now been installed.
The Committee requests that a site meeting be held to determine if there is a need for a similar ramp near the Kiss & Ride Zone at the Wharf, or near Pittwater Radiology on the other side of West Esplanade, and also to determine whether an accessible parking spot is required at this location. **CDC/ ES**
2. **Proposed extra accessible parking spaces in CBD.** The Committee requests feedback re any proposed accessible parking spaces in Manly CBD. Locations were identified in the 2009 CBD Parking Study. **Traffic Section**
3. **Update on consolidated DCP.** The Committee requests an update on the timetable for the consolidated DCP, which includes the Access DCP. **Planning & Strategy Coord.**
4. **Fairlight shops – Accessible parking spaces.** The Design Manager advised he would like to hold another site meeting with the Chairperson to consult on what is achievable at this location. The Committee requests such a meeting be organised. **CDC/ ES/ DM**
5. **Request for accessible bus stops along North & South Steyne.** In May 2010 the Chairperson met with a wheelchair user/bus commuter, to inspect bus stops along North & South Steyne in response to complaints these stops were not accessible. Based on the Chairperson's notes from the site visit, the Traffic Officer made recommendations that the Committee endorsed. The A/Traffic Manager provided an update that the request to relocate the existing bus stop opposite the Novotel Hotel south towards The Corso will be referred to the June Traffic Committee.
 - The Committee requests that the above relocation be checked

	to see if it is in line with the recommendation to make this bus stop accessible; and requests an update on the other recommendations in the Traffic Officer's report. • The Committee requests that a letter be sent to the original complainant to provide an update on what actions have occurred to date to improve the bus stops. 6. Request for wider laybacks in Manly CBD. Advice is that the traffic team will investigate the two locations where wider laybacks have been requested due to pedestrian traffic volume, and will forward a design brief to the Design Team requesting a detailed design for the ramps. The two locations are: the crossing over West Esplanade from The Corso to Manly Wharf, and the crossing over Belgrave Street to the bus stops. • The Committee requests an update on the progress of the request for ramps for the June meeting. 7. Time-limited disability parking near medical facilities A letter was sent to Spinal Cord Injuries Australia to seek their support for a timed disability parking spot near Wentworth Street medical facilities. A letter has been sent to the Local Government Association to request they lobby State Government to change the rules to allow timed disability parking where it can be justified ie. near medical facilities. • The Committee requests an update on responses to the correspondence for the June meeting. 8. Enforcement of Disability Parking limits in Whistler Street Car Park forecourt. Although it is advised that parking limits at this location are regularly enforced, it has been observed that some vehicles are monopolising these parking spots and exceeding the time limit. • The Committee requests that a sign be erected stating that a vehicle can only park for one two-hour period a day in the forecourt. • The Committee requests that advice be sought as to how Rangers' can check if a permit is valid, and what are the rights and limitations of Rangers in conducting such checks. 9. Request for Guest Speaker from Fire Brigade. A request to the Fire Brigade has been sent for a guest speaker about regulations/ procedures for evacuating people with disabilities from high rise buildings. • The Committee requests an update on this request for the June meeting.	CDC/ Traffic Section CDC/ Traffic Section CDC / Traffic Section / Design Team CDC CDC/Compliance officer CDC
ITEM 5	GENERAL BUSINESS Sydney Harbour National Park Draft Plan of Management The Plan was referred to the Access Committee for comment in early April. All Council Committees' comments were due by 15 April, to allow for collation into one Council submission to be submitted to the NPWS by 30 April 2011. Committee Chairperson Evelyn Shervington and Committee member Verity Shervington provided written comments on the parts of the draft plan pertaining to Manly LGA: North Head and Dobroyd Head. These comments were tabled at the meeting.	

Recommendation

The Committee endorses the comments on the draft Plan of Management tabled at the meeting, and their inclusion in Council's report on the Plan to the NPWS.

**CDC/ Div.
Mgr, CP&S**

Watson's Bay Aquatic Wheelchair ramp

A Manly resident submitted photos and information on the Watson's Bay Aquatic Wheelchair ramp. The photos were viewed at the meeting.

Recommendation

The Committee requests that this information be held over for discussion at the June meeting.

CDC

Aussie Lift information

Information on this portable lift was tabled.

Recommendation

The Committee requests that this information be tabled again at the June meeting.

CDC

ITEM 6**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Date: 21 June 2011

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 3.40pm