



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2010

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Barbara Aird
Cllr Adele Heasman

Manly Council
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Evelyn Shervington
Verity Shervington
Mandy George
Kirelle Mathieson
Elizabeth Graham

Community Member (Chair)
Community Member
Sunnyfield Independence Representative
Community Member
Wesley Heights 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 October, 2010, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced 2.10pm.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Cllr Jean Hay, Mayor and Bourke Gibbons.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Nil.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The minutes of the Committee meeting held 15 June 2010, are confirmed. The Notes of the inquorate Meeting held on 17 August are confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Ordinary meeting held on 19 July 2010, that the minutes of the Access Committee meeting of 15 June 2010 be adopted.

ACTION

ITEM 4	REPORT – ELLERY PUNT RESERVE LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN	Report and plan included with Agenda. Advice prior to the meeting from Council's Architect was that substantial changes are being made to this plan. Once these changes have been made, the revised plan will be submitted to the Committee for comment.	
ITEM 5	REPORT – NORTH HARBOUR RESERVE LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN	The final draft is public exhibition from 27 September to 7 November. The Committee perused the final draft. It was noted that the Masterplan had taken into account the Committee's prior input, with inclusion of an environmentally sensitive access ramp connecting King Avenue and Manly Scenic Walkway on North Harbour Reserve, and improvements to the Reserve's toilet block to make it accessible.	EMO
ITEM 6	REPORT – LM GRAHAM RESERVE MASTERPLAN	The final draft is on public exhibition from 5 October to 30 November. The report requests the Committee provide comment during this period. Staff were unavailable on the meeting day to present the plan, the Committee requests a meeting be organised for Committee members to be briefed on the plan.	
	Recommendation	The Committee recommends to the General Manager that a meeting be organised with the appropriate officer to present the plan to Committee members, to enable Committee comment before 30 November.	STL
ITEM 7	ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE AND DISCUSSION	The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters discussed in relation to: accessible taxis pick-up and drop-off zone, accessible parking in CBD; Access DCP; Manly Missed Business Guide; "Accessible Manly" information; Manly Ambassador for People with Disabilities; Fairlight shops accessible parking spaces; Accessible bus stops North & South Steyne; Parking of Sailability vehicles on East Esplanade; Request for street trees map.	
	Recommendation	The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:	GM
	1. Proposed Ramp at Belgrave Street Kiss & Ride Zone to enable safe access to Accessible Taxis.	The lack of ramp at this location, first requested 18 months ago, is a safety issue. The Committee requests the building of this ramp be given urgent priority.	IBM
	2. CBD Parking Study, proposed extra accessible parking spaces.	The Traffic Committee is due to consider the upgrade of the two accessible parking spots on the western end of Wentworth Street near medical offices. The Committee requests an update on the progress of the other accessible parking spots requested in the CBD parking study.	Traffic Team
	3. Manly Missed Business Guide.	As per advice from the Deputy General Manager in response to the August meeting request, the Committee requests that the Guide be distributed with approved DAs as soon as is practicable.	CDC

Also, copies of the Guide be provided to Committee members to enable further distribution throughout shopping areas.

4. **“Accessible Manly” information.** In response to the Committee’s ongoing requests for information to be available for visitors to Manly requiring accessible facilities, particularly accessible accommodation, a webpage was drafted entitled “Manly Welcomes People with Disabilities”, which includes a link to the Spinal Cord Injuries Australia web site accessible accommodation feature using Google Earth.
 - The Committee commends the webpage and requests it be included on Council’s website, as well as a general disability information page tabled, and requests the appropriate resources be provided to enable this.
5. **Ambassador of People with Disabilities.** Committee requests that this matter be held over to 2011.
6. **Fairlight Shops accessible parking spaces.** Committee Chairperson advised he met with the Design Engineer to progress the re-design of this space to make it more useable. The Committee requests information about when the design improvement is likely to occur.
7. **Accessible bus stops, North & South Steyne.** The Traffic Officer provided a second report to the Committee, which includes input from STA. The Committee requests the Traffic Section to progress with the recommendations from this second report to ensure these bus stops are accessible, and thanks the Traffic Officer for progressing this matter.
8. **Proliferation of stalls at Manly Wharf.** Advice was provided that stalls have been removed and the Committee requests Council to keep monitoring the Wharf for stalls impeding access.
9. **Parking of Sailability vehicles on East Esplanade.** The Committee requests clarification of why Sailability vans are not being allowed to park on the reserve (alternate Wednesday and Saturday mornings), whereas the Sailing Club vans and boats are able to park all day on the reserve. The Committee requests the same discretion be exercised for Sailability vehicles.

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ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Accessible parking space at Manly Surf Life Saving Club

This parking space does not comply with Australian Standards and it is proposed to move it to a location on Ashburner Street. The issue was raised that as on-street locations are under RTA jurisdiction, they cannot be time-limited disabled parking, whereas keeping the space where it is under Council’s jurisdiction would allow for time-limiting, which the Committee felt was important as many on-street accessible parking spaces where the intent is to allow access to a facility/service, are “parked-out” for resident or commuter parking.

Recommendation

1. The Committee requests a meeting be arranged between the Chairperson and the appropriate Council staff to discuss the matter of the MLSC accessible parking space.
2. The Committee requests that the Community Services Manager draft a letter to the RTA with the Committee’s position that in

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	certain situations, where it is justified as access is required to medical or other important facilities, that guidelines be put in place to allow for timed on-street accessible parking.	CDC/CSM
8.2	Tania Park – proposed accessible pathway Recommendation The Committee supports the proposal for an accessible pathway as per the sketch provided, which runs from the existing accessible parking space to the amenities block and to the playground.	CDC/Manager Parks & Reserves
8.3	Manly Cinema – request for access improvements A Committee member advised that although one of the Cinemas is accessible, wheelchair users had no choice but to sit at the front. It was suggested that access could be improved by providing an access ramp to the seats higher up. Recommendation The Committee would like Manly Cinema to be provided with advice as per the Missed Business Guide.	CDC
8.4	Request for wider laybacks in Manly CBD Recommendation Due to the high volume of pedestrian traffic, including people with prams and people with mobility issues/aids, the Committee requests that the laybacks on the kerbs be widened at the intersection from The Corso to Many Wharf, and at Belgrave Street to the bus stop near Gilbert Park, to allow for safer access.	CDC/Civic and Urban
8.5	Spinal Cord Injuries Australia Access Committee Network Recommendation The Committee requests that the Manly Access Committee becomes a member of this Network and the form requesting three access problems and successes be sent to SCIA, with inclusion of the following access problems: Classification of Mobility Parking Permits into two categories – for permanently disabled and for temporarily disabled people; lack of photo ID on MPPs which inhibits proper policing of accessible parking.	CDC
8.6	2010 International Day of People with a Disability Recommendation The Committee supports Community Services staff to work with Sunnyfield to provide a joint celebration for IDPWD with Council's Club Friday service clients on Friday 3 December, at the Manly Seniors Centre.	CDC/CSM/ Youth Services
8.7	Next meeting of the Access Committee Recommendation As the next Access Committee meeting is scheduled four days before Christmas with many members likely to be unavailable, the Committee requests that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 15 February; and requests that members be briefed on progress of all items in December via the Access Actions & Update Report.	CDC
ITEM 9	NEXT MEETING DATE: Date: Tuesday 15 February 2011 Time: 2.00pm Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council Meeting closed at 4.00pm	

