



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 17 February 2015

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 Evelyn Shervington	Community Member (Chair)
Mr Andrew Macintosh	Community Member
Ms Mandy George	Sunnyfield Independence

Council Staff

Ms Jacqui McLeod	Senior Coastal Management Officer
Ms Anna Nikolov	Community Development Officer (Minutes)

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 17 February 2015 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 INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Apologies from Manly Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio), Ms Elizabeth Graham, Ms Beverley Mathieson and Ms Verity Shervington

Ms Jacqui McLeod, Senior Coastal Management Officer, was introduced.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 December 2014 AND MATTERS ARISING
The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2014 were confirmed with the following correction of Item 4.3 in the previous minutes:

ACTION

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the accessible spaces at the Whistler Street car park & forecourt remain on site under any re-development of the Whistler Street Car park.

ITEM 4 GUEST SPEAKER – Jacquie McLeod presenting the Draft Manly Ocean Beach Coastal Zone Management Plan Discussion Paper

The Committee was briefed on the purpose of the discussion paper and the history of coastal management plans for Manly area. A discussion occurred about the following issues:

- The environmental impact of large scale events such as Australian Open of Surfing on Manly Ocean Beach (7-15 February) with infrastructure installed in the reserve for 3 weeks; the resulting high usage on pathways due to event's high attendance and the requirement for improved disability access at future large scale events.
- Need for accessibility audit and review of the pathways, transition ramps from the roads to the raised walkways, accessible public amenities, and provision of signage at eye level, for example, to provide signage at North Steyne Surf Pavilion to the accessible toilets at Queenscliff Surf Pavilion.
- Risk assessment of public traffic areas which are demanding and hazardous for people with disabilities, such as the pedestrian/ cyclist shared zone near Manly Surf Pavilion.
- Implementing a 'bicycle dismount area' during big events in such areas.
- Providing signage on shared footpaths indicating pedestrian priority and reinforcement of fines similar to the signage of the City of Sydney.
- Looking at best practice initiatives from other coastal councils, the LGNSW Liveable Communities guidelines, the WHO Age-Friendly Cities checklists, etc.
- Investigating a suitable location for beach access for people with disabilities and for wheelchair access to the water edge.
- Instead of the project AC1 and AC2 in the Discussion Paper to provide beach access ramp at North Steyne Surf Pavilion or at the Corso steps, a more practical and viable option would be at Cabbage Tree Bay upgrading the existing boat ramp and using most of the pre-existing facilities on site (accessible toilets, accessible parking, level drop off area).

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council explore the opportunities for a grant to implement a beach access ramp for PWD at Cabbage Tree Bay.

That the information be received and noted.

4.1 Traffic overload at Little Manly Beach kiosk

A concern was expressed for access during busy periods at Little Manly Beach Kiosk, which due to its great success is creating traffic overload and impeding pedestrian access to the beach and the amenities. There is now a pedestrian traffic issue between customers queuing at the counter, waitresses serving food, beach

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patrons and children passing through, baby trolleys and chairs placed on the footpath. The grassy area between the kiosk and the beach wall is being used as an alternative footpath and is being eroded.

Recommendation

That this information be received and noted and requested that it be sent to the Little Manly Precinct Committee for consideration.

ITEM 5 ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION

The Access & Mobility Committee Progress Report February 2015 was tabled. The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters and completed items.

ACTION

5.1 Accessibility on North Head

Site meeting at North Fort Café has been arranged with Mr Daniel Sealey from the Harbour Trust on 23 February 2015 at 9:30am.

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5.2 Drop off zone at Totem Lane, Balgowlah

A discussion occurred with regards to provision of a drop off/ pick up zone at the Totem Lane, Stockland Shopping Village, Balgowlah.

CDO/ Manager Traffic

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that a drop off zone be considered by the Traffic Committee with once space converted from 1P to 5min P drop off zone to facilitate this improvement.

5.3 Balgowlah Road & Pittwater Road area Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP)

The Committee identified that the PAMP report has not yet been tabled for discussion at Council as previously requested.

Manager Traffic

Further, the Committee discussed the accessible parking needs at the Swim Centre. The Committee asks Council urgently to review the on-street parking at Balgowlah Road rear of the swim centre and that additional space be provided on council land on the cement area off Balgowlah Road behind the existing accessible spaces (Authorised P).

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that accessible/ disability parking be reviewed at the Swim Centre and if permitted time limited to 2P, and additional accessible/disability parking be made available in area on council land off Balgowlah Road.

5.4 Accessible Parking at Whistler Street Car Park and forecourt

The Committee would like to retain on site the 16 accessible/disability car spaces currently provided at Whistler Street car park (6 spaces) and forecourt (10 spaces) in the proposed redevelopment Manly 2015.

Exec Mgr Major Projects

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the accessible/disability spaces at the Whistler Street Car Park & forecourt remain on site under any redevelopment of the Whistler Street Car Park.

ITEM 6**General Business****6.1****Re-paint the 'Access' Signage on East Esplanade**

The sign "Access" painted on the road at the top of the timber walkway connecting to East Esplanade is worn out. Cars are parking there and blocking access for wheelchair users transitioning to the pedestrian access ramp.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the Access sign is repainted on the East Esplanade near timber walkway.

Meeting closed at 3:50pm

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 21 April 2015

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

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