



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 16 February 2016

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman

Other Representatives

Mr Evelyn Shervington	Community Member (Chair)
Ms Beverley Mathieson	Community Member
Ms Verity Shervington	Community Member
Mr Andrew Macintosh	Community Member/ Manly Club for Seniors
Ms Mandy George	Sunnyfield Independence

Council Staff

Ms Anna Nikolov	Community Development Officer (Minutes)
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access and Mobility Committee met on 16 February 2016 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN	The meeting commenced at 3.10 pm.	
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES, INTRODUCTIONS, AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Apologies from Manly Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio), Cllr Barbara Aird and Ms Sonja Lechner.	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Nil.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2015 were confirmed. The meeting scheduled for 15 December 2015 was cancelled due to lack of quorum.	
ITEM 4	ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION The Access & Mobility Committee Resolution Schedule December 2015 was tabled. The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters and completed items.	
4.1	Access to Centrelink/ Medicare Brookvale The Committee discussed the latest letter Council has sent to the Hon Tony Abbott MP on 17 November 2015 on this matter. CDO to	CDO

	follow up about the kerb ramp upgrades on Chard Road and to relay to Warringah Council the suggestion to provide some on street accessible parking spaces on Sydneham Road near Centrelink. Recommendation The Committee recommends to the General Manager to write to the Department of Human Services highlighting the issue and asking about their action plan for making the Centrelink/ Medicare Office, Brookvale more accessible. Noting the integration of other services at this address, to ask also about their 5 year plan for this site.	
4.2	PAMP for Balgowlah Road and Pittwater Road area The Committee continues to express concern about the hazard to pedestrians in this area. The Committee recommends that the Traffic Committee continue negotiations with RMS for implementing the second pedestrian refuge at Pittwater Road opposite Harris Farm parking (ref. PAMP recommendation - Option 1). CDO to follow up. Recommendation The Committee recommends that this information is noted.	Chief Operating Officer
4.3	Improving accessibility to North Head The Committee discussed another letter received from the Executive Director, SHFT, dated 13.11.15, which was tabled. The Committee acknowledged that it is good to know that the Harbour Trust is thinking about improvement but would like to know about their timeframes. CDO to follow up.	CDO
4.4	2016 RMS Active Transport grant In August 2015, the Transport Planner requested locations of kerb ramps recommended by the Access Committee for upgrade. This information was used for the council's grant application for 2016 RMS Active Transport projects. The Committee requested an update on the outcome of this application. Recommendation The Committee recommends that this information is noted.	CUS Manager
4.5	Hearing Augmentation The Committee discussed again the unused built-in hearing augmentation system in the library. CDO has obtained 2 quotes for a site survey to establish its location and state. A letter received in January 2016 from Printacall, a leading provider of hearing loops was also tabled (attached) MC/16/21424.	CDO
ITEM 5	GENERAL BUSINESS	
5.1	Beach Access CDO briefed the Committee about the Beach Access planning meeting held 16 December 2015 with a Royal Rehab Recreation Programs Coordinator. They run a program for people with spinal injuries and brain injuries called Return2Sport where various beach access equipment can be tried out at Bondi. (Notes from the meeting ref: MC/15/157926)	CDO

CDO tabled information brochures about Mobi Mat, a portable Beach Access Surface used to provide access over sand, grass or rough terrain. The matting can be rolled to the water edge and towed away by a quad bike when not in use. Mobi Mat costs approx. \$300 per metre. Beach matting can also be used to make other events more accessible, such as outdoor concerts, sport competitions, etc. The Committee requested to invite Return2Sport group for a site visit to do a demonstration at Little Manly Beach or Shelly Beach.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that this information is noted.

5.2

Friday Food Markets in Gilbert Park

The new location for the food markets in Gilbert Park is not accessible for people in wheelchairs or using mobility aids. Food stalls are over the grass and the footpath has a lip. The Committee requested what was the reason for the new location and what is the council's plan for making this event accessible.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that this information is noted as an Item of Brief Mention.

5.3

Manly CBD Access Map 2016

CDO tabled copies of the updated map. It is available on the Council's website, Sydney for All website and from Town Hall, Library, Art Gallery, Seniors Centre, and Hello Manly! Visitors Information Centre.

Meeting closed at 4:30 pm

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 19 April 2016

Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

**Events
Manager**