



**MINUTES OF MEETING
ACCESS COMMITTEE
HELD TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2009**

*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
Verity Shervington	Community Representative
Bourke Gibbons	Community Representative
Kirelle Mathieson	Community Representative

Council Staff

Kathryn Fayle	Community Services Manager
Sandra Faase	Community Development Coordinator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 18 August 2009, to consider the matters referred to it and provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 2.05 pm

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor and Mandy George

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The minutes of the Committee meeting held 21 April 2009 is confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 11 May 2009, that the minutes of 21 April 2009 of the Access Committee be adopted.

ACTION

ITEM 4	REPORT- Presentation of the Draft Access DCP Christine Cheung from Funktion Access, presented to the Access Committee on the purpose of the review of the Manly Access DCP, and how the revised Access DCP would guide disability access in relation to; • Current and future disability related building legislation • Australian Standards • Best practice Discussion held in relation to pending federal legislation and its impact on future disability access in new and existing buildings. Draft access checklist discussed and how it will assist D/A submissions in relation to access. Adaptable units discussed in relation to future needs with an ageing population. Current requirement is 1:4 in Manly, and this equates to 25% of a unit development.	ACTION
	Recommendation Committee recommends to the General Manager that; 1) Council consider the percentage of 25% adaptable units be incorporated into future developments of all size developments, to better support the needs for access, in relation to mobility aids and support with activities of daily living for the aged and the disabled. 2) Council review the Draft Access checklist and incorporate the Access Checklist into all future Development Applications to support access requirements as part of the development application process, and as an outcome of the DCP review. 3) Committee requested draft DCP once completed for public exhibition be forwarded to Access Committee for review.	IBM CDC
ITEM 5	REPORT- Third Key Objective for the Access Committee 2009-12 Disability Information discussed as the third key objective to be achieved during the current term of the Access Committee. It was noted that the previous meeting nominated that tourism promotion for people with disabilities would be the focus of this objective. The Committee has since been advised that this has been integrated into the work of the Sustainable Economic Development and Tourism Committee. The Committee agreed that Disability Information to be prepared as the third key objective for work by the Access Committee. “Missed business” and “Accessible Manly” to provide information for both local businesses and people with disabilities on access via website and brochure. 1) Shop access in relation to portable ramps be included in the “Missed Business” brochure. This item was raised with particular emphasis on shops in Seaforth centre. Recommendation Committee recommends to the General Manager that; 1) The Chair of the Access Committee be invited to the Sustainable Economic Development and Tourism Committee to discuss disability issues and opportunities in relation to tourism.	

- 2) That the third key objective of disability information will be focused on local business access and accessible areas of Manly for people with disabilities.

ITEM 6

REPORT – ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters discussed, in relation to the following items:-

Disability Parking in the CBD, mobility parking permit redesign, kerb ramp at Darley Rd/Wentworth St intersection, Committee membership vacancy, cheating use of the disability parking permits, accessible taxi drop off zones, bowling green for the disabled, shop access concern in Seaforth, Fragrant Garden in Ivanhoe Park brochure.

Recommendation

Committee recommends to the General Manager that;

- 1) Recommendations from the CBD Parking Study report regarding disabled parking be forwarded to the Access Committee.
- 2) Acknowledgement is to be given for the kerb work at Darley Rd/Wentworth St intersection that has already been attended.
- 3) The attention of Council is required for the south western corner as Darley Rd/Wentworth St intersection, requiring *urgent wheel chair access upgrade as identified as an access hazard*.
- 4) A person with visual impairment be invited as the eighth member of the Committee.
- 5) Acknowledgement to be given for disability parking permit blitz attended by Rangers. The Committee expressed surprise at the result of the blitz which reported NIL offenders, and that attention be given to the disability parking zones after 7.00pm each evening and particularly on Friday, Saturday evenings.
- 6) That the Kiss and Ride zone in Belgrave St be reviewed and considered as a drop off area for disabled taxis. Suitable wheel chair access to be created to assist people in wheel chairs to move from the roadside onto The Corso at this drop off point.
- 7) Bowling Green proposal discussed by Manly Seniors Club be considered, only if access available to all people with disabilities of all ages.
- 8) The Committee acknowledged the production and the distribution of the well presented and useful Fragrant Garden brochure.

ACTION

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ITEM 7

GENERAL BUSINESS

Access Ramp Manly Yacht Club

Discussion held in relation to cars parking across access ramp from roadway. This parking creates difficulties for access to the ramp and requests Council to action a solution.

Recommendation

Committee recommends to the General Manager that pavement ramp be painted to identify the area for accessibility, as well as paint two lines on the road with hatchings between the lines, to highlight to motorists not to park across the access ramp.

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Development Applications

Discussion held on what development applications should be referred to the Access Committee.

ACTION**Recommendation**

Committee recommends to the General Manager that development applications be referred to the Access Committee that impact on public space, public amenity, public access in relation to facilities, businesses e.g shops, restaurants, Clubs, so the Committee can provide input on disability access.

ITEM 7**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Date: 20 October, 2009

Time: 2pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 4.15pm