



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY COMMITTEE HELD 18 JUNE 2013

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman

Manly Council

Other Representatives

Beverley Mathieson

Community Member

Evelyn Shervington

Community Member

Council Staff

Eric Poulos

Manager, Community Services

Anna Nikolov

Community Development Officer (Minutes)

In attendance

Andrew Macintosh

Community Member/ Manly Club for Seniors

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 18 June 2013, to consider the matters referred to it and now 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, Cllr Barbara Aird, Elizabeth Graham, Mandy George and Verity Shervington have sent apologies

The Committee welcomed Andrew Macintosh who had submitted an application to join the committee. He is involved in Manly Club for Seniors.

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held 16 April 2013 were confirmed.

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ACTION

ITEM 3 ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION

The Access & Mobility Committee Progress Report – June 2013 was tabled (attached). The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters and completed items.

CDO

The Council's website People with Disability page has been updated. Accessible Accommodation list is also updated. It is under the page Manly Welcomes People with Disability.

Recommendation:

The committee recommend to the General Manager that Council make contact with Tourism Australia to promote the information regarding disability access.

Items that need further progress and new items are discussed below:

3.1 Sailability parking at Manly Cove Reserve, East Esplanade

Council has written to Sailability and the letter was tabled at the meeting. Council advised that it permits one vehicle at a time for drop-offs or pick-ups and vehicles are not to park on the reserve. At times there is boat trailers illegally parked on the grass of the reserve. Discussion took place around the logistics of coordinating various minibuses and vehicles which drop off people for the Sailability program. As an operational matter it was recognised that the clients are coming from all over Sydney and scheduling may often fail due to factors beyond their control. The importance of maintaining good relations with the rangers was stressed as was the committee's support for this praiseworthy volunteer activity for the disabled.

3.2 Manly Sea Life Sanctuary

Council has written to Manly Sea Life Sanctuary advising them of the issues raised and providing sources of information about access improvement. A copy of the letter was circulated, but Council has not received a reply.

It was suggested to follow up with the Sanctuary General Manager as to how they will promote and improve accessibility.

Recommendation

The committee recommend to the General Manager that Council follows up with the Sanctuary General Manager regarding improved accessibility.

CDO

3.3 Manly CBD Access Map

The map is being updated and is going to print at the end of June. Copies have been circulated by email for feedback and were tabled.

Access Issue of note:

Manly Cinema is technically accessible; however the only viewing space for wheelchairs is in front of the screen which is not desirable. It was suggested to write to the Manager of Manly Cinema to ask them to promote improved access for viewing by people in wheel chairs.

CDO

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommend to the General Manager that Council write to the Manager of Manly Cinema to highlight the need for improved access for people in wheel chairs to view the screen.

GM

[**Note:** Previous communication has been sent to the owner of Manly Twin Cinema about this access issue on 12 January 2011, requesting consideration of an access ramp to higher level seats.]

3.4**Upgrading the kerb ramps:**

- Raglan St & Belgrave St near the Manly Tennis Centre.
- Pittwater Rd between Rolfe St and Golf St
- Pittwater Road - Balgowlah Road area
- West Esplanade and Eustace St

The need for upgrades on the above pedestrian kerb ramps, pathways and crossings were further discussed.

The Committee does not agree with the view that the issues at Pittwater and Balgowlah Road roundabout have been addressed by the RMS study and that it needs further investigation.

Recommendations:

That the Committee recommended to the General Manager that Council:

GM

1. Provide a copy of the PAMP (2003) and advise whether the current kerb ramps meet the standards
2. Advise the Committee of any plans for undertaking a survey or new PAMP of the Manly CBD.

MCS
MUS**ITEM 4****GENERAL BUSINESS****4.1****Manly Boy Charlton Swim Centre Plan**

The Committee asked about plans for the swim centre and expressed an interest to have an input on the plans for redevelopment of the centre.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted

4.2**Parking at Manly Seniors Centre**

A discussion was held about parking issues on Balgowlah Road near the Seniors Centre with regards to long term parking by trailers and commuters. There was a recommendation to provide 4 hour parking. It was suggested that this be confirmed. Other issues of use of the seniors centre car park, limited spaces, flooding, vehicle accessibility and problems with turning right into the centre after the roundabout.

Recommendation

That status of the 4P signs at Balgowlah Rd near the Seniors Centre be reported to next meeting.

CDO

Meeting closed at 4:10pm

ITEM 5

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 20 August 2013

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council