



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 10 December 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

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

Council Staff

Mr Eric Poulos	Community Services Manager
Ms Katie Acheson	Coordinator Community Development and Direct Services
Ms Anna Nikolov	Community Development Officer (Minutes)

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 10 December 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	INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Apologies from Manly Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio), Cllr Barbara Aird, Mandy George and Elizabeth Graham. The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2013 were confirmed.	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION The Access & Mobility Committee Progress Report, December 2013, was tabled (attached). The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters and completed items. Items that need further progress and new items are discussed below:	ACTION

3.1	Manly Sea Life Sanctuary The Sanctuary advised that accessibility would be addressed as part of a future refurbishment in accordance with access audit undertaken in August 2013. The Community Development Officer will follow up with the Sanctuary Manager to provide the report recommendations and also with DA Staff to monitor if a DA is lodged.	ACTION CDO
3.2	Accessible Kerb Ramps and Footpaths Upgrades The Committee has previously advised Council about the need for an upgrade of the kerb ramps at Raglan & Belgrave Streets near the Manly Tennis Centre (Item 5, Minutes 18 October 2011) and at Pittwater Road and Golf Parade, Manly on the western side near Stuart Blinds. Both ramps are now subject to works orders issued on 16 August 2013. The Committee would like to be provided with further information from Urban Services about footpath upgrades in the Works Program for both the current and the next financial year. Recommendation The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Urban Services provide updates about footpath upgrades in the Works Program for both the current and the next financial year.	Manager Urban Services
3.3	Pedestrian Access Mobility Plans (PAMP) The Committee continues to be concerned about pedestrian safety and the need to further investigate whether a PAMP can be prepared for the Balgowlah Rd /Pittwater Rd area near the Senior Citizens Centre. The possibility of developing a safe pedestrian crossing in this vicinity needs to be part of the study. The Committee would like to be informed of progress on these matters. Recommendation The Committee recommends to the General Manager that it supports the developments of a PAMP for the Pittwater Rd / Balgowlah Rd area.	Manager Transport &Traffic
3.4	Drop off zone on West Esplanade near Manly Wharf The Committee discussed again the need for a drop-off zone at West Esplanade side of the Wharf. This is an important destination for transport, shopping and recreation for people with disabilities as there are many accessible shops, cafés, restaurants and it also has open space. This matter has been investigated previously by the Traffic Team (see Item 8, Minutes 18 October 2011) and the assessment is that there is drop off point on one side of the street and once dropped off, people can cross the road.	Manager Transport &Traffic
3.5	Access Comments in the DA Process The Access Committee continues to provide targeted comments on accessibility in relation to Development Applications for proposals of public facilities and residential development with over 4 dwellings. Discussion occurred around follow-up on some issues. For example, it was suggested that the Community Development Officer do a site visit to Criniti's restaurant to assess the accessible toilet / baby change facility as recommended by the Committee in 13 May 2012.	CDO

The CDO will liaise with the Manager Environmental Services and Manager Compliance.

3.6 International Day for People with a Disability (IDPwD)

That Community Development staff held a stall on 4 December at Stockland Balgowlah promoting disability and other community information which attracted good community interest. The Committee's suggestion to recognise businesses who promote good access will be further explored for IDPwD 2014. A logo can be used that has already been prepared to acknowledge businesses. A further report back on marketing the idea and how it would operate to come back to a future meeting.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

3.7 Flooding at Manly Seniors Centre

Work has started to try and mitigate some of the flooding of the car park at the Senior Centre when it rains heavily. Pipes have been cleaned and roots cut to improve drainage. Due to its location in a flood prone area and the proximity of Manly Lagoon, it is a difficult site to work with. The committee would like to be kept abreast of any further developments.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

ITEM 4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Boarding Houses design

Over the recent months, a large number of Boarding House proposals are being lodged under the Affordable Rental Housing SEPP 2009. These Guidelines allow for concessions to developers in order to promote affordable housing. There was discussion about concerns with the number of rooms in proposals and the limited ability to promote optimum design and access. Cllr Heasman suggested further discussions with Planning Staff to improve design and accessibility.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

4.2 North Head Memorial Walk

This Walk has been built of paved pathways linking viewing platforms and monuments. The kerb ramps to the platforms along the walk are very steep and are not accessible. The accessible parking provided on site is also used by the nearby Café. However it is difficult for a person in a wheelchair to negotiate the slope up from the Café. Beverley Mathieson offered to investigate further and provide information about access issues on the site with a view to approach the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

**CDO,
Manager
Communications**

**Manager Urban
Services**

CDO

4.3**Achievements during 2013**

Discussion occurred about listing achievements in 2013 and it was suggested that the CDO provide information back to the next meeting in February 2014.

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Meeting closed at 3:40pm

ITEM 5**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Date: 18 February 2014

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council