



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 18 February 2014

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman	Manly Council
Cllr Barbara Aird	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
Ms Elizabeth Graham	Wesley Heights Aged Care

Council Staff

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 18 February 2014 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), Mr Eric Poulos, and Mandy George.	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2013 AND MATTERS ARISING The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2013 were confirmed.	

3.1	Cllr Adele Heasman and Evelyn Shervington met with Stephen Clements, Manager Environmental Services to discuss the Standards for Boarding Houses applications. It was agreed that the DA sub-committee conditions will be included in the DA assessment process and a form for feedback to the committee will be developed.	
ITEM 4	ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION The Access & Mobility Committee Progress Report, February 2014, 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
4.1	Manly Sea Life Sanctuary The Sanctuary new General Manager, Ian Wood, is supportive of improving accessibility as per the Certis Access Audit Report recommendations (tabled). As a first priority they will look into provision of accessible toilet on the ground floor.	
4.2	Accessible Kerb Ramps and Footpaths Upgrades The Council's Works schedule of footpath upgrades for the current financial year was tabled. The kerb ramps at Raglan & Belgrave Streets to be implemented by the end of March 2014.	
4.3	Manly LGA Kerb Ramps Audit Committee members, Urban Services staff and the Community Development Officer (CDO) commenced an access audit of kerb ramps at major intersections, shopping centres, parks and other community infrastructure in the LGA. The audit will inform Council of community priorities for footpath upgrades. The first site visit was in Balgowlah town centre on 22 January. There is a need for an accessible kerb ramp at the taxi rank at Stockland Village on Condamine Street to cater for people with disabilities. Recommendation The Committee recommends to the General Manager to propose to Stockland Centre Management to provide an accessible kerb ramp at the taxi rank at Stockland Village on Condamine Street to cater for people with disabilities.	CDO Traffic Planner Infrastructure Engineer
4.4	Accessibility to Manly Wesley Heights Residential Aged Care (MWHRAC) Discussion occurred relating to the accessibility to Wesley Heights Aged Care, as this is the only remaining residential aged care facility in the Manly LGA. MWHRAC Management wrote in August 2013 requesting a review of the accessible parking at their residential facility at 47 Birkley Road, Manly. From the 61 residents, 12 are wheelchair users and only 4 do not use a walking frame or a walking stick. Over the last 12 months, there have been 10 injuries of residents whilst alighting from vehicles and negotiating the kerb ramp. The issue was investigated by the CDO, Traffic and Civic & Urban Services staff. It was further discussed at the Traffic Committee meeting on 10 February 2014. The recommendation is to implement '5 minute Parking Zone' at the gate on 47 Birkley Road. In addition, Civic & Urban Services staff advised that the existing kerb ramp	IFBM Manager Transport & Traffic; Manager Urban Services

could be levelled to mitigate against injuries. The Committee would like Manager Urban Services to consider the upgrade of the kerb ramp at 47 Birkley Road, Manly as a high priority and to be updated on the progress of these matters.

Recommendation

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

4.5 Pedestrian Access Mobility Plans (PAMP)

Due to financial constraints, the development of a PAMP for the Balgowlah Rd /Pittwater Rd area near the Senior Citizens Centre has been deferred. The Committee views this area as a major safety issue and a high priority. It is proposed to liaise with the Manager Transport &Traffic and clarify if RMS funds will be available next financial year and to have Council match the funds.

Recommendation

- i) The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council clarify whether RMS funding is available to produce a Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) for the Balgowlah Rd /Pittwater Rd area and that matching funding be made available for 2014-15.
- ii) The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council urgently call on the State Member to assist in requesting the RMS proceed to immediately fund the PAMP study for the Balgowlah Road/ Pittwater Road area including providing safe pedestrian and vehicle access to and from the Manly Senior Citizens Centre.

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4.6 Access Comments in the DA Process

Cllr Heasman and Evelyn Shervington met with Stephen Clements regarding sub-standard applications for Boarding Houses. The Committee would like the DA sub-committee comments to be included in conditions for DA approval and a form to be developed for feedback.

Recommendation

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

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4.7 North Head Memorial Walk

Beverley Mathieson and the CDO inspected several sites on North Head, including the Memorial Walk, parking at North Head Sanctuary Museum, Bella Vista Kiosk, and Headland Montessori Childcare to review for accessibility. The Committee would like to write to the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust and invite a representative to discuss access issues. Cllr Heasman to also liaise with the Mayor to brief her on issues arising.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that a letter be written inviting the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust to send a

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representative to the Access and Mobility Committee to discuss access issues.

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Parking at Seaforth

In response to recent publicity about the lack of accessible parking in Seaforth (Manly Daily 4 Feb 2014), Council's Traffic Team has conducted an audit of accessible parking and proposed a new space on Sydney Road. It was suggested that the DA sub-committee of the Access and Mobility Committee do a site visit and determine suitable parking sites. The Committee also suggested that parking availability be advertised on our website.

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5.2 Flooding at Manly Seniors Centre

There has been some work done to mitigate the flooding. Mr Andrew Macintosh raised concerns and Cllr Heasman suggested that she will raise the issue at Council.

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5.3 Draft Disability Inclusion Bill

Under the proposed new law, councils and every NSW Government Department will be required to develop Disability Action Plans (or DAPs). Council has provided input to the public consultation through the LGNSW coordinated response regarding funding for councils to develop their Disability Action Plans. The CDO will circulate further information.

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Meeting closed at 4:00pm

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 15 April 2014

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council