



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY COMMITTEE HELD 16 April 2013

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Barbara Aird

Manly Council (arrived at 2:20pm)

Other Representatives

Elizabeth Graham

Evelyn Shervington

Mandy George

Verity Shervington

Wesley Heights Aged Care

Community Member

Sunnyfield Representative

Community Member

Council Staff

Eric Poulos

Anna Nikolov

Manager, Community Services

Community Development Officer (Minutes)

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 16 August 2011, 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 Adele Heasman and Beverley Mathieson.
The Committee welcomed new community representative, Elizabeth Graham.

The Notes of the Committee meeting held 19 February 2013 were confirmed.

Membership and quorum numbers were discussed. The Committee would like to encourage other people with sensory disabilities, seniors or parents with push prams to join this Committee.

ACTION

Secretariat
CDO

Recommendation:

To amend the Term of Reference to determine a quorum of four (4) members instead of five (5), given that currently there are five (5) community members and two (2) Councillors on this Committee.

Secretariat
CDO

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Evelyn Shervington was nominated and elected as the new Chair.

Moved: Mandy George Seconded: Elizabeth Graham
Unanimous acceptance from the Committee.

ITEM 4 ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION

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

Positive comments were made regarding the kerb ramp at the Corso; Hop, Skip and Jump bus stop in front of Town Hall and the widened kerb ramps opposite the Wharf, which are used constantly.

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

1. **Upgrading the kerb ramps at Raglan St & Belgrave St** near the Manly Tennis Centre.

This intersection has been in discussion for a long time with the Traffic Team and Urban Services and was signalled as a safety issue by the Committee. It represents a hazard and a risk of Council being liable for not addressing it properly.

Recommendation

The Committee would like to see this issue escalated for further action to Urban Services to make improvements.

Manager
Urban
Services

2. **Pittwater Rd between Rolfe St and Golf St** – new item

The footpath along this line and, in particular, the kerb ramp in front of Stuart Blinds shop on crn Pittwater & Rolfe St are in a poor condition and need upgrade.

Manager
Urban
Services

3. **Pittwater Road & Balgowlah Road area**

This Committee has lobbied for a long time for a comprehensive PAMP of the above area to assess the situation and introduce another safe pedestrian crossing along the line between Eurobin Ave and the Swim Centre.

This multifunctional area has been of concern due to high usage. There is a concentration of public facilities, such as Manly Seniors Centre, Bowling Green and Croquet Club, tennis court, skate park,

Keirle Park Pavilion, golf course, Stella Maris high school, Harris Farm, and the nearby Manly Swim Centre. State Transit bus stop is also located there.

Currently, there is one traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing at Eurobin Avenue and one pedestrian island crossing at Kenneth and Balgowlah Roads. The area of concern is between these two crossings, which are approx. 400m apart.

The reported RMS counts of pedestrians crossing do not warrant the low utilisation of this area – pedestrians don't cross because it is too dangerous. Further input from the RMS, Manly Senior Club and Senior Centre was suggested and to refer the concerns to the Traffic Committee.

Recommendations

1. To refer the concerns to the Traffic Committee for further input.

MCS
Manager
Traffic

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Beach Wheelchair

Is an opportunity to apply for ClubGrants to acquire a second beach wheelchair to be used and stored at Queenscliff Life Saving Club. Committee was consulted on the type and functionality requirements. Beach Services will also be consulted with regards to storage and management of the wheelchair.

Community
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2. Accessible Manly information

Positive comments were made about the Council's Accessible Manly information on the website. Some pages need updating, in particular, the Accessible Accommodation section.

Community
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3. Manly Sea Life Sanctuary

This local attraction is very popular with visitors, school excursions, and families with prams and strollers, but is not accessible for people with disabilities. The Chair has recently been invited to accept an award at a ceremony and was unable to access the function upstairs being a wheelchair user.

Recommendation

To write to Sea Life Sanctuary General Manager and to alert them about the accessibility issues and to send them the Missed Business brochure.

Community
Development

4. Parking for Sailability at Manly Cove Reserve, East Esplanade

The Sailability minibuses have been fined for parking at the concrete entry to the reserve. The buses are too big to park at the nearby accessible parking spot at Ashburner St & East Esplanade.

Recommendation

To consult with appropriate Council staff to facilitate parking for the Sailability minibuses within the reserve.

Community
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5. **My Choice Matters** newsletter and **Getting Started Workshop** flyers and registration forms were tabled. The free workshop is in Hornsby on 6 June 2013 from 10am-3:30pm and is of interest to people with disabilities and carers. It is about the National Disability Insurance Scheme and explains the changes towards person centred approach. More information at www.mychoicematters.org.au

6. **NSW Disability Industry Innovation Awards** information was tabled. Nominations close 31 May 2013. More information can be found at www.nds.org.au/mswdiia

Meeting closed at 3:30pm

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING DATE:
Date: 18 June 2013
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council