



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 20 August 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 (Chair)

Other Representatives

Beverley Mathieson

Community Member

Mandy George

Sunnyfield Representative

Verity Shervington

Community Member

Council Staff

Eric Poulos

Manager Community Services

Katie Acheson

Manager Community Development and Direct Services

Anna Nikolov

Community Development Officer (Minutes)

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 20 August 2013, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 2.10 pm

ITEM 1 INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Cllr Adele Heasman, Evelyn Shervington and Elizabeth Graham, and Andrew Macintosh have sent apologies.

The Committee welcomed Katie Acheson, newly appointed Manager Community Development and Direct Services who will be involved with this committee. Eric Poulos introduced Katie Acheson and her new role in the Community Services Branch.

Cllr Barbara Aird chaired the meeting.

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held 18 June 2013 were confirmed.

ACTION

	Burke Gibbons, an ex-Committee member, arrived at 2:30pm. He was welcomed to stay as a visitor.	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION The Access & Mobility Committee Progress Report – August 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:	
3.1	Parking for Sailability at Manly Cove Reserve, East Esplanade The Sailability, in response to the letter sent to them in June, has written to Council on 6/7/13 with a copy sent to the Committee. Recommendation That the letter be noted.	
3.2	Manly Sea Life Sanctuary Following further contact by the CDO, the Sanctuary advised that they will undertake an access audit of the premises. The CDO has provided information on stair lifts and step ramps suppliers to the Sanctuary.	
3.3	Kerb Ramps Upgrades As previously requested by the Committee the following kerb ramp locations were investigated: • Raglan St & Belgrave St near the Manly Tennis Centre. • Pittwater Rd between Rolfe St and Golf St • West Esplanade and Eustace St Works Order Requests for the re-construction of these ramps has been issued 16/8/13 with medium to high priority and progress to be reported to future meetings.	Manager Urban Services
3.4	Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) for Pittwater Road & Balgowlah Road area The Traffic Team is currently working on the feasibility for a Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) for the area. Recommendation That the committee recommend to the General Manager support for the PAMP survey for Pittwater and Balgowlah Roads.	Manager Traffic & Transport
ITEM 4	GENERAL BUSINESS	
4.1	Hazards in Manly CBD Cllr Aird discussed the issue of bikes attached to trees, poles and signs in the Corso, Market Place and associated arcades in the CBD. When bikes are chained in this way, they can obstruct pedestrian and accessible pathways, particularly for people with visual impairments. Also raised were possible obstructions presented by bollards when bikes may be attached. Presently, the Rangers can put warning stickers on bikes left illegally. More appropriately located bike racks were suggested for the Manly CBD.	CDO Traffic Team

Recommendation

That the committee recommend to the General Manager a review of bike racks in the Manly CBD.

4.2	Lack of access to Restaurants at 46 East Esplanade, Manly Access to three shops/restaurants at the above address has changed since the Committee provided comments on DA 347/2010 in August 2011. It has been provided via ramp at the side of the building. The entry now has a security gate with a buzzer and to gain access, visitors need to press a button with the unit number which may limit access. It was suggested that the CDO further investigate.	CDO
4.3	International Day for People with a Disability (IDPwD) Mandy George enquired about Council's plans to celebrate the event on 3 December. This year's theme is <i>'It's time to break barriers and open doors: to realise an inclusive society for all!'</i> CDO to email the theme to all members to put forward ideas.	CDO
4.4	Information provision Staff circulated information to Committee members about: • National Disability Strategy NSW Implementation Plan 2012-14 • Livability app for ipad, iphone which allows comments via text or audio to send feedback to Councils on the go. Available at: https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/liveability/id576613272?mt=8 • Towards Universal Design ACAA National Conference & Trade Expo, November 2013, Homebush • Graffiti Removal Day – Sunday 20 October 2013	
ITEM 5	Meeting closed at 3:30pm NEXT MEETING DATE: Date: 15 October 2013 Time: 2.00 pm Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council	