



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 16 June 2015

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Barbara Aird Manly Council

Other Representatives

Mr Evelyn Shervington	Community Member (Chair)
Ms Verity Shervington	Community Member
Mr Andrew Macintosh	Community Member
Ms Elizabeth Graham	Wesley Heights Aged Care representative
Ms Mandy George	Sunnyfield Independence

Council Staff

Ms Sandra Faase Senior Community Development Officer (Minutes)

Visiting guest speakers

Ms Anne Springfield	Metro North, Ability Links, Settlement Services International
Ms Tania Johnson	Metro North, Ability Links, Uniting Care

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 16 June 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 2.15 pm

ITEM 1 INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies from Manly Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio), Cllr Adele Heasman and Ms Beverley Mathieson.

Ms Anne Springfield & Ms Tania Johnson from Ability Links were introduced.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2015 AND MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2015 were confirmed. The Notes of the Meeting of 21 April 2015 were tabled.

ACTION

Matters Arising – Improving Access at Centrelink Brookvale

The Chard & Pittwater Roads intersection is scheduled for reconstruction early 2015/16, which will improve access. However, the Committee thought that the as the three accessible parking spaces at Chard Road were not easy to locate eg. via internet search /not on Centrelink website, and have to be booked in advance with Centrelink, there should be other easy to locate accessible parking near the Centrelink.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. Letters be written to the local Federal and State MPs in relation to improved and easy to locate accessible parking at the Brookvale Centrelink / Medicare service centre.

CDO

ITEM 4 GUEST SPEAKERS – Anne Springfield and Tania Johnson presented on the Ability Links program

Ms Springfield and Ms Johnson are both Linkers working with the program in the local area, supporting people with a disability, their families and carers to do what they want with their own lives outside of the traditional disability service system.

Linkers work with people aged 9-64 to help plan for their future, build on their strengths and skills, identify opportunities to participate in the local community, build confidence and community networks.

The work with local communities to help them become more welcoming and inclusive of people with a disability.

Examples were provided of successful linking with the community.

The Committee wished to thank Ms Springfield and Ms Johnson for their presentation and for their work in the community.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. The information be received and noted.
2. A short article on Ability Links be submitted to Council's eNews and Precinct Newsletters

SCDO

ITEM 5 ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION

The Access & Mobility Committee Progress Report June 2015 was tabled. The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters and completed items.

5.1 Draft Manly Ocean Beach Coastal Management Plan**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. Council continues to explore opportunities for funding to implement a beach access ramp for people with disabilities at Cabbage Tree Bay.

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5.2 Traffic Overload at Little Manly Beach Kiosk

Little Manly Kiosk is very busy in the warmer months and the kiosk queue and diners block the access pathway that runs in front of the kiosk to the beach.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. Council Rangers be requested to check this path in the high

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- season to ensure it is not blocked.
2. That the Kiosk Proprietor be advised of this matter.

5.3 Improving Accessibility at North Fort Kiosk

In February Committee members and the CDO met with Daniel Sealey, Senior Planner, Sydney Federation Harbour Trust, at North Fort Kiosk to discuss site accessibility. Notes from the meeting were tabled and have been forwarded to Mr Sealey.

Given the various organisations involved in managing aspects of the site, it was acknowledged improvements may take time.

The Committee saw the following issues identified as ones that could be implemented in the shorter term:

- Relocate one of the two accessible parking bays which is located on steep terrain at a distance from the kiosk, to behind the wall near the kiosk, where there is now staff /maintenance parking.
- And improving the pathway from the road and parking area, to the Memorial Walk – this would make it easier for veterans with a disability to access the area.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. Letters be written to the local Federal and State MPs in relation to improving accessible parking at the kiosk and improving the gravel path which links the road and parking with the Memorial Walk, as detailed in the site visit report.

CDO

5.4 Requested 5 minute drop off zone at Totem Lane

The Committee had recommended a 5 minute drop off zone with a 1P space converted to this to facilitate disability access to Stockland. This matter was considered by Council's Traffic Committee on 13 April, which recommended (Item 19/15):

- "That a No Parking Restriction may be more appropriate as a 5 minute parking restriction is difficult to enforce...that a no parking restriction be taken back to the Access Committee with a clear explanation why this would be the preferable option"

The RMS website advises No Parking restriction signs mean:

- You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle.
- MPS permit holders are allowed to park for up to five minutes.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. The Committee supports the Traffic Committee's recommendation to convert the 1P bay to a No Parking bay. But that the No Parking be in place at all times given nearby restaurants, supermarket, club, etc. are open until late; and that the bay be lengthened to enable a wheelchair user to disembark from the rear of an accessible vehicle, preferably 2 metres.

Traffic Mgr

5.5 Balgowlah & Pittwater Road area PAMP

Council adopted the PAMP in March 2015. The Committee noted the implementation of two additional accessible parking spaces on Kenneth Road near the swim centre

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. It continues to express its concerns about safety of parking and access around the Swim Centre.
2. Requests information on when the PAMP will be implemented, in particular recommendations to improve safety of the area near the Pittwater & Balgowlah Roads roundabout, with the preferred option being implementation of traffic lights at this location.

Traffic Mgr

5.6 Repaint the Access signage on East Esplanade

It was noted that this work had been completed.

ITEM 6 General Business

6.1 Resignation of Committee member Elizabeth Graham

Ms Graham tendered her resignation letter after several years on the Committee as a representative for Uniting Care/Wesley Heights Aged Care facility, Manly, where she is the Service Manager.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. A vote of thanks be extended to Ms Graham for her valuable contribution to the Committee.
2. That an invitation to join the Committee be sent to Sonja Lechner, head of Independent Living at Wesley Heights, Manly, who has expressed an interest in joining the Committee as the organisation's representative.

Secretariat

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 18 August 2015

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 3:35pm