



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2012

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

Evelyn Shervington

Community Representative (Chair)

Verity Shervington

Community Representative

Elizabeth Graham

Wesley Heights Representative

Council Staff

Kathryn Fayle

Community Services Manager

Sandra Faase

Community Development Coordinator (minutes)

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 21 February 2012, 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 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Cllr Adele Heasman, Mandy George, Bourke Gibbons

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 13 December 2011 are confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Planning & Strategy Meeting on 6 February 2012, that the minutes of the Access Committee of 13 December 2011 be adopted.

ITEM 5 REPORT- FEBRUARY 2012 ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION

The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters discussed: Disability parking Ashburner Street, Access DCP, Fairlight Shops accessible parking, accessible bus stops North & South Steyne, wider laybacks Manly CBD, Budget bid for wheelchair ramps, time-limited disability parking Wentworth Street, access ramps West Esplanade, Whistler St forecourt accessible parking, Mobility Parking Scheme abuse, concrete grinder to level pavements, accessible parking at Art Gallery, Aquatic Wheelchair Watsons Bay, new fast ferry routes accessibility, Committee meetings for 2012.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that:

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| <p>1. Proposed accessible parking bay Ashburner St corner with East Esplanade. Chairperson advised issue now resolved as Sailability is 'staggering' drop offs and pick-ups with their mini bus, thus no extra parking space required.</p> | <p>CDO/Traffic Team</p> |
| <p>2. Update on Access DCP. LEP/DCP Working Group Agenda of 21 February includes recommendation that parts of draft DCP relating to Access, be circulated to the Access Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee requests that these sections be circulated to Committee members by email, or if too lengthy, a meeting be arranged to view and discuss. | <p>CDC / LU&SC</p> |
| <p>3. Fairlight shops – Accessible parking space. The new accessible parallel parking bay on Sydney Rd outside Fairlight Vet has now been implemented, with the 'old' spot on William Street returned to a 2 hours parking spot.</p> | <p>Traffic Team (FYI)</p> |
| <p>4. Request for accessible bus stops along North & South Steyne. Relocation of bus stop opposite Novotel to opposite Manly Beach plaza – Bus stop now moved further towards Corso as requested, with the cycle parking U-rails relocated and new STA bus stop pole/sign installed.</p> <p>Request to provide accessible bus stop near Ceramic Lane – Design to be finalised in mid-March. If considered feasible, project will be submitted for approval and construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee requests to be contacted if project not considered feasible – as it would like this bus stop to be accessible. | <p>CDO /Traffic Team</p> |
| <p>5. Request for wider access ramps on CBD intersections. A site meeting was held. Plans to upgrade extension of these kerb ramps on both sides of Corso on Wharf side, have now been approved by Traffic Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee requests progress report on timing for implementing these ramps. <p>Request for wheelchair-safe ramps over Raglan Street from tennis courts to Council's site previously used as, Early Childhood Health Centre. Traffic Team inspected, took photos and advised all ramps at this intersection need upgrading, in particular on corner of ex-Early Childhood Health Centre, which are unsafe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee requests that the work to upgrade these ramps continue and to keep the Committee informed of progress. | <p>CDO /Traffic Team</p> |
| <p>6. Request for budget bid for wheelchair-friendly ramps. It was</p> | <p>CDO /Traffic Team</p> |

suggested a budget bid be submitted for 2012/13 to upgrade unsafe ramps at high pedestrian volume intersections in CBD & along Pittwater Rd, Manly. Discussion ensued that it might be prudent to first undertake an investigation of ramps in this catchment noting which ones are most unsafe to enable prioritising of upgrades so that funding could be targeted. Another suggestion was to also note which intersections needed upgrading with indicators for hearing and sight impaired people. It was also noted that Council already had an infrastructure budget that included building and upgrading ramps, and that this information would be useful before any bid was put in for extra funding for ramps.

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- Committee recommends an evaluation of ramps in Manly CBD and Pittwater Rd to make them safe for wheel chair use be attended and costed, so that budget allocation is achieved to upgrade these kerb ramps.

7. Time-limited disability parking near medical facilities, Wentworth Street. The General Manager wrote to the Roads & Maritime Services CEO on 21 November 2011, advising previous responses and support to date re this issue, again requesting permission for timed disability parking in Wentworth Street, and that Council would seek further peak disability organisation support for such parking under special circumstances when turnover is required. As per the request in the December minutes, this letter was forwarded to the State Member for Manly on 23 January 2012. Now await reply from the RMS.

8. Request for access ramps on West Esplanade near Wharf. Committee would like a holistic approach to access ramps in this area. A site meeting has now been held with the Traffic Team who are aware of the issues, and advised that the former Ambulance space outside the former Radiology premises near Eustace Street would have been a good location for a disability parking space with a kerb ramp. However, with the closure of the Radiology nearby, this has now been converted back to a normal parking space. As people are frequently dropped off at both sides of West Esplanade near the Wharf, the Committee felt that access ramps to the pavement are needed on both sides of West Esplanade.

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- Committee requests Traffic Team to keep working towards a solution in consultation with the Committee for creation of an access ramp at each side of West Esplanade as above.

9. Enforcement of Whistler Street Car Park forecourt accessible parking. Advice from new Regulatory Services Manager is Council Rangers have monitored the area and that as the vehicle that parks continually for 2 hours periods has a valid disability permit, no offence is being committed. The Committee had previously suggested that signage should be changed to reflect that no vehicle can park in the area for longer than 2 hours on any one day.

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- Committee endorses the proposal to have the signage in the forecourt replaced to state a vehicle can park in the accessible parking spaces for no longer than 2 hours on any one day.

10. Letter to RMS re stricter guidelines for issue of Mobility Parking Permits. As per October request, General Manager

wrote to the Roads & Maritime Services CEO on 29 November 2011, re MPS abuse and the need for stricter guidelines for doctors to issue /reissue temporary permits. As per the December minutes, a copy of this letter was forwarded to the State Member for Manly's office on 23 January. The RMS responded on 6 January, advising there will be a review of the MPS which will "investigate whether permits are issued too easily and if parking concessions are too generous".

- Committee requests Committee Chairperson draft a submission to the review for Committee endorsement, and requests that the General Manager forward the submission to the RMS, Minister for Roads and Ports, Minister for Disability, with a copy to the State Member for Manly.

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Chairperson/
GM**

11. Concrete grinder to level lifted pavements. Chairperson advised in October that Kiama Council used a concrete grinder to smooth raised pavements. Council's Manager of Works and the Restoration Officer, Civic & Urban Services, had been emailed this information for response.

- Committee requests Council look into this method of levelling the pavement and removing these hazards.

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12. Accessible Parking bay near Manly Art Gallery. Traffic Team advised that this parking bay has changed from 30 minute to a 2 hour limit. The Committee endorsed this new time limit.

13. Watson's Bay Aquatic Wheelchair Ramp. A Committee member had visited this specially built ramp at Watson's Bay, and presented photos and a video. She has also collected information from Woollahra Council re cost of the ramp, funding, and who built it, for Council's information and consideration.

- Committee requests Council to consider building a similar aquatic wheelchair ramp at a suitable location as a future project, and that possible funding sources be identified.
- And also requests that more information on the Watson's Bay ramp be sought from Woollahra Council re the project.

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14. Accessibility of new Fast Ferries operating between Manly and other locations. Committee advised Manly Fast Ferries were emailed re the accessibility of their vessels and wharves on their routes, and a response was awaited.

Note: Response received from Manly Fast Ferries on 22 February, emailed same day to Committee members.

15. Request for an August Access Committee meeting given Council elections in September. The Committee Secretariat advised that the additional meeting requested in August had been adopted at Council's Planning & Strategy meeting on 6 February. However, the Secretariat could not confirm when Committee meetings would resume after the Council elections.

ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Email from Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA) re possible Carers parking permit scheme – Last year the Committee had provided feedback to SCIA via their Access Committee Network re the setup of such a scheme, advising it would be hard to police. SCIA advised by email 2 February 2012, that they have since

found out: Carers can apply for a resident visitor permit to assist them when visiting clients, and suggest they contact their local Council to ask if the scheme is in place in their LGA.

- Committee requests that the Council section in charge of issuing resident parking scheme stickers be made aware of this.

**CDC/
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Service Mgr**

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Tuesday 17 April 2012

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 3.55pm