



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 20 APRIL 2010

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Adele Heasman	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Evelyn Shervington	Community Member (Chairperson)
Verity Shervington	Community Member
Mandy George	Sunnyfield Independence Representative
Kirelle Mathieson	Community Member
Bourke Gibbons	Community Member
Elizabeth Graham	Wesley Heights Manly Representative

Council Staff

Kathryn Fayle	Community Services Manager
Sandra Faase	Community Development Coordinator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Access Committee** met on 20 April, 2010, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced 2.05pm.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr Jean Hay, Mayor

The Chairman welcomed new Committee member Elizabeth Graham, who is Director of Care Wesley Heights Manly and the Garrison Killarney, Northern Sydney Region, Uniting Care Ageing.

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 16 February 2010, are confirmed.

ACTION

	MATTERS ARISING	ACTION
	It was resolved at Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 19 April 2010, that the minutes of the Access Committee meeting of 16 February 2010 be adopted.	
ITEM 4	REPORT – SANDY BAY LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN The Committee considered a report on the final design of the Masterplan. Council's Estuary Management Officer introduced the plan and Council's Landscape Architect presented the Masterplan which includes: improved pedestrian access with a path from Clontarf Boat Club adjacent to the water's edge at Sandy Bay on the Scenic Walkway desired route; signage relevant to walkers, boat users and dog walkers; landscaping of open space with provision of seating; measures to address parts of shoreline affected by erosion; construction of dinghy/kayak storage facility; easier access to the water by boat users with a stepped pier as an extension to the footpath on the northern side of Sandy Bay. The Committee noted the new paths were wide enough and the gradient appropriate for wheelchair users; and that wheelchair users would be able to get to the new walkway from the parking area. Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council that: the final design of the Sandy Bay Landscape Masterplan is endorsed, pending incorporation of the suggestions made during the meeting.	GM/EMO
ITEM 5	REPORT – ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE AND DISCUSSION The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters discussed, in relation to Committee membership vacancy, disability parking permit cheats, accessible taxis pick-up and drop-off zone, accessible parking in the CBD, Access DCP, Manly Missed Business Guide, Accessible Manly brochure, North Harbour Coastline Management Plan, Queenscliff beachfront shower access, and Manly Wharf Accessible toilet. Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager that: 1. Accessible Taxis pick-up and drop-off zone: Committee members inspected the line markings for the proposed ramp location on 7 April and thought this location suitable, and requests that the ramp now be built. 2. Committee be kept informed about the progress of the extra on-street disability parking proposed in the CBD parking study. 3. Committee be kept informed of the adoption of the Access DCP which is incorporated in the Consolidating DCP. 4. Missed Business Guide: That this Guide be printed as per version tabled at meeting, and that a publicity campaign be coordinated for its release including a press release and launch linked to an appropriate event/campaign, for instance, Be Local Buy Local campaign, Chamber of Commerce or other local business related event/campaign. 5. Accessible Manly information and brochure: • Committee noted the absence of any information on accessible accommodation and facilities in the latest version	GM CDC/Urban Services CDC/Urban Services CDC/Communiations Team CDC/Manager Cultural &

	of the <i>Manly Visitors Guide</i> (Summer 2009/10) and requests that the Access Committee be given the opportunity to liaise with the Tourism and Economic Development Committee to ensure this information is incorporated.	Information Services
	- Committee requests that an Occupational Therapy student be engaged to assist with information required for updating the <i>Accessible Manly</i> brochure with their role being to determine which accommodation is accessible in the Manly LGA. - Committee requests that Warringah and Pittwater councils' disability officers be contacted to input into this publication in relation to accessible accommodation in these LGAs. - Committee requests that information in relation to Accessible Manly, for instance, the <i>Accessible Manly</i> brochure when finalised, be posted in the Tourism section of Council's website.	CDC
	6. North Harbour Coastline Management Plan: Committee agrees with the Fairlight Precinct recommendation that Council staff work towards designing an environmentally and visually appropriate access ramp from King Avenue to North Harbour Reserve, similar to the ramp built providing disability access to Manly Yacht Club from East Esplanade.	CDC
	7. Manly Ambassador for People with Disabilities: On adoption of the Committee's recommendations at Council's Ordinary Meeting of 19 April 2010, the Committee requests that a statement of the role and responsibilities of this position be drafted, and put to Committee members for consultation.	CDC
	8. Committee requests that Manly Wharf Management be thanked for improving the cleanliness of the ground floor wharf accessible toilet, and ensuring the facility is open at appropriate times. The Committee to remain vigilant on the cleanliness and availability of this and other facilities for people with disabilities.	CDC
ITEM 6	GENERAL BUSINESS	
6.1	New Little Penguin sign on West Esplanade Recommendation: The Committee requests a site meeting to ensure a better location for the new "penguin sign" which blocks access from West Promenade, and that any relocation of the sign does not compromise any opportunity for installation of bike racks.	CDC/Urban Services
6.2	Illegally parked bicycles Recommendation: The Committee requests that Council Rangers use the special stickers they have been issued with to notify cyclists of their illegally parked bicycles. Bikes chained to poles and fences and other structures block access and are safety hazard.	CDC/Manager Compliance & Enforcement
6.3	Request for Wheelchair for Stockland Balgowlah shoppers Recommendation The Committee supports Manly Warringah Pittwater Community Aid's request to have Stockland make good their promise to have a wheelchair and scooter available to their clients and other shoppers with mobility issues. The Committee requests that Council's General Manager write to Stockland requesting that a wheelchair or scooter be made available.	CDC/GM

6.4	Fairlight Shops accessible parking spaces	ACTION
	Recommendation: After receiving a complaint from a two local residents with a disability, the Committee requests that Council keep working towards a solution to provide an accessible parking space at Fairlight shops that is not near a slope, as is the current disability parking on William Street. Possible alternatives could be a parking space near the traffic island on the corner of Sydney Road and Woods Parade, or on Thornton Street.	CDC/Traffic Section
6.5	Parking on Scenic Walkway at end of Bolingbroke Parade	GM
	Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the Access Committee supports Council's actions in removing private vehicles parking on and along the Manly Scenic Walkway. Vehicles parked on public walkways are a safety hazard, and those who use Bolingbroke Parade to park along the walkway, can use Lauderdale Avenue to access their homes.	
6.6	Toilets at Clontarf Reserve	CDC/Facilities Manager
	Recommendation: 1. The Committee requests Council modify one of the toilets at Clontarf Reserve so that it is fully accessible and to label the toilet accordingly. As Committee members report, currently no toilet in the Reserve can be accessed by a wheelchair user or a person using a walker. Local services caring for the frail aged no longer use this park due to the difficult access to these toilets. These toilets are marked as accessible on Council maps. 2. The Committee also requests that these toilets be cleaned better and/or more regularly.	CDC/Cleansing Coord.
ITEM 7	NEXT MEETING DATE: Date: Tuesday 15 June 2010 Time: 2.00pm Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council	
Meeting closed at 3.30pm		