



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2011

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Barbara Aird
Cllr Adele Heasman

Manly Council
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Evelyn Shervington
Verity Shervington
Elizabeth Graham
Mandy George

Community Representative (Chair)
Community Representative
Wesley Heights Representative
Sunnyfield Independence Representative

Council Staff

Kathryn Fayle
Sandra Faase

Community Services Manager
Community Development Coordinator (minutes)

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access Committee met on 13 December 2011, 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 and Bourke Gibbons

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 18 October 2011 are confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Ordinary Meeting held 12 December 2011 that the minutes of the Access Committee of 18 October 2011 be adopted.

ACTION

ITEM 4 REPORT – COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2012

Committee expressed concern that only 3 Committee meetings are scheduled before Council elections in August 2012, and with new Committees likely not to be formed until 2013.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends:

1. Approval of the 21 February, 17 April & 19 June 2012 meetings.
2. Requests that an additional meeting be held on 21 August, or earlier if need be.
3. Requests confirmation that the next Committee meeting after Council reforms will not be until February 2013, and if so, expresses concern at such a gap between meetings.

Secretariat

ITEM 5 REPORT- DECEMBER 2011 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, time-limited disability parking Wentworth Street, access ramps West Esplanade, Whistler St forecourt accessible parking, Watson's Bay Aquatic Wheelchair, accessible parking near Art Gallery, concrete grinder to level pavements, 2011 International Day of PwD, & Report on Committee Achievements for 2011.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that:

1. **Proposed accessible parking bay Ashburner St corner with East Esplanade.** Traffic Team met on site 18 August with Access Committee Chairperson to discuss proposed parking spot for Sailability mini bus. Traffic Team have advised this location did not seem to be suitable for a drop off/pick up spot for Sailability mini buses. Chairperson to liaise with other organisations ie. Manly Village School, to find more suitable location to park the mini bus.
2. **Update on Access DCP.** Committee members advised new draft LEP not on exhibition yet, and DCP cannot be exhibited until LEP exhibition. Draft DCP was circulated to Council's LEP/DCP Working Group recently. Land Use & Strategy Coordinator advised he will include Access Committee's request on next Working Group Agenda with recommendation to circulate parts relating to Access, to the Access Committee.
 - Committee requests next LEP/DCP Working Group Agenda include recommendation that parts of draft DCP relating to Access, be circulated to the Access Committee.
3. **Fairlight shops – Accessible parking space.** RMS has now approved the accessible parallel parking bay on Sydney Rd outside Fairlight Vet. Latest update from Traffic Team is that works order for line markings and signs have been prepared and the space to be implemented 'at the earliest opportunity'.
 - Committee requests a firm date on when this parking bay will be completed. The space has now been provided.
4. **Request for accessible bus stops along North & South Steyne.** Re. relocation of bus stop opposite Novotel to opposite

**Traffic Team
(FYI)**

CDC / LU&SC

**CDO /Traffic
Team**

Manly Beach plaza – Proposal to relocate existing bus stop further towards Corso was put to Committee members & no objections raised. Proposal went to September Traffic Committee and it was recommended that Council implements the proposal subject to consultation with bus users. - Committee requests feedback on when this bus stop relocation will be implemented. Request to provide accessible bus stop near Ceramic Lane – Traffic Team advised again that design brief for the ramp to make this bus stop accessible is being prepared for the design team. - Committee requests feedback on when this ramp will be built.	CDO /Traffic Team
5. Request for wider access ramps on CBD intersections. Request to widen ramps from Wharf to Corso - Traffic Team advised previously design for ramps would be undertaken in October. Ramps currently too narrow for number of pedestrians. - Committee requests a site meeting to ensure ramps are of adequate width to allow for people with mobility issues and parents with prams to cross the road safely. Request for wheelchair friendly ramps over Raglan Street from tennis courts to old Early Childhood Centre. Traffic Team advised this needs further investigation and suggested a site meeting. - Committee requests please replace current steep ramps with ones built to current standards. No site meeting required.	CDO /Traffic Team / Committee
6. Time-limited disability parking near medical facilities, Wentworth Street. As requested, General Manager wrote to RMS Chief Executive on 29 November 2011, in response to letter from RTA Chief Executive to Local Government Assn. Secretary General of 19 August 2011. Letter advised that most recent RMS advice was not in keeping with earlier RTA letter (28/1/11) stating if Council gained peak disability support for a particular location, RTA would not oppose such parking being implemented, and that Council had received support from Spinal Chord Injuries Australia (SCIA, 27/4/11) for implementation of timed disability parking near Wentworth St medical facilities. GM's letter requested permission for timed disability parking in Wentworth Street, and that Council would be seeking further peak disability organisation support for such parking under special circumstances when turnover is required at a disability parking space. Committee requests a copy of the General Manager's letter dated 29 November 2011, be provided to the local State MP.	CDO / Traffic Team
7. Request for access ramps on West Esplanade near Wharf. Committee would like a holistic approach to access ramps in this area, given it is a frequent drop off/pick up area and given it is a high use area with bus zones, etc. Committee requests a site meeting to discuss holistic approach to access in this area, including ramps to enable wheelchair users being dropped off from private vehicles, to access the pavement. (Item 5.5, Request for wider ramps over to Corso from Wharf, can be inspected at same time).	CDC/GMU / State MP
8. Enforcement of Whistler Street Car Park forecourt accessible parking. Committee requested at previous meeting that the matter of the vehicle which parks for 2 hour periods continuously throughout the day, be brought to the General Manager's	CDO /Traffic Team / Committee

attention. Divisional Manager Human Services & Facilities was advised of the above and A/Manager Compliance & Enforcement advised: Council's Parking Officers regularly patrol the Whistler St forecourt and cars parked within accessible spaces are checked for display of a current permit. Appropriate action is taken for any vehicle observed to be in breach of the street signs or Road Rules. Re. the vehicle of interest, fines have been issued in the past for overstaying the 2 hour period, hence it is now removed within that time and reparked. As the signage is at the moment, no offence is being committed.

- 9. Letter to RMS re stricter guidelines for issues of Mobility Parking Permits.** As per October request, the General Manager wrote to the Chief Executive, Roads & Maritime Services, on 29 November 2011, re MPS abuse and the need for stricter guidelines for doctors to issue /reissue temporary permits.

- Committee requests a copy of the General Manager's letter dated 29 November 2011, be provided to the local State MP.

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State MP

- 10. 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.

CDC/ Civic &
Urban
Services

- 11. Accessible Parking bay near Manly Art Gallery.** Committee had previously requested that this 30 minute bay be changed to a 2 hour limit. Traffic Section asked that before implementation, the Manly Art Gallery Manager be consulted. Art Gallery Manager advised that she has observed this space being used for drop off of people with disabilities.

- Committee requests given the parking bay has been observed as a drop off zone for people with disabilities, that it remains a 30 minute limit.

CDO /Traffic
Team

- 12. Watson's Bay Aquatic Wheelchair Ramp.** A Committee member had visited this specially built ramp at Watson's Bay, presented photos and provided information. The ramp was funded by Woollahra Council, and allows wheelchair users access into the water with a special wheelchair from the ramp.

- Committee requests photos of the ramp be circulated to Committee members so that suggestions can be made re possible locations and funding sources, to the next meeting.

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- 13. International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) 3 December.** Committee advised IDPwD was celebrated on Friday 2 December with a combined Sunnyfield / Council Club Friday service Christmas celebration at Manly Seniors Centre with 95 attending, including the Mayor & GM. Also the IDPwD banner was hung near the Pittwater Road roundabout.

As was requested, an item was submitted to Mayor's Message for Saturday 3 December re the importance of the MPS to people with disabilities. However, the item did not appear on the day.

Post meeting update 19/12/11: This item was subsequently published in the Mayor's Message of Saturday 17 December.

14. Report on 2011 Committee achievements. A summary report of achievements towards the Committee's objectives was provided to the meeting (attached), as requested.

- Committee commends the achievements made throughout 2011 and requests that this report be included as an Item for Brief Mention at an upcoming Council meeting.

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ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. New Fast Ferries to operate between Manly and other locations. Committee members advised that a new Fast Ferry service will operate between Manly and other locations, with a new vessel to operate this service.

- Committee requests advice whether this new vessel will be wheelchair accessible. And asks that the local State MPs office be contacted to find out.

**CDC /
GMU/State
MP**

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Tuesday 21 February 2012

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 4.40pm