



NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that of a meeting of the Manly Council Access Committee will be held:

DATE: Tuesday 21 June, 2011

TIME: 2pm to 4pm

PLACE: Councillors Room

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor (ex officio)
Cllr Adele Heasman
Cllr Barbara Aird

Manly Council
Manly Council
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Mr Evelyn Shervington
Mrs Verity Shervington
Mr Bourke Gibbons
Vacant position
Ms Mandy George
Ms Elizabeth Graham

Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Organisational Representative
Organisational Representative

Council Staff

Kathryn Fayle
Sandra Faase

Manager Community Services
Community Development Coordinator

All other Councillors are free to attend as observers and are invited to do so and to engage in discussions, but not in voting, on any matter before the Committee.

Beth Lawsén
Divisional Manager
Human Services and Facilities

Date: 14/June, 2011.



AGENDA

ACCESS COMMITTEE

MEETING TO BE HELD ON 21 June 2011 AT 2.00PM

Councillors' Room, Manly Town Hall, 1 Belgrave St, Manly

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| ITEM 1 | Apologies and leave of absence |
| ITEM 2 | Declarations of Interest – Pecuniary
Non- Pecuniary |
| ITEM 3 | Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 19 April 2011 and
Matters Arising |
| ITEM 4 | Manly2015 Exhibition |
| ITEM 5 | Access Items for Update and Discussion |
| ITEM 6 | General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the
Meeting and Approved for Consideration |
| ITEM 7 | Date for Next Meeting: 16 August, 2011 |



**MINUTES OF MEETING
ACCESS COMMITTEE
HELD TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2011**

*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

Elizabeth Graham

Mandy George

Bourke Gibbons

Wesley Heights Representative

Sunnyfield Independence Representative

Community 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 19 April 2011, 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 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Cllr Adele Heasman, Evelyn Shervington (Chairperson), Verity Shervington. Cllr Aird agreed to chair the meeting in the absence of the Chairperson.

A letter or resignation from the Committee dated 12 April 2011 from Kirelle Mathieson was tabled. Mrs Beverly Mathieson has expressed an interest in becoming a Committee member.

Recommendation

1. The Committee thanks Kirelle Mathieson for her input during her time on the Committee.
2. The Committee requests that a letter be sent to Mrs Beverly Mathieson with an invitation to join the Committee.

ACTION

**CDC/
Secretariat**

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 19 October 2010 are confirmed.

The Notes of the Inquorate Meeting held on 15 February 2011 are confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Ordinary Meeting meeting held on 13 December 2010, that the minutes of the Access Committee of 19 October 2010 be adopted.

ITEM 4 REPORT- APRIL 2011 ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION

The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters discussed: Accessible taxis pick-up drop-off zone, disability parking in CBD, Accessible Manly information, Fairlight Shops accessible parking spaces, bus stops along North & South Steyne, Parking for Sailability on East Esplanade reserve, Ellery Punt Reserve Masterplan, Tania Park accessible pathway, Manly Cinema access, wider laybacks in Manly CBD, 2011 International Day of People with a Disability, time-limited disability parking Wentworth Street, rules for Loading Zones, proposed disability parking space Bower Lane, Fire Brigade guest speaker request, request to bring forward December meeting.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that:

1. **Accessible Taxi Access Ramp at Kiss & Ride Zone Belgrave Street.** This ramp has now been installed.
The Committee requests that a site meeting be held to determine if there is a need for a similar ramp near the Kiss & Ride Zone at the Wharf, or near Pittwater Radiology on the other side of West Esplanade, and also to determine whether an accessible parking spot is required at this location. **CDC/ ES**
2. **Proposed extra accessible parking spaces in CBD.** The Committee requests feedback re any proposed accessible parking spaces in Manly CBD. Locations were identified in the 2009 CBD Parking Study. **Traffic Section**
3. **Update on consolidated DCP.** The Committee requests an update on the timetable for the consolidated DCP, which includes the Access DCP. **Planning & Strategy Coord.**
4. **Fairlight shops – Accessible parking spaces.** The Design Manager advised he would like to hold another site meeting with the Chairperson to consult on what is achievable at this location. The Committee requests such a meeting be organised. **CDC/ ES/ DM**
5. **Request for accessible bus stops along North & South Steyne.** In May 2010 the Chairperson met with a wheelchair user/bus commuter, to inspect bus stops along North & South Steyne in response to complaints these stops were not accessible. Based on the Chairperson's notes from the site visit, the Traffic Officer made recommendations that the Committee endorsed. The A/Traffic Manager provided an update that the request to relocate the existing bus stop opposite the Novotel Hotel south towards The Corso will be referred to the June Traffic Committee.
 - The Committee requests that the above relocation be checked

	to see if it is in line with the recommendation to make this bus stop accessible; and requests an update on the other recommendations in the Traffic Officer's report. • The Committee requests that a letter be sent to the original complainant to provide an update on what actions have occurred to date to improve the bus stops. 6. Request for wider laybacks in Manly CBD. Advice is that the traffic team will investigate the two locations where wider laybacks have been requested due to pedestrian traffic volume, and will forward a design brief to the Design Team requesting a detailed design for the ramps. The two locations are: the crossing over West Esplanade from The Corso to Manly Wharf, and the crossing over Belgrave Street to the bus stops. • The Committee requests an update on the progress of the request for ramps for the June meeting. 7. Time-limited disability parking near medical facilities A letter was sent to Spinal Cord Injuries Australia to seek their support for a timed disability parking spot near Wentworth Street medical facilities. A letter has been sent to the Local Government Association to request they lobby State Government to change the rules to allow timed disability parking where it can be justified ie. near medical facilities. • The Committee requests an update on responses to the correspondence for the June meeting. 8. Enforcement of Disability Parking limits in Whistler Street Car Park forecourt. Although it is advised that parking limits at this location are regularly enforced, it has been observed that some vehicles are monopolising these parking spots and exceeding the time limit. • The Committee requests that a sign be erected stating that a vehicle can only park for one two-hour period a day in the forecourt. • The Committee requests that advice be sought as to how Rangers' can check if a permit is valid, and what are the rights and limitations of Rangers in conducting such checks. 9. Request for Guest Speaker from Fire Brigade. A request to the Fire Brigade has been sent for a guest speaker about regulations/ procedures for evacuating people with disabilities from high rise buildings. • The Committee requests an update on this request for the June meeting.	CDC/ Traffic Section CDC/ Traffic Section CDC / Traffic Section / Design Team CDC CDC/Compliance officer CDC
ITEM 5	GENERAL BUSINESS Sydney Harbour National Park Draft Plan of Management The Plan was referred to the Access Committee for comment in early April. All Council Committees' comments were due by 15 April, to allow for collation into one Council submission to be submitted to the NPWS by 30 April 2011. Committee Chairperson Evelyn Shervington and Committee member Verity Shervington provided written comments on the parts of the draft plan pertaining to Manly LGA: North Head and Dobroyd Head. These comments were tabled at the meeting.	

Recommendation

The Committee endorses the comments on the draft Plan of Management tabled at the meeting, and their inclusion in Council's report on the Plan to the NPWS.

**CDC/ Div.
Mgr, CP&S**

Watson's Bay Aquatic Wheelchair ramp

A Manly resident submitted photos and information on the Watson's Bay Aquatic Wheelchair ramp. The photos were viewed at the meeting.

Recommendation

The Committee requests that this information be held over for discussion at the June meeting.

CDC

Aussie Lift information

Information on this portable lift was tabled.

Recommendation

The Committee requests that this information be tabled again at the June meeting.

CDC

ITEM 6**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Date: 21 June 2011

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 3.40pm



TO: Committees (Access, LMUD, Heritage, Sustainable Transport)

MEETING DATE: 21 June 2011

AUTHOR: Anthony Hewton – Head of Strategy

SUBJECT: **Manly 2015 Exhibition**

1. INTRODUCTION

In February 2011, Council approved the exhibition of Manly2015 as a strategic, forward thinking vision to guide the future rejuvenation of the Manly CBD and Village.

The public exhibition commenced from 29 April 2011 with the launch of the website www.manly2015.com, and provides comprehensive information about the proposed masterplan and project. As well, brochures were printed containing an overview of the information contained on this website to explain this in simple terms to the public.

The material incorporates two options for the general public to comment on in relation to the Whistler Street Triangle Site and Public Library building. It also highlights the findings of the independent traffic study on the Manly2015 vision. The community consultation strategy is outlined.

The exhibition period will run from April through to September 2011.

2. INFORMATION

Background

On 8 November 2010 Council resolved to formally endorse Manly2015 as a strategic, forward thinking vision to guide the future rejuvenation of the Manly Village which aims to improve and capitalise on Manly as a village and international destination for our current and future community and visitors.

The Manly2015 Vision contains public domain, traffic and streetscape improvements that are necessary to renew the Manly Village for the future, with long-term infrastructure benefits for the local environment, economy and community. In early February 2011, a specially convened Strategic Planning Workshop of Councillors and Senior Staff also received and endorsed additional information to go forward to Council for exhibition on the Vision.

Key Elements of Manly2010

Manly2015 both enhances and builds on Manly's assets such as natural seclusion, its setting and pedestrian village and parks, while minimising some of the negative aspects that currently impede the village via disconnected roads, and imbalance between services that compete between tourist and resident needs.

The aim of Manly2015 is to ensure that Manly moves into the 21st century as a compact urban village immersed in beautiful natural surroundings and as a prosperous, sustainable, vibrant place with improved 'liveability'.

The key concepts in Manly2015 are as follows:

- Creates a welcoming and conducive space for Manly residents;
- Non local and through traffic is removed from the Manly Village;
- Pedestrianise and energise the whole of the Manly Village by activating the currently inactive private/public domain interface;
- Create and imbed piazzas and rooms in the rich network laneways and public domain areas of the Manly village;
- Leverage on heritage;
- Provides a variety of access options for residents and visitors;
- Enrich community experience and village atmosphere;
- Enhance social and cultural capital, and excite economic possibilities, and
- Differentiate the international Manly by reinforcing the Manly Village character.

Public Domain Improvements in Whistler Street Triangle

Further to the plans endorsed by Council in November 2010 two alternative options have been developed by Architects Choi Ropiha Figuera for the triangle site. The analysis and designs of these two options are summarised below.

Option 1: Retain the existing library and remove the car park

This would provide an opportunity to improve the appearance and presence of the library by creating additional building height (to 5 storeys, to 13 metres high) to provide a bigger library, storage, more community meeting rooms and civic offices, while activating the Library's relationship to the outside surrounding public spaces.

It would also involve the demolition of the existing Whistler Street car park and the re-configuration of this site to enable greater community and commercial uses.

Option 2: New Library and Community building and remove the car park

This would involve the removal of the Whistler Street car park and existing public Manly Library, and build a new Library and community building.

This would provide an outstanding opportunity to raise the presence of the Library and build a new 5 storey (to 13 metres high) state of the art, high-spec, attractive and innovative community building for future generations.

Traffic Considerations

One of the central aims of the Manly2015 is to reduce traffic intrusion into the heart of the Manly CBD and to improve pedestrian, worker and resident amenity. In October 2010, Manly Council engaged independent traffic consultants, Philip Brogan and Bitzios Consulting, to provide an assessment of the proposed road network changes being planned in the Manly CBD. The concepts modelled and considered as having minimal impact by the consultants for the Manly2015 were:

Partial closure of North to South Steyne (between Raglan and Wentworth Streets) to a one way southbound Shared Zone (including existing bus routes) could provide sufficient capacity in the traffic network and still achieve Council's goals of making the CBD a more inviting and pedestrian friendly environment.

- A new shared zone in Henrietta Lane.
- Cul-de-sac in Central Avenue becoming a 2 way with traffic calming measures implemented.
- Closing Sydney Road (between Belgrave Street to Central Avenue) to create a pedestrian zone.
- Whistler Street becomes one way northbound (The Corso to Raglan Street) with a low speed crossing of the new Sydney Road pedestrian zone.
- Darley Road becomes one way northbound (The Corso to Wentworth Street) with a shared zone treatment (including the Whistler 'dog leg').
- Belgrave Street (Gilbert Street to East Esplanade) and East Esplanade (Belgrave Street to Wentworth Street) to be traffic calmed.
- A new 800 space car park to be constructed underneath Manly Oval, with vehicular access from both Sydney Road and Raglan Street, and underground pedestrian links to the Sydney Road (east) pedestrian precinct.

Tramway Proposal

Part of the proposal has been to incorporate a tramway as a sustainable transport option for local people and visitors to Manly. More detailed feasibility is required on this aspect of the plan. A presentation and background recently presented to Councillors by the Chairperson of Council's Sustainable Transport Committee Cr Hugh Burns is also linked to the information available for members of the public to peruse and provide comment on as well as part of the Exhibition proposed.

Community Consultation

In order to support the community understanding of Manly2015, Manly Council has and will employ a range of consultation activities in and around the Manly CBD and broader Manly local government area during the exhibition period.

The proposed consultation strategy is outlined below.

- Exhibition period – April to September 2011
- Website established www.manly2015.com that invites public comment via speakupmanly.com.au
- Committee presentations – June to August 2011;
- Public Forums – Manly Library, Manly Corso and Balgowlah/Seaforth Shops;

RECOMMENDATION:

The information be received and noted.