



NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: Tuesday 16 February, 2010

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
Kirelle Mathieson
Mandy George

Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
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.

Michael Hedger
Acting Divisional Manager
Human Services and Facilities
Date: 10 February 2010



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2009

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
Bourke Gibbons
Mandy George
Kirelle Mathieson

Community Member - Chairperson
Community Member
Community Member
Sunnyfield Independence Representative
Community Member

Council Staff

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Community Services Manager
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Access Committee** met on 15 December, 2009, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced 2.10pm

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Nil

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The minutes of the Committee meeting held 20 October 2009, are confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Planning and Strategy meeting held on 7 December 2009 that the minutes of the Access Committee meeting of 20 October 2009 be adopted.

ACTION

ITEM 4	REPORT: ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION	ACTION
	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 zones, accessible parking in the CBD, kerb ramp at Darley Rd/Wentworth St intersection, access ramp at Manly Yacht Club, Manly Missed Business Guide, Accessible Manly brochure, International Day of People with Disability, and referral of DAs to the Committee.	
	Recommendation	
	The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:	
	1. Advice be provided regarding the response to a letter sent to Alan Bimson, Sailability, inviting him to join the Committee.	CDC/ Secretariat
	2. Accessible Taxis pick-up and drop-off zone: Photo of proposed location of standard kerb ramp at 'Kiss & Ride' zone circulated to the Committee. It was advised that the 21 October LMUD Committee had discussed the ramp and approved this location. On viewing the proposed location, there was feedback from some Access Committee members that this location was not suitable, given accessible taxis are accessed from the rear. Requests that a member/s of the Committee who use a wheelchair meet on site with the Urban Services Manager to discuss the ramp's location.	CDC/Urban Services
	3. Thanks Council's Urban Services branch for the construction of the second wheelchair friendly ramp on the intersection of Darley Road and Wentworth Street, Manly.	CDC/Urban Services
	4. Thanks Council's Urban Services branch for the markings now painted on the roadway to indicate to motorists not to park across the pavement ramp near the access ramp to Manly Yacht Club.	CDC/Urban Services
	5. Disability information projects: - Requests that the <i>Manly Missed Business</i> guide be finalised early in the new year. Photos of accessible businesses in Manly are required for finalisation. - Requests that the second information project to be progressed in 2010, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, is an update of the brochure: <i>Manly Welcomes People with Disabilities</i> (aka. <i>Accessible Manly</i> brochure) and for this brochure to be posted on Council's website. - That this brochure be a part of a broader information campaign to market Manly as an accessible tourist destination.	CDC CDC/Cultural & Information Services CDC/Cultural & Information Services
	6. International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) Reports to Committee and photos tabled, that 3 December Sunnyfield BBQ at Lagoon Park, supported by Manly Council, was a great success. A banner was manufactured and on display at the event, which can be used each year to publicise IDPWD. The Committee thanks all those involved – Sunnyfield staff and Council staff from Community Services and Events – who worked to make this day of celebration a success.	CDC/Youth Services/ Events/FSC

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS**ACTION****Access Committee achievements towards Strategic Objectives
Recommendation**

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the Committee's 2009 Achievements towards its three strategic objectives be reported to Council, as follows:

IBM**Objective 1**

Working in partnership with internal and external stakeholders – to improve access in relation to recreation, sport, transport, and infrastructure:

- Fragrant Garden
 - o Official Opening March 2009
 - o Production of Fragrant Garden brochure
- Rectification of two kerb ramps on the intersection of Darley Road & Wentworth Street, to make them wheelchair friendly.
- Manly Yacht Club Access Ramp - markings painted on roadway to ensure pavement ramp access.
- Committee input into Manly DCP for Access.
- Ongoing referral of DAs to Committee.

Objective 2

Community Engagement – to promote International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD):

- International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) was on Thursday 3 December 2009 and promoted via:
 - o Council partnering with Sunnyfield to organise a picnic in Lagoon Park to celebrate IDPWD on 3 December.
 - o Manufacture of an IDPWD banner for display each year.

Objective 3

Disability information - to promote tourism in Manly for people with disabilities

- Production of Fragrant Garden brochure.
- Updated the Manly CBD Access Map.
- Working towards finalisation of a *Manly Missed Business* brochure and updating the *Accessible Manly* brochure.

**North Harbour Coastline Management Plan
Recommendation**

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that an invitation be extended to Council's Estuary Management Officer, to discuss the proposed access ramp from King Avenue to North Harbour Reserve, with the Access Committee Chairperson.

CDC/EMO**ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Date: 16 February 2010

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 3.35pm



Report from: Kathryn Fayle, Community Services Manager

To: Access Committee

Date: 16 February 2010

Subject: Queenscliff Beach Shower Access

1. Introduction

An Access Committee member identified at the December 2010 meeting, that the newly built beach shower at Queenscliff beach has been built with stair only access. Since that meeting, this matter has been informally raised again with the Divisional Manager of Human Services and Facilities.

2. Information

In a presentation to the Access Committee in August 2009, Funktion Access, a consultant firm contracted by Council to review the Access DCP, informed the meeting that in relation to access planning and implementation, disability access outputs are to be consistent with current and future disability building legislation, Australian Standards and best practice. The Queenscliff Beach shower is a newly built structure, and has not provided disability access from the promenade to the installed shower, which may contravene best practice.

3. Recommendations:

- 1) Access Committee to recommend to the General Manager, that a site visit with Access Committee representatives be arranged with key staff, to evaluate the current shower structure.
- 2) Access Committee to recommend to the General Manager, following site visit with key personnel, whether or not an access ramp should be created as part of the current stairway, to ensure best practice.

Access Committee

Report prepared: 22 January, 2010



Report from: Kathryn Fayle, Community Services Manager

To: Access Committee

Date: 16 February, 2010

Subject: Proposal for Manly Council Ambassador for People with a Disability

1. Introduction

International Day for People with a Disability is celebrated annually on 3 December and is supported by the NSW government, and a range of government and non government organisations. As part of this event process, Ambassadors are recruited to promote positive outcomes for people with a disability to the wider community.

Recently, a resident has approached Council with a request to consider endorsing an Ambassador for People with a Disability, to further support the Ambassador project and promote Manly, and positive aspects achieved for people with a disability to a wide target audience.

2. Information

Manly Council supported International Day for People with a Disability with a promotional banner, and a sausage sizzle and music on 3 December, 2010, to support the day with people with an intellectual disability. The event was very successful and highlighted that more community engagement to better support people with a disability could be achieved, over and above the annual celebration.

The Access Committee seeks to improve disability access for residents, tourists and visitors to enjoy the amenity in relation to access infrastructure, disability information and support of events such as International Day for People with a Disability.

Recommendations:

- 1) Access Committee to consider the proposal of Council endorsing an Ambassador for People with a disability.
- 2) Access Committee make recommendation to the General Manager if in agreement for an Ambassador role and define selection criteria.

Access Committee Report prepared: 22 January 2010

Attachment: Proposal for a Manly Council endorsed ambassador for PWD.

Proposal for a Manly Council Endorsed Ambassador for People with a Disability

Background

International Day for People with a Disability is designated by the United Nations as a time to celebrate and recognise the achievements, contributions and abilities of people with a disability, and is celebrated on December 3 each year.

The Don't DIS my ABILITY campaign is supported by NSW Government and Ageing, Disability and Home Care. This campaign is about changing misconceptions and creating an environment that encourages participation in careers, leisure pursuits and social activities. Ambassadors are selected as role models to support this campaign from the arts, sports and business.

Manly Council was approached by Mr Bob Hinds, a visually impaired resident of Manly, with a suggestion that an Ambassador for People with a Disability be a voluntary role endorsed by Council, to further promote positive outcomes for people with disability.

Information

Manly Council supported International Day for People with a Disability on 3 December 2009, in conjunction with Sunnyfield Independence and Club Friday staff and clients. The day was celebrated with a barbecue and music at Lagoon Park, and was well received by all the attendees, and a welcome speech was made by the Mayor, Councillor Jean Hay AM.

Manly Council seeks to address functional access issues, provide disability information to better support people with a disability, as well as promote and support activities such as International Day for People with a Disability. These activities are achieved in conjunction with the Access Committee and the Community Development portfolio of Manly Council.

Conclusion

The Manly area is a wonderful place to reside or visit due to its unique environment and amenities. The endorsement by Manly Council for an Ambassador for People with a Disability would be an excellent opportunity to promote Manly, as well as change misconceptions about disability and enhance community engagement and participation.

The proposed role of Ambassador for People with a Disability can achieve effective marketing of Manly to a wide target audience, and as a result enhance opportunities for people with a disability, business and other organisations.

Kathryn Fayle

Community Services Manager

20 January 2010