



## MINUTES OF MEETING

### ACCESS COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2009

#### PRESENT:

##### Councillors

Cllr Barbara Aird

Manly Council

Cllr Adele Heasman

Manly Council

##### Other Representatives

Evelyn Shervington

Community Representative - Chairperson

Verity Shervington

Community Representative

Mandy George

Organisation Representative (Sunnyfield)

##### Council Staff

Kathryn Faile

Community Services Manager

Sandra Faase

Community Development Coordinator (minutes)

#### TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Access Committee** met on 21 April, 2009, to consider the matters referred to it and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder:

**OPEN** The Meeting Commenced At 3.15pm

#### ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Kirelle Mathieson, Bourke Gibbons.

#### ACTION

#### ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

#### ITEM 3 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairperson introduced new Committee member, Mandy George, Northern Sydney Respite Manager, Community Services, Sunnyfield Independence.

The Committee also has another new Committee member, Kirelle Mathieson, a Community Representative, who has given her apologies for this meeting.

| ITEM 4                                                         | <p><b>CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING 17 FEBRUARY 2009 AND MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Committee meeting held 17 February 2009 were confirmed and have been adopted by Council.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising - Vacancy on the Committee</b><br/>There is now one vacancy on the Committee.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b><br/>That the General Manager and Council consider the Committee's request to invite a representative from Mike Baird MP's office to be a member of the Access Committee.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b><br/>The Committee requests that Council consider adopting the Access Committee minutes at the <b>first</b> Planning and Strategy meeting after the Access Committee meeting is held.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ACTION         |                  |            |           |                                                                |                                                                                   |   |           |                      |                                                       |   |               |                        |                                                          |   |      |  |
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| ITEM 5                                                         | <p><b>REPORT: PRIORITIES FOR THE ACCESS COMMITTEE 2009-12</b><br/>Council's Community Services Manager presented proposed priorities for the Access Committee to consider with three key objectives for the Committee for 2009-12:</p> <table><tr><th>Key Objectives</th><th>Desired outcomes</th><th>Priorities</th><th>Timeframe</th></tr><tr><td>Working in partnership with internal and external stakeholders</td><td>To improve access in relation to recreation, sport, transport, and infrastructure</td><td>1</td><td>2009-2012</td></tr><tr><td>Community engagement</td><td>Promote International Day of People with Disabilities</td><td>2</td><td>December 2009</td></tr><tr><td>Disability information</td><td>To promote tourism in Manly for people with disabilities</td><td>3</td><td>2012</td></tr></table> <p>It was noted that to achieve the third objective, it is envisaged that a student could be recruited to undertake this project.</p> <p><b>General Manager's comment.</b> In order to prevent the marginalisation of disability and access issues it is felt that this should not be treated as a separate project with its own resources under the Access Committee. This has already been integrated into the objectives of the work of the Sustainable Economic Development and Tourism Committee.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b><br/>The Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council three key objectives and priorities for the work of the Committee.</p> | Key Objectives | Desired outcomes | Priorities | Timeframe | Working in partnership with internal and external stakeholders | To improve access in relation to recreation, sport, transport, and infrastructure | 1 | 2009-2012 | Community engagement | Promote International Day of People with Disabilities | 2 | December 2009 | Disability information | To promote tourism in Manly for people with disabilities | 3 | 2012 |  |
| Key Objectives                                                 | Desired outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Priorities     | Timeframe        |            |           |                                                                |                                                                                   |   |           |                      |                                                       |   |               |                        |                                                          |   |      |  |
| Working in partnership with internal and external stakeholders | To improve access in relation to recreation, sport, transport, and infrastructure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1              | 2009-2012        |            |           |                                                                |                                                                                   |   |           |                      |                                                       |   |               |                        |                                                          |   |      |  |
| Community engagement                                           | Promote International Day of People with Disabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2              | December 2009    |            |           |                                                                |                                                                                   |   |           |                      |                                                       |   |               |                        |                                                          |   |      |  |
| Disability information                                         | To promote tourism in Manly for people with disabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3              | 2012             |            |           |                                                                |                                                                                   |   |           |                      |                                                       |   |               |                        |                                                          |   |      |  |
| ITEM 6                                                         | <p><b>REPORT: ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE AND DISCUSSION</b><br/><b>Report Update</b><br/>Feedback was provided to Committee on status of all access items for action from the 17 February meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | IBM            |                  |            |           |                                                                |                                                                                   |   |           |                      |                                                       |   |               |                        |                                                          |   |      |  |

**Disability Parking Permit Cheats**

The response from the Manager, Compliance & Regulatory Services, response to the Committee's recommendation for signage at the Whistler Street car park asking the public to "Dob in a Disability Parking Permit Cheat" including the NSW Government Hotline for this purpose, was considered. He felt that the Rangers regularly taking enforcement action was a more effective method than signage.

**Recommendation**

The Committee asks Council to consider having Rangers conduct a blitz on disabled parking spaces in Manly in conjunction with Police, in order to crackdown on disabled parking permit cheats.

**MCRS****Pedestrian Safety along Whistler Street and Market Lane**

The Committee noted new signage and warnings placed at the entry and exits of the Whistler car park in response to the Committee's concerns for pedestrian safety.

**Recommendation**

The Committee would like to thank Council for installing the signage and warnings to improve pedestrian safety.

**Traffic Team****Accessible taxis – pick up and drop off zones**

The Committee asked in February for Council to consider undertaking an inspection of the Kiss & Ride zone on Belgrave Street, to ascertain if a wheelchair ramp could be placed there.

**Recommendation**

The Committee requests Council to provide an update on this request, and if a ramp is to be constructed, that it be placed to the back of the Kiss & Ride zone, and requests consultation with the Committee on its placement.

**Traffic Team****Disability Parking in the CBD**

The Committee requested in February that Council consider providing a report on the results of survey being undertaken by Consultants, of parking in the CBD.

**Recommendation**

- The Committee requests Council consider providing an update on the progress of the above report.
- The Committee requests Council to consider at least two more accessible parking spaces in the Whistler Street car park, suitable for wheelchair access.

**Traffic Team****Traffic Team****Request to Redesign of Mobility Parking Permits**

A letter has been drafted to ParaQuad, to ask this organisation to lobby for the redesign of the MPS permit.

**Recommendation**

The Committee requests that the General Manager consider sending the letter on behalf of Council.

**CDC****Steep Kerb Ramps – Darley Road and Wentworth Street**

The Divisional Manager, Civic & Urban Services, advises that this work will start in May and confirmed the work was subject to RTA

approval - as is all work that is within or that affects traffic lights.

**Recommendation**

The Committee would like to express its concern to Council on how long it has taken for this ramp to be built.

**Update of the Manly DCP for Access**

The current Access DCP is being translated into the new DCP with minor edits. The DCP Project Coordinator asked that the current Access DCP to be distributed to Committee members so that they have an opportunity to raise any issues about the DCP at the next meeting, which he will be attending to provide a progress report.

**Recommendation**

That Council distribute the current Access DCP to Committee members before the June meeting for their review.

CDC

**Bowling Green for Disabled Bowlers**

At the February meeting the Committee supported the concept of a bowling green for disabled bowlers at the Manly Seniors Centre and requested Council to consider installing a synthetic green for this purpose. The Committee considered further options to provide for bowling for people with disabilities in the Manly area.

**Recommendation**

Council consider purchasing a roll-out bowling green for the Seniors Centre Activities Hall to cater for disabled bowlers, and explore other options for such bowlers, given that the cost of providing for another fixed green at the Seniors Centre would be difficult to justify with the current bowling green being underutilised, and given that an indoor green could be used in all weather conditions.

CSM

**Letter in Relation to Access to Seaforth Shops**

A draft letter to the Seaforth Chamber of Commerce has been prepared in relation to this matter, as requested in the February minutes.

**Recommendation**

The Committee requests that the General Manager consider sending the letter on behalf of Council.

CDC

**ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6.1 Referral of DAs to Committee**

The Community Development Coordinator asked if the DA referral process was working well for the Committee. The Committee felt that the process of referring DAs by memorandum, and being considered by a sub-committee with guidance from a Duty Planner, was working well.

**ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Date:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009

**Time:** 2.00pm

**Venue:** Councillors' Room, Manly Town Hall

Meeting closed at 4.00pm