



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 18 August 2015

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

Mr Evelyn Shervington	Community Member (Chair)
Ms Beverley Mathieson	Community Member
Ms Verity Shervington	Community Member
Mr Andrew Macintosh	Community Member/ Manly Club for Seniors
Ms Mandy George	Sunnyfield Independence

Council Staff

Ms Anna Nikolov Community Development Officer (Minutes)

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access and Mobility Committee met on 18 August 2015 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	INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Apologies from Manly Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio) and Cllr Adele Heasman.	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2015 AND MATTERS ARISING The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2015 were confirmed.. Matters Arising – Changes in Committee Membership Following the resignation of Ms Elizabeth Graham, an invitation letter has been sent to Sonja Lechner, Manly Wesley Heights Village, to join the Committee. A letter of thanks has been sent to Ms Graham acknowledging her participation and input.	CDO

ITEM 4	ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION The Access & Mobility Committee Resolution Schedule June 2015 was tabled. The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters and completed items.	
4.1	Improving Access at Centrelink/ Medicare Brookvale The Committee still has concerns about lack of action for improving the accessible parking at Centrelink/ Medicare offices. CDO to follow up with Warringah Council on the progress of construction works scheduled for early 2015/16 to improve accessible kerb ramps.	CDO
4.2	Traffic Overload at Little Manly Beach Kiosk The Committee discussed again the issue of traffic overload at the pathway that runs in front of the kiosk to the beach. CDO to follow up with Manager Regulatory Services whether the proprietor of the Kiosk has been advised of this and what are the plans for management with the summer season approaching.	CDO
4.3	Improving the accessible kerb ramps in Manly LGA The Committee has been providing ongoing advice to Council about improvement of the accessible kerb ramps in Manly LGA. In 2014, the Committee undertook an audit of the pedestrian infrastructure in Balgowlah town centre. The Committee discussed the provision of this information to the Civic and Urban Services to assist in Council's submission for a grant application to RMS for accessible kerb ramps in Manly. The upgrade is envisaged to commence in 2016/17. Since 2010, the Committee has lobbied for provision of accessible bus stops along North and South Steyne (Ref. Minutes 19.10.2010). Construction works have now been scheduled for implementing an accessible bus stop opposite Carlton Street (plans tabled). Another bus stop along this route that needs an upgrade, is located opposite Ceramic Lane. CDO to follow up with the CUS Manager.	CDO
4.4	Accessible Toilets CDO has been undertaking audits of the accessible public toilets in Manly LGA for the SCIA National Public Toilet Map update. Feedback about identified issues and suggestions for improvements are channelled through to Facilities Manager. The Committee has concerns about the Plan of Management of the accessible toilets and wishes to be updated. Specific issues that need to be addressed include: provision of appropriate accessible signage, locks and door handles, and management of hours of operation.	CDO
ITEM 5	GENERAL BUSINESS	
5.1	Hearing Augmentation The Committee discussed the provision of hearing augmentation for the hearing impaired in Council's Customer Service areas. Hearing Loop systems are commonly used in public places to magnetically transmit sound to hearing aids and cochlear implants. The Committee wishes to investigate the state of the Assistive Listening Amplification system, stored in G Level, Library Customer Service area and consider reinstating it to assist people with hearing loss. CDO to follow up with Manager Library and Information Services.	Manager Library and Information Services

5.2**Whistler Street Car Park redevelopment**

Council has received three submissions of Expression of Interest for the Whistler Street Car Park redevelopment. The exhibition has closed on 31 July 2015 and the plans were not available to table at the meeting.

Once again, the Committee raises its concern about the potential loss of accessible parking in the area currently serviced by Whistler Street Car Park and wishes to be advised where the 16 accessible car parking spaces will be relocated.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the same number of accessible parking spaces (16) be kept in any future redevelopment of the Whistler Street Car Park site.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 20 October 2015

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council

**Manager
Major
Projects**

Meeting closed at 3:35pm