



MINUTES OF MEETING

ACCESS AND MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 20 October 2015

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman

Other Representatives

Mr Evelyn Shervington	Community Member (Chair)
Ms Beverley Mathieson	Community Member
Ms Sonia Lechner	Manly Wesley Heights Aged Care Facility
Mr Andrew Macintosh	Community Member/ Manly Club for Seniors
Ms Mandy George	Sunnyfield Independence

Council Staff

Ms Anna Nikolov	Community Development Officer (Minutes)
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Access and Mobility Committee met on 20 October 2015 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, INTRODUCTIONS, AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Apologies from Manly Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio), Cllr Barbara Aird and Ms Verity Shervington. Ms Sonja Lechner, Manly Wesley Heights Aged Care Facility was introduced as a new member.	ACTION
ITEM 2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Nil.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2015 were confirmed.	
ITEM 4	ACCESS ITEMS FOR UPDATE & DISCUSSION The Access & Mobility Committee Resolution Schedule August 2015 was tabled. The Committee was briefed on the progress of previous access matters and completed items.	
4.1	Access to Centrelink/ Medicare Brookvale The Committee has lobbied continuously over the last year for improving disability access to this essential one-stop-shop on the	CDO

	Northern Beaches. More disability services continue to be co-located on site, including a disability employment agency (The ORS Group). The Committee is concerned about the lack of action despite the numerous letters Council has sent to the relevant State and Commonwealth representatives on this matter. The issues are complicated as a number of agencies are involved in the provision of road infrastructure. The Committee disagrees that the pedestrian crossings near Centrelink meet the relevant standards for access as stated in the letter received from the Minister for Roads on 03.03.15 (ref. MC/15/28612). Warringah Council has advised that construction works at Chard Road and Pittwater Road are delayed due to underground services under the kerb ramps. The matter has been referred to the Minister for Human Services by the Hon Tony Abbott MP. Letter to be tabled to Council in November meeting. The Committee believes that the whole area around Centrelink/ Medicare office in Brookvale needs to be reviewed holistically. The nearest accessible parking at Chard Road does not allow for safe and dignified access for people with mobility impairment due to the distance and poor kerb ramps design. It is difficult to traverse the route in a wheelchair, especially, in wet conditions. The Committee believes that, if the issues are not resolved, a new venue for Centrelink/ Medicare office that is accessible for all users is required.	
4.2	PAMP for Balgowlah Road and Pittwater Road area The Committee requested an update on the progress of the PAMP study recommendations. CDO to follow up with the Transport and Traffic Manager.	Transport and Traffic Manager
4.3	Accessibility to the War Memorial Walk, North Head A letter from the Executive Director, SHFT, dated 04.09.2015 was tabled. The Committee discussed again the footpath connecting the War Memorial Walk with the car park near the Visitors Information Centre. The slope and the uneven surface of the pathway is difficult to traverse by wheelchair and should be upgraded. CDO to follow up.	CDO
4.4	Traffic Overload at Little Manly Beach Kiosk CDO to follow up with the Manager Regulatory Services what are the plans for management of pedestrian traffic overload at the Kiosk.	Manager Regulatory Services
4.5	Accessible kerb ramps in Manly LGA The Committee requested an update of the Council plans for accessible kerb ramps in Manly LGA. CDO to follow up with CUS re: allocation for funds for the next financial year footpath and kerb ramps upgrades.	CUS Manager
4.6	Amenities at Little Manly Point Park The Committee discussed the lack of amenities at Little Manly Point Park. This is a very popular park with a number of picnic facilities, a playground and car parking, including 2 accessible bays. It is also used for functions and sporting activities. However, the nearest amenities are located further down at Little Manly Beach. They are accessed via numerous steps or via Stuart Street which is steep. CDO to seek feedback from the Harbour Foreshore Committee if there are any plans for accessible eco-toilet.	Manager Environmental Services

4.7	Hearing Augmentation The Committee discussed the provision of hearing augmentation in the Library, Council's customer service areas and meeting rooms for people with hearing impairment or who are hard of hearing. CDO to ask for more information and obtain a site survey in the Library area.	CDO
ITEM 5 5.1	GENERAL BUSINESS Accessible parking at Little Manly Beach Council has provided a range of accessible facilities at Little Manly Beach, however, the nearest accessible parking is located on the top of the hill at the Little Manly Point car park. The Committee supports the Little Manly Precinct's request for implementing an accessible parking space at 40 Stuart Street, given that there is already an accessible kerb ramp on site. Recommendation The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council implements an accessible parking space at Stuart Street to provide a link to the beach facilities.	Traffic and Transport Manager
5.2	Sandstone footpath, East Esplanade Reserve The Committee discussed the heritage listed sandstone footpath over the grass at East Esplanade Reserve. This footpath is very rough as the pavers have moved vertically over the years and is unsuitable for traversing by people in wheelchairs. CDO to consult with the Heritage Planner if the footpath can be smoothed, so that it can be used by wheelchair or mobility impaired users.	Heritage Planner
NEXT MEETING DATE: Date: 15 December 2015 Time: 2.00 pm Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council		

Meeting closed at 3:05pm