

**PRESENT**

**Members:**

Angela Harrison  
Brian Bucket  
Helen Booby  
Max Waters,  
Nik Sandeman-Allen (Chair)  
Sharon Beard  
Julie Priest (PMHC)

**Other Attendees:**

Mr Derrick Gorton

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The meeting opened at 2.00pm.

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**01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

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**02 APOLOGIES**

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Consensus:

That the apologies received from Alex Momot, Phil White, George Payne, Vicky Whitfield, Peter McLeod, Mike Ipsen be accepted.

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**03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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Consensus:

That the Minutes of the Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2012 be confirmed.

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**04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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There were no disclosures of interest presented.

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**05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**5.4 Port Macquarie Base Hospital Building expansion**

Julie Priest and Brian Bucket attending the 16<sup>th</sup> February meeting.

**5.6 Proposed addition to St Agnes Retirement Village**

Review submitted to DA

**5.7 Update about need for access friendly bus scheduled between Wauchope and Port Macquarie (Route 355)**

Busways correspondence received advising that they will include this request in the review of bus schedules which will occur in the second half of 2012.

Busways advised that they provide an access friendly bus service to 25% of their bus routes. Nick suggested this be queried as could be in whole of NSW not the local government area.

Consensus:

That Julie Priest discuss with Ben Hamilton at Disability Advocacy and approach Busways to clarify the statistics.

**5.8 New accessible car park at Bold Street Laurieton**

Consensus:

That 71 Bold Street Laurieton is nominated as the preferred location for new accessible car parking space.

**5.9 Mobi Mats**

Letter of thanks has been sent to Leslie Williams MP.

**6.5 Glasshouse Access Improvements and allocation of wheelchair spaces in the theatre**

Glasshouse is undertaking trials of the Hearing loop with hearing Australia. Conducting trials during live shows with hearing aid users in audience trialling the hearing loop with buzzing interference still persistent. Julie provided information on number of accessible wheelchair spaces in the theatre.

Consensus:

1. That an update about the sliding door for toilet at next meeting
2. Building Facilities to clarify the replacement of soft touch entry doors with automatic doors.
3. That the Access Committee recommend the stair lifter be keyed for an MLAK key.

**6.6 Wauchope & Laurieton Access Improvements**

Cliff Toms an apology as on annual leave and Daniel park an apology as new staff member

Consensus:

1. That Cliff Toms and Daniel Park be rescheduled for another meeting.
2. That the Rangers be requested to inspect Bold Street Laurieton

**6.7 Access Committee representatives meeting with Town Centre Masterplan Committee.**

Consensus:

That Brian Bucket will propose at the next Town Centre Masterplan Committee meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> March and advise the outcome at the next Access Committee Meeting.

**6.8 Park Street - North harbour update**

Development Assessment advises that Pykon Construction is extending the footpath to around the corner and will be the last thing they construct as part of the works.

**6.9 New carpark at Aldi – update**

A letter signed by Nick Sandeman-Allen and Julie Priest has been sent to the Building Certifiers requesting them to clarify how the car park complies to Australian Standards as the pedestrian crossing runs through the accessible car parking spots.

Consensus:

Update to be provided when receive a response from the Building Certifier.

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**06 YELLOW BRICK ROAD**

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***Discussion about the Yellow Brick Road pilot route from Town Beach to CBD :***

Alex, Max, Sharon, Helen, Mike and Vicky joined Julie and the Road Safety Officer Nick Gainsford on the 24<sup>th</sup> February and rolled and strolled along the route. Only some small spots of patching work were identified as needing to be fixed to create an unobstructed accessible pathway.

Discussion about the colour of the line markings with Angela providing advice on a highly visible colour scheme. The colours yellow, orange and bright blue were proposed as well as fluoro green.

Julie did a trademark check on the words "Yellow Brick Road" whose trademark is registered by Yellowbrick Road Wealth Management Trade Mark Number 1160786, renewal date in February 2017.

Max Waters discussed other options of naming the routes e.g. Upton Walk.

Consensus:

1. That Nick Sandeman-Allen write to Mark Bouris, CEO Yellowbrick Road Wealth Management to request use of name.
2. That Technical Services attend the next Access meeting.

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**07 WAUCHOPE ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND**

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Consensus:

Committee accept final design plans of the Wauchope All Abilities Playground.

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**08 RAMP FOR WAUCHOPE INDOOR BASKETBALL STADIUM**

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The Access Committee reviewed the designs and congratulated Council on this great outcome.

Consensus:

That the Committee accept the plans for the ramp.

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**09 WORK, HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

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Consensus:

That the Committee members sign the required documentation.

The Committee members are requested to sign documentation to say that they have received and understood the information in the PMHC Code of Conduct and the PMHC Work Health & Safety guidelines and will abide by the policies.

The Committee Members signed the document.

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**10 WAUCHOPE AND LAURIETON ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS**

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Consensus:

That Mr Daniel Park be invited to address the Committee.

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**11 ACCESS MAP**

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Consensus:

1. That the Committee review and update the Access Map to update Coles and coach terminal area, include Yellow Brick Road route Town Green to Town Beach, include Charge Points, include Glasshouse and Visitor Information Centre, remove banks, clarify accessible car parking spaces symbol.
  2. That Julie Priest investigates smart phone apps such as combined with Hot Spot or "around me" app for disabled facilities.
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**12 TOURISM ACCESS AUDIT**

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Consensus:

That the Committee reviews the Tourism access audit and that the existing audit of access friendly premises be tabled at the next meeting

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**13 ACCESS REQUESTS**

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Welcome to Mr Derrick Gorton and letter tabled and read out by Chair.

Discussions progressed to address concerns. Beach Wheelchairs available (usually at Town Beach and often Flynn's Beach). Activity groups are active in Port Macquarie (e.g. Hastings Headway).

Derrick advised that he has no egress to the driveway/roadway at his current accommodation in Eliza Circuit and that the suburb has no footpaths.

Derrick identified potential access issues at Lake Innes Coles – the gutter ramp scrapes the bottom of the chair – does it meet minimum standard?

Consensus:

1. That Mr Gorton is provided with Beach Wheelchair contact.
2. That information about minimum standard for kerb ramps to be provided at next meeting.

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**14 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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There was no General Business items presented.

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The meeting closed at 4.10pm.