
PRESENT

Members:

Angela Harrison - Guide Dogs NSW
Brian Bucket - Access Building Designer
Helen Booby – Port Macquarie Access Rep
Max Waters - Port Macquarie & Vision Impairment
Nik Sandeman-Allen - Care & Mobility
Peter McLeod - Hastings Macleay Community Transport
Julie Priest - PMHC Aged & Disability Officer

Other Attendees:

Nil

The meeting opened at 2.00pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

Consensus:

That the apologies received from;

Alex Momot - Camden Haven & Vision Impairment
George Payne - Wauchope Seniors
Mike Ipsen - Camden Haven Access
Phil White - Wauchope Access
Sharon beard - Education & Access
Vicky Whitfield – Port Macquarie Access Rep

be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Consensus:

That the Minutes of the Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held 12 March 2012 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Yellow Brick Road:

Nik Sandeman-Allen has written to Mark Bouris re. use of Yellow Brick Road trademarked name with no response received yet.

Technical Services Manager Cliff Toms, Road Safety Officer Nick Gainsford and Traffic Engineer Daniel Park attended the meeting.

Discussion about pilot of Town Beach to Town Green and line marking. Brian suggested community involvement, volunteers to line mark the route.

Discussion about Operational plan and Mid-Year review of Pedestrian Access Mobility Plans in parallel with cycleways. With footpaths around schools and town centres having previously been a priority.

Nick Gainsford is coordinating over 12 new bus shelters funded from \$120k grant, which will be fully enclosed and perforated panels

Consensus:

1. Julie Priest to arrange meeting with asset owner Manager Recreation & Buildings and Technical Service Manager.
2. Line markings to be footprint shaped in high contrast colour, non-slip paint.
3. 2nd nominated route is Garden Village to Settlement City.
4. Nick Gainsford to investigate missing panels on bus shelter located on Livingstone Road.

5.4 Access Committee representatives meeting with Town Centre Masterplan Committee.

Brian Bucket will raise this at meeting on 26th April. Discussion about new accessible car parking space located near CWA – closes to public amenities.

Consensus:

1. Brian to arrange meeting
2. To swap one of the existing accessible car parking spaces in the same block with the new parking space near CWA.

5.5 Access Friendly Bus – Busways

Ben Hamilton from Disability Advocacy is following up with Busways

5.7 Wauchope and Laurieton Access Improvements discussion

Consensus:

1. Access requests are noted
2. Rangers attended Laurieton and conducted an inspection

5.8 Access map – Review

Julie Priest advised that the access map will be updated and will include photo of new Mayor – which means will be printed after Council elections in August. Discussion about i-phone apps. Opportunity to include Access Friendly shops on the map and charge points. Council communications are finding out the costings for app. Angela advised she has created apps and can consult with Council communications and she demonstrated snapsolve on her i-phone.

Consensus:

1. New Maps to be ready in August to include Mayors photo
2. Angela Harrison to provide advice to Council Communications about apps and suitability for vision impaired users.

5.9 Glasshouse Access Improvements.

The Committee will have the opportunity in June to nominate a building works project for improvement. One option could be the installation of a sliding door in the accessible toilet which includes baby change area. The Building Coordinator has advised that this is a non-load bearing wall. A locksmith is attending the Glasshouse to advise if an MLAK key can be used for the stair lift. The entry doors would cost approx \$66k to convert to fully automated.

Consensus:

1. Consider Glasshouse when allocating funds for access improvements in June 2012.
2. Update about MLAK key for stair lift

5.10 Accessible Tourism

Tourism report was tabled at the meeting. This is now out of date but will provide contact details of the tourism operators to be invited to apply to the Access Friendly scheme.

06 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Aldi carpark and pedestrian crossing which cuts through the accessible car parking space.

Consensus:

Julie Priest to contact the Sydney Building Certifier again and request clarification of why they approved this design which appears to contravene Australian Standards.

6.2 Guide Dog Day

Angela Harrison invites Access Committee to attend Guide Dog Day event at Panther on Friday 27th April 2.30pm to 3.30pm with special promotion to Tourism and hospitality.

6.3 TGSIs

Access Committee requested to review TGSIs with discrepancy between Australian Standards and recommendation by Department of Transport.

Consensus:

Access Committee recommends to Council to NOT install TGSIs on slope/gradient of kerb ramp. TGSIs to be installed on flat surface before change of gradient (hazard) occurs.

6.4 New Melbourne Mobility Centre

Julie Priest discussed new Melbourne Mobility Centre and showed Committee the promotional fliers. This new centre is for tourists who arrive to hire mobility scooters and wheelchairs and use accessible bathrooms. It is located in Federation Square.

6.5 Next meeting location

Peter McLeod volunteered to host next access Committee meeting at his office at 26 Lord Street – Hastings Macleay Community Transport.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm.
