

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Peter Alley (Chair)
Ben Oultram
Bruce Gibbs
Elizabeth Rose
Helen Booby
Ian Irwin
Julie Haraksin
Cheryl Dimmock
Max Waters
Mike Ipsen
Sharon Beard
Julie Priest (PMHC Aged & Disability Officer)

Other Attendees:

Sandra Wallace (PMHC Community Participation Manager)
Pip Cox (PMHC Road Safety Officer)

The meeting opened at 2:00pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Councillor Sharon Griffiths (Deputy Chair), Lucilla Marshall and Phil White be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held on 5 December 2017 be confirmed.

Max Waters referred to Item 6 of the minutes and advised that he congratulated Rebecca Doblo on the Lake Cathie Foreshore Master Plan and enquired about the installation of the playground not the carousel.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

05.01 Access Friendly Business Project

Thank you to Ben Oultram, Helen Booby, El Rose, Ian Irwin, Julie Haraksin, Cheryl Dimmock and Julie Priest for conducting an access friendly visit to the nine shops at Emerald Downs including Coles. The new refurbishment at Tacking Point Tavern was reviewed with excellent car parking bay, amenities and wide corridors.

Sharon Beard tabled copies of the NSW Business Chamber 'Missed Business' booklets.

CONSENSUS:

1. That Julie Priest contact the Emerald Downs Shopping Centre landlord advising the accessible car parking spaces near Dominos are still in disrepair. The door to the public accessible toilet is too heavy and the lock and handle too high. Request that the accessible car parking bay be re-located to the front of the community centre and kerb ramp.
2. That Julie Priest arrange the next access visit in March to Port Macquarie Coles, Arboretum and Finians.

05.02.1 Accessible Public Toilets

Julie Priest met with Mike Ipsen and the iKew Visitor Information Centre. As per their request Council will arrange for the accessible toilet to be MLAKed.

iKew requested an accessible picnic shelter, table and kerb ramp. Cr Alley discussed reviewing the list of priorities at the next meeting so this and future requests can be placed appropriately.

Comboyne War Memorial Hall Committee have requested Council to refurbish the public toilet and change it into an accessible toilet. Julie Priest and PMHC Facilities Coordinator met with them onsite.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Committee review the list of priorities at the April meeting so that they can review the request for an accessible picnic shelter at iKew.
2. That the Committee recommends the Comboyne toilet has doors as wide as possible and is configured as a first option with 2 x accessible toilets, as a second option provide 1 x unisex accessible and 1 x unisex and as the least preferred option provide a single unisex accessible toilet.

05.02.02 Accessible Reserves

The walking trails audit is delayed until after summer.

05.02.03 Access Car Parks

The Committee noted the upgrades at Lighthouse Beach Reserve and that a new accessible car park is planned to be installed. Sandra Wallace advised that Flynn's Beach car park is being reviewed as part of the masterplan process which the Access Committee will be engaged in as a stakeholder.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the audit map include recommendations of new accessible parking bays including School St (Focus Medical), Hollingworth Street (Sensory Smart) and Horton Street (between William and Hayward Sts.)
2. Bruce Gibbs and Julie Priest will meet to finalise the car park audit map and then it will be processed by the PMHC GIS mapping team.

05.02.04 Access Updates

Lake Cathie Fishing Platform - connecting footpath from the new amenities block to the platform will be commencing soon (weather permitting) and accessible fish cleaning table to be installed.

Pip Cox advised that Hollingworth Street is a difficult site. She has registered it for consideration on the infrastructure register and footpath register.

Pip Cox advised that council is aware of the missing link at Stingray Creek Bridge and that works have been programmed for the first half of this year to install the footpath link.

The Committee noted the progress of fundraising for the Liberty Swing with Sunrise Rotary acquiring a \$10k grant to match the Council contribution.

Breakwall Caravan Park submitted a DA to modify the car park including an accessible car park bay. Sharon Beard and Julie Priest have been in communication with Michelle Love the project manager as they are planning to install an accessible cabin. Committee discussed how to advocate for more than one accessible cabin.

CONSENSUS:

1. That technical specifications for the Liberty Swing be provided to the Committee advising how a wheelchair is attached to the swing.
2. That the Committee be advised at the next meeting who has ownership of the land at Breakwall Caravan Park.

06 DRAFT DEMENTIA FRIENDLY PROGRAMME

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee noted the report about the draft 2018-2019 Dementia Friendly Programme presented by Julie Priest, Inclusion Officer.

07 SHELLY BEACH PROPOSED TOILET AMENITIES

The Committee reviewed the proposed plans for the new Shelly Beach toilet amenities.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee are provided an update at the next meeting if the amenities include internal or external showers and what amenities are available while the works are being undertaken.

08 GENERAL BUSINESS

08.01 CLARENCE STREET SHARED AREA

Cheryl Dimmock raised the issue of people with vision impairment navigating the shared way at Clarence Street. This has also been raised by Vision Australia as an issue. Pip Cox advised that she has spoken to Vision Australia about this issue. As there are known hazards in retrofitting TGSI's, Council does not support retro fitting them.

Discussion about other specialist visual cues with difficulty that there are no tactiles for a shared area. A proposed reduction in speed limit for the CBD of 40km/h will help improve pedestrian friendly area

08.02 #RIGHTNOW

Julie Haraksin advised of the #RightNow campaign advocating to the State Government to reinstate funding for disability advocacy organisations, with the Port Macquarie Disability Advocacy office likely to lose advocates due to the cut in funding.

08.03 WAUCHOPE AQUATIC POOL

Julie Priest advised that local pool campaigner Di Gilbert is fundraising for the aquatic wheelchair.

08.04 ADULT CHANGE TABLE

Ben Oultram spoke about the need to pilot an adult change table and that the proposed new amenity block at Lake Cathie could be the perfect location to trial it as it is surrounded by recreational activities. A table with a hoist are now required for an adult change table.

CONSENSUS:

That Recreation and Buildings are requested to review the recommendation for installing an adult change table and hoist for the proposed amenity block at Lake Cathie Reserve.

08.05 HASTINGS RIVER DRIVE FOOTPATH

Ben Oultram enquired about the proposed footpath and if it links to the Home Zone complex. Sandra Wallace advised that the footpath design is from Hughes Place to Boundary Street.

CONSENSUS:

That Sandra Wallace request designers to include a footpath link to Home Zone footpath to enable unobstructed continuous egress.

08.06 INVITATION TO MAYOR

Max Waters enquired about the invitation to the Mayor to visit an upcoming Access Committee meeting.

CONSENSUS:

That Cr Peter Alley extend an invitation to the Mayor to visit an upcoming Access Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 4:05pm.