

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Peter Alley (Chair)
Ben Oultram
Bruce Gibbs
Helen Booby
Ian Irwin
Julie Haraksin
Mike Ipsen
Sharon Beard
Lucilla Marshall (PMHC Group Manager Community Development)
Julie Priest (PMHC Aged & Disability Officer)

Other Attendees:

Pip Cox (Road Safety Officer)
Rebecca Doblo (PMHC Landscape Architect)
Bronwen Hughes (PMHC GIS Digital Technology)
Ravinder Dogra (CSU student on placement with PMHC)
Prue Swanny (TAFE student on placement with PMHC)
Graham Saunders

The meeting opened at 2:05pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Cheryl Dimmock, Max Waters, Phil White and Elizabeth Rose be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Julie Haraksin referred to Item 5.01 of the minutes and advised that the correspondence to Pizza Obsession be for the owner to fix the accessible door with a handle. Also to use the term 'kerb ramp' instead of 'pram ramp' in future minutes.

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2018 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

05.01 Access Friendly Project

Thank you to Julie Haraksin, Ian Irwin, Cheryl Dimmock, Sharon Beard, El Rose and Julie Priest for undertaking the visit to Sails Resort. The group met with the General Manager Nick McLaughlin.

Discussion about future venues to visit such as Rotary Lodge.

CONSENSUS:

1. That Julie Priest send correspondence to Sails Resort congratulating them on having outstanding accessible motel rooms, continuous access from the function room to the balcony and 2 x accessible car parks connected to the pathway. Sails to ensure all stairs and ramps comply with AS1428 standards including TGS1's, nosings and compliant handrails. Noted that the lift signage had floor numbers 1,2,3 and recommend 3,2,1 (or ground level).
2. That the next access visit be to Bonny Hills caravan park, community centre, skate park, Rainbow Beach new amenities, Fat Fish Café and function centre.

05.02.01 Accessible Public Toilets

Discussion about adult change table and hoist. This facility is included in the first stage of the Lake Cathie Masterplan for the new amenities. Ravinder Dogra provided an update about Changing Places Modus Australia with price estimates from \$89k plus installation. Ballina Shire Council and City of Cockburn outside of Fremantle have installed a facility.

Shelley Beach amenities has been demolished and the new building works commenced. Portable toilets including an accessible are onsite for public use during the works.

05.020.02 Accessible Reserves

The data capture app will be expanded to include a layer for accessible reserves and picnic furniture.

05.02.03 Access Issues

The missing footpath link at Stingray Creek Bridge is being worked on now and will take several weeks to complete.

The Access Committee were advised that the CBD pedestrian improvements at five intersections and concept of a 40km/hr zone is now open for community engagement at www.haveyoursay.pmhc.nsw.gov.au and closes 1 July. John Hanlon the Project Leader will present the feedback and design concepts for review at the next Access Committee meeting.

Pip Cox led the Committee review of the letter from resident Julie Rixon.

CONSENSUS:

1. That a high priority is allocated to Ocean Drive for the missing link footpath and kerb ramps between Denehurst Place and Table Street. Placed on the register as funding becomes available.
2. That the Rangers monitor parking on corner of Morton St and Heather Street and on Morton street and Oxley Highway.
3. That the request for a crossing at Heather Street and Ocean Drive is not supported. Instead that Council investigate the camber of the footpath at the traffic lights at Ocean Drive and Oxley Highway at the petrol station corner.
4. That a low priority rating is allocated to Lake Road for the missing link footpath and kerb ramps to be installed between Morrish St and Chapman St.
5. That a low priority is allocated to the footpath request for Heather Street.
6. That a maintenance request is created for footpath pavers near Bell's Bakery on Gordon Street.
7. That the request for a kerb ramp near liquor land is not supported.
8. That the footpaths from Base Hospital around Highfields Circuit is included in the footpath improvement plan as part of the Health and Education Precinct Masterplan. Access committee to monitor high level draft report being finalised in the coming months.
9. That the customer is referred to the signage hierarchy document and asked to provide council with specific locations for attention.

05.02.04 Accessible Parking Project App

Bronwen Hughes demonstrated the data collector app. Discussion about camber and gradient, and that these details will be captured in the existing information field.

CONSENSUS:

That a field excursion will be organised with the Access Committee and Bronwen Hughes to use the Collector App.

05.02.05 Dementia Friendly Programme

The Access Committee was invited to the dementia friendly pop up soup café on Monday 2

July at CWA Port Macquarie.

Council's Building Facilities team have asked for guidance on dementia friendly design principles.

CONSENSUS:

That the August meeting includes information about Dementia by Design principles for the Committee to review.

05.02.06 Town Centre Master Plan Committee

Sharon Beard provided an update including the Town Square levels of maintenance, future plan by Crown Lands to install a wharf near the site of the former Fish Co-Op and Westport Park shared pathway design development.

06 GENERAL BUSINESS

06.01 WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

Rebecca Doblo, PMHC Landscape Architect, showed the Committee the new signage which includes an icon for accessible amenities and also showed photos of the production process. The new signage slides into an aluminium holder and has a graffiti prevention coating.

06.02 LIBERTY SWING

Works have commenced by the Rotary Club Sunrise Branch to install the Liberty Swing.

06.03 NATURALLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE

The website www.naturallyaccessible.org has information and photos about walks and lookouts. We have the opportunity to add our local walks to this once the Committee have assessed them.

06.04 SAILABILITY NEW AMENITIES PLAN

SailAbility has lodged a DA with plans to demolish the old amenities block at McInherney Park and replace with a new facility. The new facility includes 2 x accessible bathrooms plus storage for the boats and an accessible car park next to the amenities.

06.05 NEW INCLUSIVE PLAY GUIDELINES

Lucilla Marshall spoke about the NSW Department of Planning guidelines she has been involved in developing.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee provides feedback about the “Everyone can Play” draft guidelines at the August meeting.

06.06 KMART PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS

Julie Haraksin raised the issue of the new pedestrian lights at Kmart at Warlters and Park St. The pedestrian pole is not connected to the footpath or kerb ramp.

CONSENSUS:

That Council investigates this access issue and reviews the DA as to the requirements of the developer.

06.07 CLARENCE STREET FOOTPATH

Julie Haraksin and Ian Irwin raised the issue of the footpath at Clarence Street in front of the building site (next to Four Espresso and between Murray St and Munster St). This ‘temporary’ bitumen footpath is difficult and is a hazard to travel along and has been in situ for a number of years. On the opposite side of the road the red pavers when wet are very slippery and are a hazard.

CONSENSUS:

1. That Council investigates who is responsible for the state of the temporary footpath and what plans for it to be reinstated and report back to the next Committee meeting.
2. That Council reviews the pavers on Clarence Street and if compliant with standards for non-slipperiness.

06.08 EMERALD DOWNS CAR PARK

Ben Oultram reported that the Emerald Downs outside carpark is in the process of being re-surfaced and lines re-marked. The icon has been painted on the surface of one accessible car park. Ben will monitor if the 2nd accessible car park space will also be done.

The meeting closed at 4:00pm.