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**PRESENT**

**Members:**

Councillor Peter Alley (Chairperson)  
Ben Oultram  
Bruce Gibbs  
Elizabeth Rose  
Helen Booby  
Ian Irwin  
Julie Haraksin  
Max Waters  
Phil White  
Sharon Beard  
Julie Priest (PMHC Aged & Disability Officer)

**Other Attendees:**

Pip Cox PMHC Road Safety officer  
Rebecca Doblo PMHC Landscape Architect  
Cheryl Dimmock Guide Dogs

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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:**

1. That the apologies received from Anthony Clarke, Jeffrey Tapping, Lyndel Bosman, Mike Ipsen and Lucilla Marshall be received.
2. That it be noted that Max Waters withdrew his request for six months leave from the Committee.

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### **03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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#### **CONSENSUS:**

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2016 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**

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#### **5.01 Access Friendly Project**

The Committee noted that Charles Sturt University has relocated the signpost from the middle of the footpath and that this is a pleasing outcome from the onsite review with the Facilities Manager.

#### **CONSENSUS:**

That Julie Priest will arrange the next visit to Town Beach café and Breakwall Café and to also review the car parking. Other venues to visit include Sea Acres, the new Mexican café and Chop 'n Grill.

#### **5.02 Accessible car park requests.**

5.02.1 The Committee reviewed the request at Flynn's Beach and Pip Cox spoke about car park requests for Tuffins Lane and Findlay avenue.

#### **CONSENSUS:**

That Flynn's Beach is a high priority and an additional accessible (disabled) parking space be installed at Flynn's beach in the first available parallel park (next to where the surf lesson trailer is) and it is suitable for a long vehicle. That Pip Cox investigate usage of the Findlay Avenue site and report back at the next Access Committee Meeting. That Tuffins Lane is a medium priority for two accessible (disabled) car parks to be installed.

#### **5.02.2 Disability friendly bus stops**

The Committee noted that the grant application for 10 new accessible bus shelters has been submitted.

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#### 5.02.03 Access Works

The Committee were advised that the accessible Long Flat public toilet was installed and is open. The Wauchope Public swimming pool ramp has been installed and council is investigating the purchase of an aquatic wheelchair. Ben Oultram advised NewIDAFE has asked for a hoist and Julie Priest will contact Paul at NewIDAFE to discuss.

#### 5.02.04 Website

The Council website page has been updated about the Access Committee and Access Friendly Businesses.

#### 5.02.05 Accessible Toilets

The Committee reviewed the request from Bonny Hills Progress Association. Ben Oultram spoke about trialling an adult change table. There may be some scope to add this to the design of the new Wauchope soccer venue.

#### CONSENSUS:

That the Committee recommends \$20k from the DDA budget be allocated to the Rainbow Beach project for 2 x accessible toilets and showers. This is dependent on Bonny Hills Progress Association securing \$70k grant funding for the project. The Committee will provide a letter of support for the grant application upon request.

#### 5.02.06 Advocacy

The Committee noted that Council had submitted feedback to the State Government Legislative Assembly about the lack of access to transport for seniors and disadvantaged people in the Port Macquarie-Hastings region.

#### 5.02.07 Mobi mats

The Committee noted that a trial at Town Beach using accessible mats was included in the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

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## **06 LAKE CATHIE PLAYGROUND UPGRADE CONCEPT PLAN**

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Rebecca Doblo, PMHC Landscape Architect, presented to the Committee concept plans for the Lake Cathie Playground upgrade. Discussion covered Rebecca seeking cheaper quotes for speaking tubes, location of playground and what costings were included.

Rebecca presented to the Committee concept plans for the Tacking Point Lighthouse footpath upgrade. Discussion covered visual perspective and possible objections, estimated \$200k costing, acknowledged Rotary's huge contribution and already completed footpaths, car parking and viewing platform.

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**CONSENSUS:**

1. That the Committee recommended the allocation of \$50k from the Disability Discrimination Act Action Plan budget for the Lake Cathie Foreshore Playground upgrade including the installation of an accessible carousel as Option 1.
2. That the Committee reviewed the concept plan of the Tacking Point Lighthouse upgrade and prioritised it as a low priority. The Committee supports the principle of an accessible ramp and will provide a letter of support for this project for any grant funding applications.

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**07 SMALL VILLAGES PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND MOBILITY DRAFT PLAN**

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The Committee reviewed the plan. Submissions close 24 February for any comments.

**CONSENSUS:**

That the Committee compliment ARUP and Council staff on such a well put together draft Small Villages Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan.

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**08 DRAFT DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN**

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Julie Priest spoke about the draft plan which is mandated by State Government. Bruce Gibbs discussed audit of accessible car parking spaces. Max Waters provided changes and Julie Haraksin requested KPI's include numbers and targets.

**CONSENSUS:**

1. That changes to the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan include targets for KPI's and amendments as discussed.
2. That Bruce Gibbs will coordinate an audit of the accessible car parking spaces.

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**09 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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## **09.01 DISABILITY INFO SUPPORT HUB (DISH)**

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Julie Haraksin discussed the Disability Info Support Hub (DISH) group she coordinates as part of her volunteer portfolio at Disability Advocacy. She and Phil White emphasised that anyone approached by NDIS to insist on a face-to-face meeting, not over the phone interview.

### **CONSENSUS:**

That Julie Haraksin to provide an information flyer about DISH to be forwarded to the Committee

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## **09.02 TGSI'S**

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Phil White advised that the TGSI's at Ocean Drive opposite the treatment centre were broken.

### **CONSENSUS:**

That Julie Priest to forward the request to Traffic & Transport to action repair of broken TGSI's at Ocean Drive. Port Macquarie.

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## **09.03 TRAFFIC SIGNAL AUDIO**

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Julie Haraksin advised that the audio at the traffic crossing on Gordon and Grant Streets does not work.

### **CONSENSUS:**

That Julie Priest will forward request to Transport & Traffic to action RMS to repair broken audio at signalised crossing on Gordon and Grants Streets Port Macquarie.

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**09.04 TRANSPORT OPTIONS TO GLASSHOUSE**

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El Rose discussed lack of transport options to Glasshouse scheduled for residents to attend performances and need for a courtesy coach.

**CONSENSUS:**

That El Rose and Julie Priest meet with Community Transport to discuss transport options.

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The meeting closed at 4:23pm.