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**PRESENT**

**Members:**

Angela Harrison - Guide Dogs NSW  
Helen Booby – Port Macquarie Access Rep  
Max Waters - Port Macquarie Access  
Nik Sandeman-Allen – Chair and Care & Mobility  
Peter McLeod - Hastings Macleay Community Transport  
Sharon Beard - Education & Access Rep  
Julie Priest - PMHC Aged & Disability Officer

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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 - Camden Haven Access Rep  
Brian Bucket - Access Building Design  
George Payne - Wauchope Seniors Rep  
Mike Ipsen - Camden Haven Access Rep  
Phil White - Wauchope Access Rep  
Vicky Whitfield – Port Macquarie Access Rep  
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 16 April 2012 be confirmed.

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**04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Angela Harrison declared an interest in i-phone applications for access map.

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**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.

CONSENSUS:

Nik Sandeman-Allen to re-send letter to Mr Bouris.

**5.4 Access Committee representatives meeting with Town Centre Masterplan Committee:**

Brian Bucket will raise this at next meeting with Town Centre Masterplan Committee.

CONSENSUS:

Brian to arrange meeting

**5.8 Access map – Review:**

Discussion about i-phone app for access map. Angela has created apps for vision-impaired clients.

Committee discussed the i-phone App and that it could be rolled out in two stages  
Stage 1 i-phone app to include kerb ramps, parking spaces, toilets, charge points, audio ATM, bus stops, taxi rank, audible traffic lights, visitor information centre, emergency services, Yellow Brick Road, Libraries, Council offices, Beach wheelchair (Town Beach)

Stage 2 i-phone app – could include GPS, access friendly businesses e.g. cafes, accommodation, petrol service station with disability facilities, region based disability support groups such as HMCT, MS support group, Disabled Surfing, Riding for Disabled etc.

CONSENSUS:

1. New printed maps and Stage 1 i-phone app to be ready in August.
2. Angela Harrison to provide advice to Council Communications about apps and suitability for vision impaired users.

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**5.11 Access Improvement Works for Buildings:**

The Committee received a listing of Council building improvement works for their consideration.

CONSENSUS:

Committee members to read the listing and to prioritise the works which will be discussed at the June Access meeting.

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**06 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**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 Invitation to Laurieton HACCC upgrade:**

Council invites the Access Committee members to morning tea to celebrate the upgrade to Laurieton HACCC on 9.30am Thursday 31 May 2012. Upgrade which includes accessible bathroom, wider entry doors and new kitchen at.

**6.3 Mr Nasti – access to property off Hibbard Drive:**

Access Committee reviewed request for works on car park to enable a small bus to access so that it can drop off resident with a disability closer to their property.

CONSENSUS:

Request allocated a LOW priority. This is a car park and any vehicles parking in it would prevent a bus from using it as a turn-around area. The Committee has not received any other requests from other residents who need access to this area. Concerns that this is not a designated bus route / bus stop. Access Committee recommends to Council to NOT install TGSI's on slope/gradient of kerb ramp. TGSI's to be installed on flat surface before change of gradient (hazard) occurs.

**6.4 Rotary Lodge:**

Nik Sandeman-Allen shared a potential opportunity for young people with a disability and their carers to visit/holiday in Port Macquarie and perhaps stay at Rotary Lodge.

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**6.5 Footpath improvement requests:**

Max Waters enquired about the footpath obstruction near Joey's Playgroup.

CONSENSUS:

Julie Priest to follow up with Max Waters.

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The meeting closed at 3.15pm.