
PRESENT

Members:

Angela Harrison -Guide Dogs NSW
Brian Bucket - Access Building Designer
George Payne - Wauchope Access
Helen Booby – Port Macquarie Access
Julie Priest- PMHC Aged & Disability Officer
Max Waters - Port Macquarie Access
Mike Ipsen - Camden Haven Access
Nik Sandeman-Allen -Care & Mobility (Chairperson)
Sharon Beard - Education & Access
Vicky Whitfield – Port Macquarie Access

Other Attendees:

Jeff Styles – Observer
Brian Ross – PMHC Buildings Coordinator

The meeting opened at 2.10pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Alex Momot - Camden Haven Access, Peter McLeod - Hastings Macleay Community Transport and Phil White - Wauchope Access be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the minutes of the Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held 18 June 2012 be confirmed.

Note change to 5.11 the order of preferences, dependent on budget yet to be advised, should be as follows:

1. Findlay Park Amenity Block
 2. Henry Kendall Reserve Amenity
 3. Sancrox Reserve Amenities
 4. Lank Bain Sporting Complex
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04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mr Nik Sandeman-Allen declared a non-pecuniary – insignificant conflict of interest in Item 06.01 – North Shore Ferry Ramp.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Yellow Brick Road:

Chair tabled and read letter from Mr Bouris' Office advising approval to use the trademarked name "Yellow Brick Road" for the project with no royalties required, only formal recognition.

The Committee congratulated the Chair on receiving this permission. The Chair has replied in writing to Mr Bouris and thanked the generosity of spirit to enable this and has received the logo to be used by kind permission.

Max Walters advised he is against using the name Yellow Brick Road as the routes have existing local names which could be used. Discussion about 'umbrella' name of project. If Yellow Brick Road then a stencil brick pattern could be used to signify route.

CONSENSUS:

Max Waters to propose an alternative name at the next Access meeting.

5.4 Access Committee representatives meeting with Town Centre Masterplan Committee:

Discussion about meetings and Chair, Mike Ipsen, Sharon Beard and Max Waters volunteered to represent the Access Committee at this meeting.

CONSENSUS:

Brian Buckett will advise a meeting time, likely to be on a Thursday morning.

5.8 Access Map:

As an activity the Access Committee reviewed the draft Port Macquarie Access Map and identified the following changes:

- Include Charge point locations – Chair will provide logo to Julie Priest
- Audio ATM symbol to include a music note icon
- Colour green to be used for park land and green spaces
- Background of buildings to be grey
- Public parking at old Food for Less – wraps around Dept of Lands area
- Busways planned relocation of Bus Stop from Clarence St to William St
- Glasshouse Forecourt could be planned changes
- Include access parking space behind Beau Thai between William and Hayward Street
- Orange wheelchair symbol = accessible toilet
- Blue wheelchair symbol = accessible car park space
- Remove extra blue wheelchair symbol in the Coles shopping centre

CONSENSUS:

Graphic Designer to make changes and second draft of map to be provided at next Access meeting for review.

5.11 Access Improvement Works for Buildings:

Brian Ross, PMHC Buildings Coordinator discussed allocation of \$53,100 budget with reference to the Building's Access Strategy.

This year the budget has increased by \$8,850 from the previous year and this can be attributed to the hard work of the Access Committee for International Day of People with Disability which demonstrated the need for access improvements in the built environment.

Julie Priest advised of new opportunity for Council to apply for approximate \$40k grant for construction of an accessible fishing platform at Laurieton. The Manager Recreation & Buildings advises this requires a \$3k commitment for design of detailed technical drawings to be submitted with the grant application. The Committee discussed this opportunity and agreed to support it under the proviso that the Committee see and review the design plans before the grant is submitted.

Discussion about the Glasshouse proposal where \$5400 allocation would create two new wheelchair accessible spaces in the downstairs theatre auditorium. Angela Harrison spoke strongly in support of this opportunity to increase wheelchair seating in the theatre.

Brian Ross clarified budget and works needed to be undertaken for the Committees previously prioritised buildings.

Brian advised the following completed access projects in 2011-12 include:

- Access ramp and accessible bathroom at Wauchope Indoor Stadium;
- Access ramp at Wauchope Arts Hall; and
- New playground and accessible toilet at Adam Park, King Creek
- Lorne Fire Station convert existing toilet to be accessible
- Camden Haven Rural Fire Service accessible toilet
- Telegraph Point Rural Fire Service Shed installed accessible toilet

Access projects he has scheduled for 2012-13 include:

- \$90k new access toilet and baby change near North Shore Ferry departure area;
- \$90k new access toilet at Bruce Porter Reserve / Laurieton Markets (joint project with Rotary and Chamber of Commerce); and
- New hearing loop at Council Chamber.

Access Committee congratulated Council on its projects and suggested that a media release and photo opportunity be arranged to promote all these fabulous projects. George Payne thanked Council for the access ramp at the Wauchope Indoor Stadium and for the new kerb ramp which was installed at Lasiandra Park. Brian advised that he will arrange for an accessible car parking space to be delineated at the Wauchope Indoor Stadium.

George enquired about the line marking in Wauchope (near Century 21 and Botte-lo). Julie advised this requested was on the list of works.

CONSENSUS:

That the 2012-13 Access Improvements Works for Buildings budget be allocated as follows:

Asset	Works	Cost
Findlay Park Amenity Block	Design and construction of accessible toilet and linking pathway	\$32,000
Lank Bain Sporting Complex	Design and construction of accessible toilet and baby change	\$10,000
Glasshouse	Installation of two wheelchair seating spaces in the ground floor section of the auditorium	\$5400
Proposed Laurieton Accessible Fishing Platform	Design of technical drawings for grant application. Possibility this could be refunded if grant successful.	\$3000
	Contingency. Committee to be advised of any surplus funds so that they can be re-allocated.	\$2700
	Total	\$53,100

5.12 Aldi Car Park:

Julie Priest advised that the Sydney Consultant firm Phillip Chun and Associates had been contacted via email with no response received.

CONSENSUS:

Julie Priest to enquire if Developers Deposit has been refunded by Council.

5.14 Access Friendly Project:

The Committee reviewed the draft design and text of the flier with very positive comments received. Committee agreed nametags to include blue wheelchair symbol, first name and access committee and can be worn by members when visiting the businesses so that a very consistent branding look has been achieved.

CONSENSUS:

1. Access Friendly flier design and text approved and for printing to proceed.
2. Name tag design approved and manufacture to proceed.
3. Sticker design approved and printing to proceed
4. Committee members to provide business names at the next meeting of recommended business who can be approached to join the Access Friendly Scheme
5. Letter to be created inviting businesses to join the scheme.

5.14 Promotion:

Julie Priest has provided Para-Quad newsletter with text and photos which could be used for an article. This will also be a good avenue to promote future projects such as Access Friendly and Access maps.

5.14 Roads Technical Information:

In response to the Chairs enquiry regarding wheelchair access from road to residents driveway the Australian Design Plans of kerb and gutter were tabled. Typically in many of the local streets there is an acute angle between the road and the driveway. Council's technical officers advised that a product like Dura-kerb could be a solution. Information on Dura-kerb was provided. This infill strip enables stormwater to flow and prevents vehicles (and perhaps wheelchairs) from bottoming out. The product is from Queensland and residents can install the product themselves.

CONSENSUS:

Julie Priest to provide update at next meeting on any local locations where this product has been used.

06 GENERAL BUSINESS

06.01 North Shore Ferry:

The Chair declared his interest in this item. He advised that there is no wheelchair access for pedestrians to get onto and off the ferries. Council is installing a \$90k accessible toilet at North Shore near the ferry area so there is likely to be an increase of people wishing to access the ferry. The Chair has a simple solution that an accessible ramp is supplied to the ferry operator which can be easily stored on board and then brought out and used when needed.

CONSENSUS:

Julie Priest to contact the Ferry Operations Manager to discuss and report back at next meeting.

06.02 Development Approval – mandatory installation of footpaths:

The Chair discussed how missing and interrupted footpaths are the main barrier to access in the LGA. We are playing catchup due to the lack of earlier DA's not requiring footpaths. The current scheme whereby Section94 contributions are 'pooled' for projects is not transparent enough for where the funding is being spent. The Chair proposed that all new commercial and private developments are required to install a footpath. Although there will be 'missing links' at least it is a start and they can be joined up later.

CONSENSUS:

Proposal to Development Assessment that the Access Committee insists as part of DA that a footpath is installed along the property line of all new commercial and private developments.

06.03 Carers Week:

Julie Priest advised that nominations for Carers Week close at the end of the month.

06.04 Lakewood Shopping Centre:

Mike Ipsen and Julie Priest advised that they inspected the new ramps at Lakewood Shopping Centre on behalf of the Access Committee. This is good progress that the Committee was invited to review the new works. The problem is that the Australian Standards have changed from a 1:8 to a 1:10 gradient during the design and construction phase. Most of the ramps were compliant with the new code and new ramps where within the parameters of the old code. Have provided in principle consent that they were fit for purpose with installation of TGSIs and for the old ramp to be retrofitted to comply

06.05 Lasiandra Park:

Julie Priest has received a request for installation of pedestrian refuge or crossing at Lasiandra Park to ensure safe egress for the residents of Bundaleer Village. It is positive for their health and well-being that the seniors have access to the park land and it is noted that although a 50km/hr zone that traffic can move considerably faster. There is also a crest before the park which could impede drivers from seeing pedestrians. Council has recently installed a kerb ramp which links the accessible toilets and footpath.

CONSENSUS:

This request to be included on the list of proposed works for Wauchope, for potential pedestrian crossing or refuge to enable safe access of seniors to the park land dependent on Technical Services advice.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm.