

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Peter Alley (Chair)
Ben Oultram
Bruce Gibbs
Elizabeth Rose
Helen Booby
Ian Irwin
Julie Haraksin
Cheryl Dimmock
Mike Ipsen
Phil White
Sharon Beard
Lucilla Marshall (PMHC Group Manager Community Place)
Julie Priest (PMHC Inclusion Officer)

Other Attendees:

Sandra Wallace (PMHC Community Participation Manager)
Pip Cox (PMHC Road Safety Officer)
Paul Bailey (PMHC Facilities Coordinator)
Graham Saunders (Observer)

The meeting opened at 2:00pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

Nil.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held on 9 October 2018 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Ian Irwin declared a Pecuniary interest in Item 5, the reason being he owns a shop in Colonial Arcade.

Julie Haraksin declared a Pecuniary interest in Item 5, the reason being she owns a shop in Colonial Arcade.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

05.01 Access Friendly Project

Thank you to Bruce Gibbs, Ben Oultram, Sharon Beard and Julie Priest for undertaking a visit to the Lake Road businesses Anaconda, Spotlight, Your Life Gym, Beacon Lighting, Australian Hearing and Supercheap Autoparts. Anaconda staff were very helpful. Discussion about the blocked toilet at Spotlight, which was the main public amenity for the whole complex and that the flush button was situated too high to reach.

Ian Irwin and Julie Haraksin advised their interest in a shop at Colonial Arcade. The complex has an accessible toilet that is used as a store room.

CONSENSUS:

1. That correspondence be sent to Spotlight recommending that the flush button of the accessible toilet be re-located so that it is within reach.
2. That the next Access visit be coordinated for the shopping precinct at Colonial Arcade. The DA to be reviewed to ascertain what conditions were included in regards to having an operable accessible toilet in the complex.

05.02.01 Accessible Updates

Pip Cox investigated the misaligned bus shelter and bus zone on Morton street in front of New Horizon. She advised that the bus zone is being re-aligned to include the bus shelter.

Pip discussed the option for an accessible car park on Murray Street and showed the Committee the Australian Standard measurements AS/NZS 2890.6 and the proposed measurements which are smaller.

Pip provided information about NSW Road Rules and regular timed parking spaces. If you park in a regular car park and display your mobility permit then

0 to 30 minutes timed parking = twice the period indicated on the sign

30 minutes timed parking = 2 hours maximum

More than 30 minutes timed parking = unlimited parking time

The Committee were pleased to note the completed footpath between Livvi's playground and the Marine Rescue Building.

The Committee were pleased to note the completed playground at Lake Cathie which includes an assisted swing, wheelchair carousel, fencing and footpath.

05.03 Health and Education Precinct (HEP)

Lucilla Marshall provided a briefing to the Committee about the project. She spoke about the Enquiry by Design process, study area, methodology, ideas including pedestrian spine, bus loop, cycling and walking network. Bruce Gibbs raised concerns about the Orbital Road and what is happening in the intermediary to connect pedestrian footpaths. Helen Booby raised concerns about access to pedestrian refuges and crossings. Committee agreed that the HEP concept plan is great.

CONSENSUS:

That the Committee members are invited to make a submission about the Health and Education Precinct, Orbital Road and opportunity to join a Community-Council Local Action Team by visiting <https://haveyoursay.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/>

05.04 Accessible Parking Project

Julie Priest has met with Simon from GIS. He will create a template for the map app and arrange for it to be installed on the Council website. It is planned to be published by February. In the first instance it will include a tab for car parks and the map of Port Macquarie. As we add towns to it the map can be expanded. In future extra tabs such as accessible picnic tables and toilets can be added.

CONSENSUS:

That an excursion to Laurieton is arranged to gather and input data into the collector app for the car parks.

05.05 Changing Places Adult Change Table

Paul Bailey discussed the options for the Boundless Module of Exceloo. This is piggybacking onto the amenities block tender that Council has commissioned from grant funding. This saves costings for sewer, water, and electricity connect. The costings for the complete module including gantry hoist and adjustable height change table is about \$153k. An option is to have a fixed change table and no gantry hoist which is about \$100k.

The Access Committee discussed the merits of the hoists. Ben Oultram advised the change table adjustable heights is for the benefit of the carers back and WHS. Pip Cullen, OT advised via email that the ceiling hoist and height adjustable change table are the two

most important features of this pod that separates it from other disability facilities. Discussion about site, with Paul Bailey advising maintenance concerns if near salt water at Lake Cathie.

Council's Community Place Budget could contribute \$25k.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Access Committee thanked PMHC Community Place for their contribution of \$25k budget allocation to the Changing Places Adult Change Table.
2. That in addition to the \$106,100 DDA budget allocated to this project that the Access Committee recommended that the outstanding balance of approximately \$28k be committed to the project from the 2019/20 DDA budget.
3. That the Boundless Exceloo module includes height adjustable change table and overhead hoist.

05.06 Development of an Airport Access Guide

Julie Priest advised that the new Airport Manager, Peter Allen, has commenced work at Council. She will meet with the Manager to discuss the project.

05.07 International day of People with Disability

Thank you to Helen Booby, Sharon Beard and Julie Priest who joined Mayor Peta Pinson in celebrating the day with SailAbility at McInherney Park. Cr Peter Alley tabled the letter of thanks from SailAbility who were delighted with the Access Committee interest in there group of 45 volunteers and for hosting the morning tea.

06 GENERAL BUSINESS

06.01 Missing footpath links at Lake Road

Ian Irwin raised the issue that Lake Road from the Round-a-bout to the Private Hospital is an important pedestrian connection. It is missing kerb ramps and footpath sections on both sides and the camber in places is non-compliant.

CONSENSUS:

Pip Cox and Julie Priest to audit the footpath on Lake Road between the round-a-bout and the Private Hospital and identify the missing links.

06.02 Driveway Impediments

Julie Haraksin raised the issue of driveway impediments, an example is at East Port Bowling Club driveway.

CONSENSUS:

1. That Pip Cox looks at impediments as an ongoing concern.
2. That the East Port kerb ramp is reviewed with options to rectify.
3. That correspondence is sent to East Port Bowling Club about the dish gutter that runs along the accessible car parks.

06.03. Bunnings Footpath

Bruce Gibbs raised the issue of the Bunnings footpath which stops at the pedestrian lights and does not extend to Kingfisher Rd or in front of Grace Church. Council is negotiating with other Developers (proposed more student accommodation, tavern development), and we anticipate that those other developers will then fill in the rest of the footpath and kerb ramps.

06.04 Everyone Can Play Grant

The Committee are encouraged to make a submission about their ideas for playground equipment for Town Beach and Blair Reserve at <https://haveyoursay.pmhc.nsw.gov.au>

06.05 Kerb Ramp Budget Proposal

Discussion about the issue that kerb requests endorsed as a priority by Access Committee are not being installed. An example is Yippen Creek, a new footpath with no kerb ramp at the playground and two wheelchair users in the neighbourhood. The kerb ramp will never be installed as is not a "maintenance" issue. Requests fall in the gap or do not have an allocated budget.

An idea is to request to Council an annual \$30k budget for the Access Committee to prioritise which will enable about 10 x kerb ramps per year immediate priority. Mike Ipsen discussed that the Committee needs to review more DA concept plans to prevent such oversights in new subdivisions from happening again.

CONSENSUS:

1. That a report be proposed to Council, requesting a \$30k annual budget for high priority kerb ramps. That the Access Committee prioritises the kerb ramp requests and make a recommendation to the Traffic and Stormwater Network.
2. That the Development Assessment team are reminded to forward relevant Development Applications for access review.

06.06. Park Bench Seating

Pip Cox advised that she has received requests for street furniture and has undertaken onsite reviews with Julie Priest. She will arrange for park benches being stored at the Depot to be cleaned and installed at the Laurieton Laurie Street medical shops and one at the Clifton Drive shopping strip.

06.07 Wauchope Main Street Upgrade

The Committee received an update about the \$2.686M project (with \$1.95M from RMS funds). The water mains have been relocated and footpaths re-instated in front of the Department Store in time for their Christmas activities.

06.08 Liberty Swing

Julie Haraksin advised that the Liberty Swing requires maintenance.

CONSENSUS:

That Recreation & Buildings investigates the request for maintenance for the Liberty Swing.

06.09 Community Planning Invitation

Sandra Wallace advised that Council is developing plans for the 18 local community hubs. To join a Community Council Action Team please visit.

<https://haveyoursay.pmhc.nsw.gov.au>

06.10 CSU Campus Accommodation

Julie Haraksin and Ian Irwin spoke about future three storey accommodation buildings for CSU students. If no lift is included this creates social exclusion. The dimensions of the ensuites and doorway openings is also critical to ensure access.

CONSENSUS:

That any new DA's for CSU campus accommodation are reviewed for access and social inclusion/exclusion.

The meeting closed at 4:00pm.