

**PRESENT**

**Members:**

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

**Other Attendees:**

Pip Cox (PMHC Road Safety Officer)  
Carl Bennet (PMHC GIS Team Leader)  
Graham Saunders (Observer)  
Anthony Mahr (Observer)  
Barbara Radcliffe (Observer)

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The meeting opened at 4:00pm.

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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 Lyndel Bosman, Elizabeth Rose, Mike Ipsen and Phil White be accepted.

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### **03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held on 4 June 2019 be confirmed.

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### **04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Julie Haraksin disclosed her non-pecuniary interest in Item 5, the reason being she owns a dwelling in the Northpoint Apartments building and a business in Colonial Arcade.

Ian Irwin disclosed his non-pecuniary interest in Item 5, the reason being he owns a dwelling in the Northpoint Apartments building and a business in Colonial Arcade.

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### **05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **05.01 Access Friendly Project**

Julie Priest undertook a visit to Northpoint Apartments. The Strata have agreed to remove the non-compliant ramp that links to the outdoor patio and BBQ area, and replace it with compliant sliding doors that are level to the floor surface.

Sharon Beard and Julie Priest undertook a visit to Lake Cathie Bowling Club. It is an older facility with two accessible car parks, friendly staff, versatile floor plan and the bar has a very high counter. Also inspected the new public amenities at Lake Cathie Foreshore.

Julie Haraksin tabled photographs of the new accessible bathroom at Colonial Arcade.

Bruce Gibbs reported that Settlers Inn has widened the tiled area surrounding the bar. Helen Booby advised that they still have not re-marked the accessible car parks.

#### CONSENSUS:

1. That correspondence be sent to Lake Cathie Bowling Club recommending signage for the accessible bathroom door be installed.
2. That correspondence be sent to Colonial Arcade thanking the Strata for installing a new accessible bathroom and requesting that the door knob be changed to a compliant 'D' shape door knob.
3. That the next access visit be coordinated to audit the Wauchope accessible car parks and visit the Wauchope Golf Club.

### **05.02.01 Accessible Requests**

Pip Cox tabled maps showing the connectivity of footpaths, kerb ramps and refuges along Lord Street. Cr Alley thanked Pip for her audit.

The Committee reviewed the request from Hastings Secondary College for a missing footpath link from Owen to Lord Street. Pip Cox advised this missing footpath link was in the PAMP and includes the whole block, not a portion. Discussion about school funding for access into the community garden and importance of inclusion of students.

Pip Cox spoke about the NSW Active Transport Funding Grant that includes \$30k for construction of kerb ramps. Cr Alley recommended that the list is double checked with schools to Schools so that it is not doubled up.

Julie Priest received a request from a resident for directional tactiles at Port Macquarie Library entrance and Council office entrance. Anthony Mahr spoke about embossed maps.

Screening the Dementia Friendly animation on a building wall at Artwalk event was a huge success. Julie Haraksin advised that the access into the sand drawing performance at Laing & Simmons car park was unsafe.

#### **CONSENSUS:**

1. That the request from resident Mr Davidson for a kerb ramp on the corner of Lord and Lachlan streets was allocated a MEDIUM priority.
2. That the request from Hastings Secondary College for a linking footpath between Owen and Burrawan St was allocated a HIGH priority, paired and contingent on the school receiving funding to install footpath connectivity into the community garden.
3. That Pip Cox will review the NSW Active Transport Funding agreement and nominated kerb ramps as if there is any flexibility to swap such as for Port City Bowling Club and to check there are no double-ups with the School to Schools proposed footpath works.
4. That Lyndel Bosman investigate directional tactiles at Port Macquarie Library entrance and Council office entrance and report back at the next meeting.
5. That Lyndel Bosman bring an example of an embossed map for discussion at the next meeting.
6. That the footpath access into the Laing & Simmons ArtWalk area be reviewed and changes made so that it is safe for the 2020 event.

### **05.02.02 Access Reviews**

Thank you to Bruce Gibbs, Julie Haraksin, Sharon Beard and Ian Irwin for reviewing the DA for the Bundaleer proposed 140 bed residential aged care development. Main findings included insufficient car parking (22 spaces for 44 staff), no accessible public toilet near the foyer for visitors and only 10% of rooms were accessible.

Cr Alley spoke about the Bold Street Pedestrian Crossing with three options for location, and the design plans were discussed.

Discussion about the Aquatic Centre community engagement that is currently open with six possible locations and Committee members are encouraged to visit [haveyoursay.pmhc.nsw.gov.au](http://haveyoursay.pmhc.nsw.gov.au) to nominate their preferred location.

**CONSENSUS:**

That the Access Committee recommend the Bold Street Pedestrian Crossing be located at Option 1, as this is mid-block and creates a safe link to all businesses.

**05.02.03 Accessible Parking Project**

Thank you to Sharon Beard and Julie Priest who audited the car parks in Lake Cathie. They identified a car park space near the shops that looks as if it has been scrubbed out and the Development Assessment team are investigating in case it was a designated accessible car park.

**05.02.04 Changing Places Adult Change Table**

The concrete foundations for the amenities at Short Street have been laid and are curing. The modular unit will be craned in on the 12 August.

The \$160k grant for Wauchope is currently open for voting, for residents who live in the Oxley electoral area <https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/projects>

**05.02.05 Tradies' Guide to Good Access.**

Thank you to Bruce Gibbs who tabled the guide from Lismore City Council. Discussion about the complexities of the Australian Standards and cost to purchase a copy of the Standards is prohibitive. The Committee had concerns with simplifying the information and some errors in the content, if the guide had copyright, however agreed that it would be a help to tradies.

(Editor's note AS1428 Access Standards costs \$249.16 and the full set of Access Standards costs \$565.61 inc GST from SAI Global)

**CONSENSUS:**

That Cr Peter Alley will raise the need for a simplified Tradies Guide to Good Access at the Local Government NSW meeting, with a discussion if the Australian Standards could be freely available.

**05.02.06 Tips for making your event accessible.**

Thank you to Bruce Gibbs for tabling the guide. Julie Priest is meeting with Council's Tourism Coordinator and representatives from Opportunity Travel Network next week to discuss accessibility.

### **05.02.07 Planning for International Day of People with Disability event (IDPwD)**

Last year the Access Committee and Mayor joined with SailAbility to celebrate the day.

#### **CONSENSUS:**

That an event idea and plan to celebrate IDPwD will be formulated at the next Access meeting.

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### **06 ACCESSIBLE CAR PARK 'APP'.**

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The Access Committee noted the presentation by Mr Carl Bennett, PMHC GIS Team Leader, Digital Technology.

#### **CONSENSUS:**

1. That the Accessible Car Park 'App' will have filters including separate layers for accessible playgrounds, amenities, picnic tables, fishing tables etc.
  2. That Wauchope and Rainbow Beach will be audited before the App or webpage is published.
  3. That Vision Australia and/or Guide Dogs will be approached to discuss accessible functionality of the 'App' with Carl Bennett.
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### **07 ANNUAL REPORT - DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN**

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Congratulations to the Committee, Cr Alley, Julie Priest and the Council teams for such significant outcomes and commitment in delivering the Plan and creating a more accessible and connected community.

#### **CONSENSUS:**

That the Access Committee note the presentation about the delivery of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan by Ms Julie Priest, PMHC Community Participation - Inclusion.

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**08 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**08.01 KEW COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND**

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The concept plan for the Kew Community Playground was tabled. The Plan includes an accessible picnic setting with linked footpath.

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**08.02 "STANDING UP FOR SUNNY" SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL**

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Julie Haraksin spoke about the film that stars R J Mitte, an actor living with cerebral palsy. She invited the Committee members to join her at the cinema on Friday 16 August. Tickets are \$14.50.

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**08.03 BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL - DEVELOPERS FEES DISCOUNT TO BUILD MORE DISABILITY-FRIENDLY HOMES**

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Julie Haraksin tabled the media article about the concept with Brisbane City Council with \$2 million set aside to offset the reduced developers' infrastructure charges. Under the scheme, a developer can apply for a reduction of between \$3000 and \$5000 in infrastructure charges if they build homes that meet the Liveable Housing Design Guidelines for people with disabilities.

**CONSENSUS:**

That Cr Peter Alley meet with the Director Development & Environment to discuss the Brisbane City Council's initiative of developers fees discount to build more disability-friendly homes.

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The meeting closed at 4:15pm.

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