

PRESENT

Members:

Councillor Peter Alley (Chair)
Ben Oultram
Helen Booby
Lyndel Bosman
Sharon Beard
Julie Priest (PMHC Aged & Disability Officer)

Other Attendees:

Sandra Wallace (PMHC Community Participation Manager)
Pip Cox (PMHC Road Safety Officer)
Jasmine Wood (CSU intern)
Barbara Radcliffe (Observer)

The meeting opened at 2:00pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Bruce Gibbs, Elizabeth Rose, Ian Irwin, Julie Haraksin, Phil White and Lucilla Marshall (PMHC Group Manager Community Engagement) be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Access Sub-Committee Meeting held on 6 August 2019 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.01 Access Friendly Project

Thank you to Helen Booby, Sharon Beard, Julie Haraksin, Ian Irwin and Julie Priest for their visit to the Wauchope Country Club. The management team were very helpful.

CONSENSUS:

1. That correspondence be sent to the Wauchope Country Club recommending improved accessible car park signage, re-fit of downstairs accessible bathroom to Australian Standards and replace doorhandle to a 'D' shape lever for the main accessible toilet.
2. That the next access visit be coordinated to audit the Camden Haven Anglican Church and the Lakewood Shopping Centre.

5.02.01 Accessible Updates

Pip Cox reported that the nominated kerb ramp locations were identified and awarded under the NSW Active Transport grant funding. She tabled maps plotting the kerb ramp locations. Pip advised that current footpath projects included Telegraph Point (800m), Lakewood (700m) and planned for Hill Street Port Macquarie (150m). Discussion about a 14m section of 'missing link' footpath at 73 Lord Street.

Lyndel Bosman investigated the request for tactiles at the entrance to Port Macquarie Library. She advised that because of the difficult location of the trees, clients are unable to get a straight line. She trains clients to use the shoreline of the building. She recommends tactiles are not needed. Lyndel investigated the entrance of the Port Macquarie Council building. Directionals not recommended, however could include tactiles closer to the door.

Lyndel discussed the request for TGSIs at the Ocean Street/Pacific Drive medium break. Pip advised that due to loose aggregate and it is not a formal refuge it is difficult to retro-fit tactiles. Discussion about Swift Street with no barrier or kerb rail when the road crosses over a creek bed.

Lyndel discussed the Clarence Street Shared Zone which has continuous pebblecrete, with no delineation, no TGSI's or signage. Lyndel tabled photos showing Coffs Harbour mall treatment as an example. Pip advised that Council and RMS are looking in to changing our shared zone into a 40 km/hr High Pedestrian Activity Area.

Correspondence has been sent to Laing & Simmons requesting them to review pedestrian safety access into their private car park, especially for the ArtWalk event and recommended to install a threshold ramp.

Thank you to Julie Haraksin who invited the Committee to a screening of 'Standing up for Sunny' as part of the travelling Sydney Film Festival. Sharon Beard, Julie Priest and Ian Irwin joined Julie for the screening which was fantastic and also met the producer.

CONSENSUS:

1. That the Access Committee assessed the 17m missing footpath section at 73 Lord Street as a HIGH Priority and for it to be added to the Infrastructure Request Register.
2. That Council consider retro-fitting tactiles at the entrance door to the Port Macquarie Office.
3. That Council undertake a risk assessment process for Swift Street in regards to pedestrian safety and Pip Cox to report the outcome back to the Committee.
4. That the Access Committee request a pedestrian safety review of Clarence Street (Hay Street to Short Street) in regards to pedestrian infrastructure with a 40 km/hr Zone.
5. That an example of an embossed map be held over until the December meeting.

5.02.02 Accessible Parking Project

Thank you to Sharon Beard, Helen Booby, Julie Haraksin, Ian Irwin and Julie Priest who audited 16 car parking spaces in Wauchope.

5.02.03 Changing Places Adult Change Table

Thank you to Cr Peter Alley, Ben Oultram, Helen Booby and Sharon Beard who attended the commissioning of the new amenities with Mayor Peta Pinson and MP Leslie Williams.

The Committee noted that the Wauchope Changing Places application with ACES was unsuccessful for the NSW My Community Project grant.

5.02.04 Tradies' Guide to good access

Cr Peter Alley advised that he brought a notice of motion to the Council Meeting for the General Manager to write to the Local Government NSW to propose inclusion as an agenda item at the Local Government NSW Conference for more affordable access to the full suite of Australian Standards. This request was accepted for the Conference in two weeks' time. The Australian Local Government Association as a lobby group have raised it on their platform.

CONSENSUS:

That Cr Peter Alley report back to the Committee the outcomes from the Local Government NSW Conference.

5.02.05 Tourism Initiatives

Thank you to Helen Booby, Julie Haraksin and Ian Irwin who attended the Destination Tourism Planning workshops. Helen reported that it was a good opportunity for Port Macquarie as a point of difference to be known as an accessible town.

Julie Priest spoke about her recent meeting with Opportunity Travel Network, who will be submitting a proposal to Council about their planned website to promote accessible tourism destinations and accommodation.

05.02.06 Planning for International Day of People with Disability

CONSENSUS:

That the Access Committee host a BBQ lunch on Thursday 5 December at McInherney Park with Aces Foundation & newIDAFE clients, carers and staff. We have challenged them to a game of Finska, which is a Finnish lawn competition and will present the winning group with an inaugural trophy to celebrate IDPwD.

05.02.07 Brisbane City Council Initiative

CONSENSUS:

That exploration of the Queensland initiative to discount developer fees when building accessible universal design homes to be discussed at the December meeting.

06 GENERAL BUSINESS

06.01 PROPOSED DATES OF THE 2020 ACCESS SUB-COMMITTEE

CONSENSUS:

That the following meeting dates are endorsed by the Committee, to be held 2pm to 4pm in the PMHC Function Room:

- Tuesday 4 February 2020
 - Tuesday 7 April 2020
 - Tuesday 2 June 2020
 - Tuesday 4 August 2020
 - Tuesday 6 October 2020
 - Tuesday 1 December 2020.
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06.02 VISIT TO AIRPORT TO CREATE AN ACCESS MAP

Peter Allen, the Airport Manager invites a contingent of the Access Committee to tour the upgraded airport in the last week of October and create an access map.

CONSENSUS:

That a meeting will be arranged with Peter Allen and a contingent of the Access Committee.

06.03 RESIGNATION FROM ACCESS SUB-COMMITTEE - JULIE PRIEST

Julie Priest will have a new role at Council from mid-October as the Grants Officer. The Committee will be advised of their new contact person soon.

CONSENSUS:

The Committee moved a vote of thanks, passed by acclamation, for the significant contribution Julie Priest has made to the Access Committee and to accessibility across the community.

The meeting closed at 3:35pm.