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Acknowledgement to Country

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Land on which we are meeting and pays its respects to Elders past and present.

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3.1 Access and inclusion items requiring input outside of Committee meetings (10868682)

1. Ride Around the Lake

Ride Around the Lake is Illawarra's own recreational cycle for charity. The ride takes place in May each year and was held on Saturday 6 May this year. This year was the 7th edition of the ride.

The ride is a 40 kilometre circuit that winds its way around the scenic cycle path and adjoining streets from Lake Illawarra and the surrounding suburbs.

Council was approached on 24 April to temporarily remove the bollards at the Koono Road bridge to enable para-cyclists to participate in the ride. It was noted that:

- They (para-cyclists) find the course had limitations for wider bikes and would like to participate
- The bridge itself is not very 'cycle' safe and we ask riders to walk across. The bollard removal would also greatly assist all riders safely pass.

Unfortunately, Council was unable to meet the request on this occasion as the bollards in question are cemented into the ground in some places and temporary removal is not possible in this situation. Even if it was decided that the bollards were to be removed for the event, this was not going to be possible within such a short timeframe, especially given Council's work crews are at capacity with Council's Capital Works program.

Council Asset Officers will be organising a meeting with relevant teams to discuss Council's future direction with treatment of bollards at pathways, as well as the need to retrofit accessibility compliant bollards in certain locations.

2. Development Application referral for demolition of existing structure, construction of residential flat building

DAC members were provided with an opportunity to provide comments on the Development Application in terms of access.

The Community Development Officer – Access and Participation has provided a response to the matter.

3. Walk to raise awareness of disability

Council has been approached by a disability organisation to partner in a walk to raise awareness of disability. Preliminary discussions are being held on the matter.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the DAC receive and note the report**
- 2. That the DAC consider adding access improvements to Slaters Bridge as a funded project for the Committee.**

Responsible Manager: Lauren Peters, Acting Manager, Community and Cultural Life

Report Prepared By: Narelle Williams, Community Development Officer Access and Participation

Date of Meeting: 10 May 2017 – Disability Access Committee

3.2 Update on action from staff report from the meeting of 8 March 2017 (10868703)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the staff reports provided to the meeting of 8 March 2017.

1. Access and Inclusion Plan (10838801)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the Shellharbour Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2017-2021: An Inclusive City (DAIP).

Since our meeting on 8 March 2017, the draft DAIP has been finalised. A report on the draft DAIP was presented to Council at their meeting of 11 April and is now on public exhibition. The public exhibition period closes on 11 May.

If any relevant submissions are received, the DAIP, together with those public submissions, will be reported back to Council for consideration. If no relevant submissions are received during the public exhibition period, the DAIP will be adopted without a further report to Council.

The public exhibition period is a period of active engagement. Presentations on the DAIP have already been provided to the Illawarra Interagency and the Shellharbour Business Network meeting. A presentation is also being given to staff at the General Managers Briefing on 10 May 2017.

Copies of the document are also available at Shellharbour City libraries and the customer services counter at Council. Email copies have been distributed to DAC members, various networks and copies provided to all people consulted through the engagement period who expressed an interest in being further involved in the process.

2. Disability Access Committee – Terms of Reference (10838801)

The structure of the terms of reference was reviewed at the last meeting. These comments have been included in the review of the terms of reference.

The Committee will be asked to review the charter and objectives of the Committee at the May meeting.

Charter

| Current Charter | Proposed Charter |
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| The Committee's role is to provide advice to Council and make recommendations that aim to improve the lifestyles of people living with disabilities, or those that care for them, and to advocate for better access to the physical environment, to services and to decision making activities | Consider replacing with The Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) will provide advice on access and inclusion issues and priorities to maximise opportunities for people with a disability and their carers living or visiting the City. |

Objectives

| Current Objective | Proposed Objective |
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| To advise and educate Council and the broader Shellharbour community on access and inclusion issues | Consider replacing with either <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To be a voice for people with disabilities on issues relating to access and inclusion in Shellharbour AND/OR To advocate on behalf of people with disabilities on issues impacting on their ability to live, work and play in Shellharbour |
| To assist Council in the development of its Disability Strategic Plan (DSP) and policies relating to issues of access and inclusion | Consider replacing with Monitor and implement the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) |
| Identify annual priorities for action in the DSP and Bus Stop Improvement Plan and monitor the progress of actions | Replace with Identify annual priorities for action in the DAIP and Bus Stop Improvement Plan and monitor the progress of actions |
| To liaise with Council staff to ensure that all of Council's policies, procedures and programs allow for full access and participation | Replace with <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To liaise with Council staff to ensure that all of Council's policies, procedures and programs allow for full access and inclusion OR Delete as this is an action in the DAIP |
| To promote awareness within Council and the community of issues related to living with disabilities | Consider deleting as covered in the first points and DAIP |

The introduction to the terms of reference will be reviewed at our July meeting.

3. Potential for awards that recognise good business for people with disabilities (10838805)

A sub-committee met to further discuss the issue. The recommendation from the sub-committee is:

1. That, the sub-committee is supportive of awards that recognise the valuable contribution that people with disabilities make to the community and businesses make to improving the lives of people with disabilities.
2. To promote inclusion in existing Council processes used to recognise community members or businesses rather than standalone awards. This involves a review of existing award procedures to include a category around disability, for example, the Australia Day Awards, Good Neighbour Awards etc.
3. To promote inclusion in existing local and regional processes used to recognise community members or businesses rather than standalone awards. This involves a review of existing award procedures to include a category around disability, for example awards around tourism and business.
4. Further, promote state and national disability awards within the local government area.

4. Beach Wheelchair Signage (10838840)

A final copy of the beach wheelchair sign is attached. The Beach Lifeguard Supervisor advises that the sign will be in place prior to the commencement of the swimming season in September 2017.

This matter is now closed.

5. Request from Resident (10838895)

Lack of footpath to traffic light at the intersection of Lake Entrance Road and Captain Cook Drive, Barrack Heights.

At the Traffic Committee meeting held 3 May 2017 the Roads and Maritime Services representative advised that a works order has been issued by them for this work.

This matter is now closed.

6. Live, Work, Play Conference (10838896)

Two DAC members will attend the conference. At the time of writing this report, their arrangements are being finalised.

The Community Development Officer – Access and Participation was invited to attend day two of the conference to talk on the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

A very short presentation on the three important take home messages from the conference will be provided at the July meeting from each participant.

7. Accessible Icon Project

The guest speaker from the Everyone – Accessible Icon Project was advised of the recommendation from the previous meeting.

This matter is now closed.

8. Roo Theatre

Lack of accessible seating.

This will be updated as part of the Disability Projects Table Update.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the DAC receive and note the report.**
- 2. That the Committee provide comments on the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference of the Committee.**
- 3. That the DAC consider and comment on the Subcommittee's recommendations for the awards.**

Responsible Manager: Lauren Peters, Acting Manager Community and Cultural Life

Report Prepared By: Narelle Williams, Community Development Officer,
Access and Participation

Date of Meeting: 10 May 2017 – Disability Access Committee

Attachment:

Beach Wheelchair Sign – Shellharbour North Beach



Shellharbour North Beach Beach Wheelchair

The wheelchair is available as below:

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| September School Holidays to December School Holidays | Weekdays 9.45am - 4.30pm |
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| December/Jan School Holidays | 7 days a week 9.15am - 4.30pm |
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| End of January School Holidays to ANZAC day | 7 days a week 9.45am - 4.30pm |
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| ANZAC day to September School Holidays | Wheelchair available by booking only, please contact customer service |
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The chair is secured by a combination lock and the code is available at Customer Service or at the Patrol on the beach. Bookings are not required except during the winter months.

For more information contact 4221 6111
or visit www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au



4. General Business**4.1 Development Applications requiring input from the Committee**

Nil

4.2 Outstanding Actions (10869562)**No. 22 - Elliot Lake Bridge – Access (Priority 6)**

A cyclist using a three-wheeled bike has requested the curve leading up to the Elliot Lake bridge be widened to make a smoother curve after a recent accident.

A concept design has been developed with an estimated cost of \$1,500.

Action: Asset Officer to pursue a final design and costing for the works with the one constraint that there be no increase in the gradient.

No. 30 - Pathway shared between Church Street and Macquarie Street, Albion Park (Priority 8)

The footpath / sharepath between Church Street and Macquarie Street is in poor condition and requires investigation.

Action: Asset Officer to investigate the footpath / sharepath between Church & Macquarie Street and determine if there are any planned projects at this location.

If no work is planned in this location provide concept design and costings for required improvements.

No. 31 - O'Gorman Street Albion Park in the vicinity of Warrigal Care – request for layback at Drop off / pick up zone (Priority 10)

Council has received a customer request to improve access particularly where buses drop off and pick up residents of Warrigal Care. A layback is requested.

A design and costing to improve the access has been approved. A work order has been issued.

Action: Report back on installation.

No. 32 - Addison Street, Shellharbour – Garden bed encroaching onto accessible parking space (Priority 1)

A garden bed has been placed inside the marked disabled parking space on Addison Street opposite the Ocean Beach Hotel in Shellharbour Village.

The garden beds also encroach on other parking spaces in this location.

Action: Asset Officer to investigate, organise scope of works/ design (if required) and costings to address this issue.

No.34 Kerb Ramp at The Central Hotel

Action: That line marking be installed as a matter of urgency.

No. 39 Shelters at Picnic Tables

The Committee agreed to the provision of a shelter above the accessible picnic table near the Beverly Whitfield Pool.

Action: The Senior Assets Officer to add this to the Disability Access Projects Table for Bus Other Projects list as a funded project.

The Committee also requested costings on the provision of shelters for the new accessible picnic tables provided between Little Park and Beverly Whitfield Pool for consideration at the next meeting.

Action: The Senior Assets Officer to provide costing to the next meeting. Work to proceed.

Other Outstanding Actions**Fisher Street, Oak Flats – Car Park**

Works to the carpark and access path along Fisher Street, Oak Flats are underway.

Action: Assets Officer to check and report on progress and that the accessible parking spaces are compliant.

Policy for Family advocates in hospitals

The committee agreed to write to Shellharbour Hospital to determine whether they had a policy addressing the ability of a family advocate to support people with a disability whilst at Shellharbour Hospital and to advocate for the development of a policy if one doesn't exist.

Mel Gorman advised that she has contacted the hospital but has not received a response as yet. She will provide the Community Development Officer with her contact at the hospital.

Action: That Council write to Shellharbour Hospital in support of implementing a policy for family advocates for people with a disability.

Croom Stadium parking

Mario Russo noted that there is a steep slope from the parking area at Croom Stadium to the entrance which is difficult for people with a disability to negotiate. He suggested that a handrail would be of assistance. There are two accessible parking spaces on the upper level but these are often occupied.

Eino Okkonen suggested that another accessible parking space could be provided where the grass area near the entrance on the top level is.

Action: The Senior Asset Officer will investigate improvements including providing another accessible space on the top level and the possible availability of Section 94 funds to fund improvements.

Deakin Park access to Lake Illawarra

The pathway that has been installed does not go all the way to the carpark.

Action: The Senior Assets Officer will investigate provision of an extension of the footpath to the carpark.

Responsible Manager: Narelle Williams – Community Development Officer

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4.3 Feedback from other Council Meetings

4.4 New Business

5. Next Meeting

12 July 2017