Note: These recommendations are subject to adoption at Councils next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 12 October 2021

Minutes of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting held via Teams webcast video link

on Wednesday 15 September 2021 commencing at 10.06pm

Present:

Mayor, Marianne Saliba (Chair)	Councillor, Shellharbour City Council
Cr Moira Hamilton	Councillor, Shellharbour City Council
Cr Peter Moran (Alternate Delegate)	Councillor, Shellharbour City Council

Community Members:

Mr Eric Klein Mr Mario Russo Ms Ilinka Brankovic Ms Simonne Elise Ms Alyssa Quintal Ms Sandra Pearson

In Attendance:

Ms Bonnie Hittmann Ms Narelle Williams Mr Wayne Wilson Mr Tyson Perry (part) Ms Christie Bryan Ms Christine Matesic (Minutes Taker) Community Representative Community Representative Community Representative Community Representative Community Representative Community Representative

Manager Community Life Community Development Officer Senior Transport Engineer Engineering Technical Officer Corporate Meetings Officer Corporate Meetings Officer

1. Acknowledgement to Country

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Dharawal Country and recognise their continued connection to the land we meet on today. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region and extend our recognition to their descendants who continue to live on country.

2. Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was tendered on behalf of Community Representative, Carol Gibbs.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Russo / Elise

That the apologies as tendered be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting 16 June 2021

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Moved Klein / Russo

That the Minutes of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 June 2021 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

5. Presentations

5.1 Request for an additional car parking space in front of the IGA, Central Avenue, Oak Flats

Presenter Wayne Wilson, Senior Transport Engineer Shellharbour City Council

The committee was advised of a request from a member of the public seeking additional disabled parking within Central Ave, in the vicinity of the Oak Flats IGA shopping centre. A sketch showing the location of existing disabled parking spaces, together with a possible site for disabled parking within Central Ave, was tabled for discussion.

The committee unanimously rejected the request for any additional disabled parking within Central Avenue in the vicinity of the Oak Flats LGA.

5.2 Oak Flats Town Centre pedestrian upgrade – Intersection of Central Avenue and Fisher Street

Presenter Tyson Perry, Engineering Technical Officer Shellharbour City Council

Following community consultation as well as allocated federal stimulas funding the committee were presented a concept design plan which consists of the installation of four pedestrian crossings. This safety initiative is designed to physically slow traffic flow in the area and give priority to vulnerable road users (i.e. pedestrians) at entry/exit points of roundabouts. The committee were invited to provide feedback on the plan.

The committee unanimously supported the upgrade will be a good initiative on the busy road. It was NOTED that the plan is subject to approval from the Traffic Committee and will be closely monitored.

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5.3 Gateway Treatments for Vehicular Access Prevention with Disability Compliance

Presenter Tyson Perry, Engineering Technical Officer Shellharbour City Council

Mr Perry presented sketches which consider access prevention with disability compliance to footpaths and sought feedback from the committee.

Following internal consultation, the committee will be sent draft drawings as part of the external consultation scheduled for October 2021 for further review and consideration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Moved: Elise / Hamilton

That the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee receive and note the three presentations listed as Items 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3.

CARRIED

Mr Perry left the meeting.

5.4 Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Review

Presenter Narelle Williams, Community Development Officer – Access and Participation Shellharbour City Council

Ms Williams presented a PowerPoint that outlined the review period for the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan which has been extended to June 2022 when a new plan will be produced.

The plan will focus on key areas the committee support including accessibility and creating a livable community.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Moved: Klein / Russo

That the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation on the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Review.

CARRIED

6. Staff Reports and General Business

6.1 Social Impact Assessment process review (11732056)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Moved Elise / Hamilton

That the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

CARRIED

6.2 Accessible facilities at Sporting Clubs (11732055)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Moved Brankovic / Hamilton

That the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

CARRIED

6.3 Update on Kerb ramps in Queen Street, Warilla (11733042)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Moved Klein / Brankovic

That the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

CARRIED

6.4 Request for additional car parking space at Warilla Primary School (11732054)

It was NOTED that Council have been informed the school have found a solution and provided an additional parking space.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Moved Russo / Elise

That the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the report; and
- 2. Schedule to review the request in early 2022.

CARRIED

6.5 Nominations for Community Representatives for Shellharbour City Council's Committees and Working Parties (11733062))

The Mayor thanked the current representatives for their valuable contribution they have made to the committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Moved Klein / Brankovic

That the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

CARRIED

7. General Business

7.1 Oak Flats Anglican Church 35 – 37 Fisher Street, Oak Flats

Councillor Moran informed the committee that he has been approached by the Minister of the Anglican Church about the western side of the car park at the church.

An access issue has been raised to remove one car space and provide one accessible car space which will enable parishioners to have easy access to the kerb crossing.

Action: Narelle Williams will investigate and provide a response to the next meeting.

7.2 Munmorah Circuit, Flinders

Community Representative, Ms Quintal requested repairs were required to the uneven pavement on Munmorah Circuit as a result of upturned tree roots which is a safety issue.

The pedestrian refuge was also discussed and the committee were advised that improvement plans to renew the refuge and footpath are in place and will consist of a new central island.

Action: Mr Wilson was requested to provide further feedback to the committee.

7.3 Beverly Avenue, Warilla

Ms Pearson raised an issue at the Beverley Avenue carpark located behind the chemist which is safe to enter but difficult to exit. The Mayor informed Ms Pearson and the committee that the area is about to undergo a major upgrade to the toilet block, car park and entry and exits will change.

7.4 Access to Beverley Whitfield Pool, Shellharbour

Ms Williams advised she has received dissatisfaction from a resident in relation to access ramps at Beverley Whitfield pool and other pools within the Shellharbour LGA.

The Mayor requested that ramps and access to pools be factored into future budgets.

7.5 Councils Engagement Process

Ms Williams reminded the committee of Councils engagement process and encouraged the use of 'Lets Chat' through Council's website.

Currently masterplans for Ken O'Keefe and Harrison Parks provide the opportunity to give feedback, comment and become involved.

It was NOTED that issues in relation to repairs and maintenance are not matters for this committee to resolve and should be reported direct to Council through **Customer Service on 42216111** where the issue will be investigated and if necessary a work order prepared.

8. Next Meeting

10 November 2021

Meeting closed at 11:26am