



## Access Advisory Committee

28 February 2024

Meeting room 1, level 5 Ashfield service centre and online meeting

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### Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6.10pm and concluded 8.10pm

Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Kerrie Lorimer	Glenn Redmayne (Convenor)	
Fiona McLean	Manod Wickramasinghe (Traffic and Transport Planning Manager)	
Rochelle Porteous		
Hannah Solomons		
Kitty Farrell		

#### Chairperson

Hannah Solomons chaired the meeting.

#### 1. Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

HS welcomed members to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

#### 2. Apologies

Apologies received from Jenny Rayner, Emily Dash, Lucille McKenna, Michelle Price

#### 3. Disclosures of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

#### 4. Quorum (*minimum 5 members*)



A quorum was achieved.

#### 5. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions

- Minutes for the 28 November meeting were noted as a quorum was not achieved.
- The need for minutes to be more comprehensive was raised while acknowledging they are a summary only.
- All actions had been completed and reported on or to be discussed on agenda

#### Discussion items

Item	Summary
5.1	<p><b>Mobility parking space application program</b></p> <p>Council's Traffic and Transport Planning Manager presented on Council's mobility parking space application process. This Council program offers on street spaces for residents with no access to off-street parking who find it difficult to secure parking near their home. There are approximately 650 Mobility Parking Spaces across the council area. The scheme has modest growth with 41 new spaces approved and 28 redundant spaces removed in the last 12 months. The committee were asked to provide feedback on the form and process.</p>
5.2	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>The committee concluded that a streamlined form, replacing current medical questions with clearer ones on the mobility equipment, need of users and interaction with vehicle would provide more useful data and also help council officers to make an assessment.</p> <p>The importance of using clear data and co-design in planning was reinforced. A survey of existing permit/parking holders to gain baseline data was suggested. A new draft application form will be developed and brought back to the committee for consideration.</p>
6.1	<p><b>DIAP traffic and transport actions</b></p>

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	<p>Council's Traffic and Transport Planning Manager also provided an update on traffic and transport related actions within Council's DIAP, they were:</p> <p>Staff are undertaking (Transport for NSW run) training on designing for pedestrian and cyclists. This includes an experiential component around pedestrians with disabilities. The training helps staff with infrastructure planning, developing master plans, traffic studies, and detailed designs. In addition, staff met with Guide Dogs NSW/ACT to gain feedback on challenges for people with vision impairment including the Cardinal Freeman (retirement) Village study to design safer access key destinations from the village. Guide Dogs NSW/ACT staff will be invited to speak to the Traffic and Transport Planning team to improve understanding of accessibility design issues. Questions asked were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who provides audible traffic signals, and where does co-design sit throughout the process. It was advised Council has limited responsibility for audio traffic signals and co-design ordinarily fits into the community engagement stage of projects</li> <li>• What was the scope of equipment used and other disabilities referenced by trainers. Noted that this has focussed on people with vision impairment and wheelchair users</li> <li>• Did the training cover wayfinding for people with intellectual/learning disability, kerb ramp design, and explore the difficulty with shared zones particularly speed of cyclists (delivery cycles) being hazardous. These areas were discussed, and it was suggested Council continue campaigns run to reach cyclists to raise awareness of speed impacts and other pathway users.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee requested the issues with cyclists and ways to enforce pathway speeds be referred to the Bicycle Working Group and Local Traffic committees to collaborate on a better approach and report back.</p> <p>Council plans to participate in a 3 year public mobility parking sensor trial. The trial is linked to the NSW governments park and pay app which awaits a state decision on the future of the program. Council is preparing a tender for the works related to sensor installation this financial year. The trial will provide key</p>

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	<p>data on who is using the spaces and duration as the current data available is limited to number of fines issued. It is hoped this will lead to improved planning, better understanding of user needs and allocation of mobility spaces.</p> <p>There has been \$1.6m worth of works delivered of the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan, with a further \$2m this financial year, \$2.5m in each of next 2 years program of works.</p>
6.2	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>The Committee asked about priorities from the audit of footpath condition and ratings. Noted that geography can limit options, and primary high usage pedestrian routes given the priority The committee appreciated use of such data in prioritising. In addition, it was advised that staff are developing a public transport position paper to identify gaps such as service frequency and access and inclusion issues. The committee will be invited to discuss and comment on a draft once it has been prepared later this year.</p>
7	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>The committee were advised of two online Fire and Safety focus groups to be held in March by the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) in partnership with Fire and Rescue NSW. This project aims to improve fire safety community information resources and address the high risk of fire-related injuries and fatalities faced by people with disability. Details will be emailed to the committee.</p> <p>Plans for the Disability Pride event for 2024 were discussed and the committee gave their support for the event to be held this year in July. The Committee thanked staff for the presentations and updates.</p>