

Pedestrian Access and Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting Record 24 September 2019



Location:	Central Coast Council Gosford Office Level 1 Committee Room 49 Mann Street, Gosford
Date:	24 September 2019
Time	Started at: 4.11pm Closed at: 5.52pm
Chair	Councillor Jane Smith
File Ref	F2018/00788

Present:

Councillor Rebecca Gale Collins, Councillor Jillian Hogan, Councillor Jane Smith, John Anderson, Wendy Baylis

Council Staff present:

Boris Bolgoff – Director Roads, Transport Drainage and Waste, Jeanette Williams – Unit Manager Roads Business Development and Technical Services, Jay Spare – Unit Manager Roads Assets Planning and Design, Jodie Frost-Foster – Disability Inclusion Officer, Zoie Magann – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Welcome, Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country

Apologies received: Councillor Doug Vincent, Helen Beazley, Rachael Thelwell

Councillor Jane Smith declared the meeting open and completed an Acknowledgement of Country and Connection to Land statement.

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

The Chairperson called for any Disclosures of Interest. No disclosures were received.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Committee confirmed the Meeting Record of 14 May 2019.

The Committee reviewed the Action Log.

Regarding Action 6, Jay Spare (Unit Manager Roads Assets Planning and Design) distributed a hardcopy of the feedback provided following public exhibition of the Bike Plan and Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan. An electronic copy will also be distributed.

The Committee noted the plans were endorsed by Council at the 9 September 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Item 4 Greening our Pathways

Jeanette Williams (Unit Manager Roads, Business Development and Technical Services) provided a presentation on Greening our Pathways, noting the draft Greener Places Strategy that is underway. Preparation for the Strategy will include two pilot projects (one in the north and one in the south) which involves greening the identified spaces in partnership with the communities. Landscape Design Guidelines are also being prepared to complement the Strategy.

There are also a number of green initiatives currently implemented by staff, including use of recycled materials (eg. sand in bedding, plastic reinforcement in place of steel) and minimisation of impact on environments through design considerations (eg. raising sections of paths, route selection).

The Committee was asked for feedback on what they would like to see in a 'green pathway'. The below ideas were noted:

- Use of sustainable products in a placemaking theme (eg. involve children, tell a story)
- Appropriate landscaping
 - Imaginative and appealing (eg. use of different hedges)
 - Mixed vegetation – low and high, diversity of species
 - Consideration of views when an issue
 - Provide shady areas (native deciduous trees ideal)
- Interpretative signage
- Preference for local provenance native plants on public land
- Opportunities for replacing of habitats – potential wildlife corridors (often applies along linear routes)
- Strong focus on community engagement
- Use of flower boxes in town centres
- 'Adopt-a-plant' initiative
- Opportunity for graffiti determent (access to wall restricted if plants/trees are placed in front)
- Offsetting greenhouse emissions from use of concrete
 - Alternate product to concrete

Action: Committee feedback to be forwarded to relevant Council sections for consideration with future programs

Item 5 Review Draft Program for 2020/21

Jay Spare (Unit Manager Roads, Assets Planning and Design) provided an update on the draft Capital Works Program for 2020/21. The final program is subject to ongoing project validation, property acquisition, and adoption of the program by Council. Staff continue to explore grant opportunities available to assist with project costs.

It was noted that Council often engages with schools in the LGA to determine needs and safety considerations regarding roads, transport and accessibility.

Action: An update on Council's work with schools to come back to the Committee when possible, ideally to the first meeting of 2020.

Item 6 Council's Disability Inclusion Officer

Jodie Frost-Foster (Disability Inclusion Officer) provided a presentation on disability access and inclusion, highlighting the importance of considering all disabilities and needs. It was noted that it's important to be mindful that not all disabilities are visible, however can still impact access and mobility (eg. hearing and sight).

Jodie provided an overview of Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP), and her role in facilitating and reporting on the progress of the Plan.

Jodie also outlined the Spatial Mapping Project undertaken by Council, which involved a ground audit of five business districts (Woy Woy, Umina, Budgewoi, The Entrance and Wyong) to track accessibility and surface quality.

Action: Advisory Group Support Officer to circulate an electronic copy of Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan to Committee members for their information.

Item 8 General Business and Close

- a) Helen Beazley submitted some feedback on a Council project via email which was she asked to be shared with the Committee:

I wish to acknowledge completion of concrete footpath on section of Racecourse Rd fronting upgraded carpark at tennis complex (western side); pedestrians between hospital and West Gosford can now walk off road.

The Committee noted the feedback and thanked staff for their efforts in this project.

- b) The Committee discussed the ongoing issue of quorum and possibility of altering the Terms of Reference to reduce the number of voting members (noting that any Councillor can attend a meeting, but may no longer wish to be a nominated member if unable to attend meetings)

Recommendation: That Council consider altering the adopted Terms of Reference with regard to membership to reduce the number of voting members, and hopefully resolve ongoing quorum issues.

The meeting closed at 5.52pm

Next Meeting: **Thursday, 28 November 2019**
 4pm – 6pm
 Central Coast Council Gosford Office
 Level 1 Committee Room