

Pedestrian Access and Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting Record 28 April 2020



Location:	Skype Meeting	
Date:	28 April 2020	
Time	Started at: 2.05pm	Closed at: 3.50pm
Chair	Councillor Jane Smith	
File Ref	F2018/00788	

Present:

Councillor Rebecca Gale, Councillor Jillian Hogan, Councillor Jane Smith, Councillor Doug Vincent, John Anderson, Wendy Baylis, Helen Beazley

Council Staff present:

Beth Burgess – Unit Manager Libraries Learning and Education, Jay Spare – Unit Manager Roads Assets Planning and Design, Jeanette Williams – Unit Manager Roads Business Development and Technical Services, Jen Desrosiers – Team Leader Community Education, Kelly Drover – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Welcome, Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country

Apologies received: Boris Bolgoff – Director Roads Transport Drainage and Waste

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.

In regard to Item 4, Councillor Vincent declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest as he has 4 children who attend schools in the community and his wife is a teacher at a local school.

In regard to Item 4, Councillor Gale declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest as she has children who attend local schools and preschools.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Committee confirmed the Meeting Record of 23 January 2020.

The Committee reviewed the Action Log. Jeanette Williams advised that Action Item 13 is still pending and a presentation should be available at the next meeting.

Item 4 Promotional and Educational Opportunities in Schools (Action Item 12)

Jen Desrosiers – Team Leader Community Education provided a presentation on Promotional and Educational Opportunities in Schools.

The Committee requested access to data on drink/drug driving.

It was suggested about linking in with youth services to engage with young people outside of schools to target issues of drink/drug driving.

John Anderson who is a former Principal, commended the great work being done by Road Safety Officers, on behalf of all Principals and staff.

Ride to work and Ride to school days were discussed as a good opportunity to engage with the community on road safety.

The idea of school students needing to obtain their bike licence was discussed and the Committee agreed that it should be encouraged, however it does depend on the individual schools.

Action: Advisory Group Support Officer to circulate data on drink/drug driving to Committee Members.

Item 5 Progress Report on Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP)

Jodie Frost-Foster – Disability Inclusion Officer provided a presentation on Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan including Key milestones as well as two actions specifically related to the PAMP in the DIAP under Liveable Communities.

The Better Access Map team have launched an app that profiles accessible features of approximately 700 local businesses. If you are in the main town centres you will notice a blue sticker on the window of businesses that have accessible formats, trained staff, charging stations etc.

Council are looking at innovation such as smart benches with wi-fi enabled ports in them along shared pathways.

Action: Advisory Group Support Officer to circulate links to Committee Members on the Better Access Map App.

Item 6 Council's approach to tree plantings as a part of roadworks and construction of paths

Community Members have been raising the matter of tree plantings as part of roadworks and construction of paths with Councillor Smith. Jay Spare provided an update on Council led and delivered projects however works that come in via development assessment are separate to this and don't involve his area.

In regard to roadworks and construction projects, the aim is to minimise all tree removal. When it's not possible to retain those trees, the aim is to offset any tree removed with the replanting of a mature tree with a minimum 2:1 ratio. Where the 2:1 ratio can't be offset in the same location, the broader capital works program is reviewed to see if replanting can occur in other areas.

A tree removal and replanting guideline is being developed in consultation with the Environmental Business Partner.

Item 7 General Business and Close

- a) Wendy Bayliss raised the matter of ongoing maintenance once new work has been completed (in particular the area in Woy Woy with the new oval upgrade and gardens). Trees that were originally planted are either dead or gone and the weeds are at least 1metre high. Jeanette Williams advised that this area has been earmarked for a pilot greening project which will have built in maintenance however will follow up and provide feedback to Wendy.

Action: Unit Manager Roads Business Development and Technical Services to provide feedback to Wendy Bayliss on the matter of maintenance at Woy Woy Oval.

- b) The Pedestrian Access and Mobility Advisory Group (PAMP) was established with the intention of reviewing the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan. Now that this has occurred, Committee Members should be given the opportunity to take stock of the PAMP and provide comments on what the Committee looks like going forward.

Action: Advisory Group Support Officer to send an email to Committee Members giving them the opportunity to provide feedback on the status of the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Advisory Group and if there is anything in particular they feel the Committee should be focusing on moving forward.

- c) Councillor Vincent discussed whether there are opportunities for local community groups to sponsor or adopt an area or pathway.

Action: The Committee request staff to consider the merits of engaging the community in an adopt-a-footpath/shared pathway segment in their local area or community.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm

Next Meeting: July 2020 TBC