

# Pedestrian Access and Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting Record 2 September 2020



Location:	Zoom Meeting	
Date:	2 September 2020	
Time	Started at: 3.03pm	Closed at: 5.08pm
Chair	Councillor Jane Smith	
File Ref	F2018/00788	

**Present:**

Councillor Jillian Hogan, Councillor Jane Smith, Councillor Doug Vincent (arrived 3.34pm), John Anderson, Wendy Baylis, Helen Beazley (arrived 3.29pm), Rachael Thelwell

**Council Staff present:**

Glenn Cannard – Unit Manager Community Partnerships, Jay Spare – Unit Manager Roads Assets Planning and Design, Jeanette Williams – Unit Manager Roads Business Development and Technical Services, Rebecca Cardy – Heritage Officer (left 3.39pm), Chris McLean – Principal Strategic Planner (left 4.51pm), Kelly Drover – Advisory Group Support Officer

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**Item 1                      Welcome, Apologies and Acknowledgement of Country**

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Apologies received: Councillor Rebecca Gale

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

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**Item 2                      Disclosures of Interest**

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The Chairperson called for any Disclosures of Interest.

During Item 5, Councillor Vincent declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest as he has four children who attend schools in the community and his family also participate in Parkrun.

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**Item 3                      Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record**

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The Committee confirmed the Meeting Record of 28 April 2020.

The Committee reviewed the Action Log.

#### **Item 4                      Heritage Interpretation and Footpaths**

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Rebecca Cardy (Heritage Officer) provided the Advisory Group with a presentation on potential methods that can be used to convey different aspects of traditional indigenous culture including symbols, maps and plaques in footpaths, emotive words/names and storytelling.

#### **Item 5                      Opportunities to Promote Shared Pathways over the next 12 months**

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Glenn Cannard (Unit Manager Community Partnerships) discussed potential ideas the Advisory Group may have on opportunities to promote shared pathways.

Events/opportunities that have proved successful include:

- Chalk the Walk at The Entrance
- Totems and designs that community members identify with to be used as bin wraps or signage in town centres
- Stencils in town centres
- Norah Head lighthouse as part of a placemaking project in Toukley which included stencils on footpaths in those areas
- Recent approval from police to have lowkey busking and street theatre events in key urban areas, to be rolled out over the next 6 months

The Advisory Group discussed the following:

- A calendar of events (e.g. ride to work, walk to school, bike week, heritage week events) that could be used to promote increased usage of our shared pathways
- If a new section of shared pathway / cycleway is completed, especially around schools, it would be good to see some more promotion around this. Counters before and after the project to see if there is increased usage
- Involving other groups (e.g. bicycle user groups, walking groups, Parkrun) to help coordinate and facilitate events. Collaborating with these groups and giving them the opportunity to advertise on Council's website
- Involvement of schools in community events
- Key signage on pathways including history and recognising local indigenous groups
- Linking areas which makes them more marketable and good for not only locals but tourism as well

**Action:** Glenn Cannard to review these ideas and provide feedback to Councillor Smith in the next few weeks and an update to be provided to the Advisory Group at the next meeting.

**Action:** Staff to confirm whether there are any plans for heritage information to be included on the wharf reconstruction at Woy Woy.

**Action:** Director Connected Communities and Unit Manager Community Partnerships to advise whether there is capacity for a staff member to regularly attend the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Advisory Group meetings.

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## **Item 6                      Feedback on Schools Meeting**

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Jeanette Williams (Unit Manager Roads Business Development and Technical Services) provided the Advisory Group with an update on the recent Department of Education and Central Coast Council meeting which included school specific updates and current Council projects.

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## **Item 7                      Priorities and Focus for next 12 months**

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The initial purpose of the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Advisory Committee was to provide advice and feedback to Council and staff on the strategic documents relating to active transport such as the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan and the Bike Plan. Now that this body of work has been completed, the Advisory Group discussed some of the following focus points / priorities over the next 12 months:

- Key events in terms of promotion of our shared pathways / cycleways
- Regular schools update
- What was in the initial operational plan and what was taken out in terms of shared pathways
- Promotion of the health and wellbeing benefits of having access to these outdoor areas, including the mental health benefits
- Looping of the Lakes
- Disability Inclusion and access to be considered in regard to all shared pathways
- Safety concerns in regard to shared pathways (Brian McGowan Bridge and the Pacific Hwy at Charmhaven were discussed)

In regard to the Looping of the Lakes, staff advised that a document is being developed that will show all bike paths and lake loops, what has been built, any gaps and what is required to complete these loops including costs. This will be able to be used to apply for funding.

**Action:** Staff to provide further information at the next meeting on Looping of the Lakes.

In regard to the comment on safety, the Advisory Group noted the recent accident at the intersection of Brian McGowan Bridge exit and Central Coast Highway.

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends that Council write to Minister for Transport and Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast requesting a reduction of speed limit on the Pacific Highway/Riou Street on the approach to the Central Coast Highway at Brian McGowan Bridge.

In regard to projects that have been taken out of this year's operational plan, Jay Spare confirmed that any projects that were removed from 20/21 haven't been missed, they are just deferred to next year. Staff and councillors needed to consider the financial impact of COVID on the business. The Operational Plan was advertised earlier this year and at the same time staff and consultants were modelling what the financial impact might be. Councillors then adopted a budget where a number of projects were deferred to reduce expenditure. A review of the budget will be completed each quarter and some of those projects may be brought back in.

**Action:** A standing agenda item to be included for each meeting on what projects are in the current budget and being progressed, what projects are still deferred and a progress report on major projects.

**Action:** Wendy Baylis' comments regarding the State Government and Council's plans for the development of the Peninsula to be included on the agenda for the first meeting of 2021.

Jay Spare (Unit Manager Roads Assets Planning and Design) provided the Advisory Group with a presentation on Shared Path and Footpath Capital Works, highlighting progress on the current financial years adopted program and the final adopted Capital Works Pathway Program for 2020/21.

## **Item 8                      General Business and Close**

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**Action:** Chris McLean – Principal Strategic Planner to be invited to attend the next meeting to present on greening our suburbs and pathways.

The meeting closed at 5.08pm

**Next Meeting:**            **Tuesday 8 December 2020**  
                                 **3pm – 5pm**  
                                 **Zoom Meeting (TBC)**