

**MINUTES OF ACCESS & MOBILITY
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 2023, 3.22PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors

Chair Cr Pip Friedrich

Resident Members

Nell Rickard

Ann Masi

Staff

Chandra Chandrawansa, Manager Engineering

Sally Severino, Team Leader Community Care

APOLOGIES: Rebecca Baines, Andrew Smith, Manager Community Services,
Steve Smith, Manager Environment & Open Space
Cr Sarah Hughes

MINUTES: Jodie Albanese, CD Administration

	MATTERS DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.	WELCOME Cr Friedrich welcomed members of the committee. Acknowledgment of Country	
2.	APOLOGIES Rebecca Baines, Andrew Smith, Steve Smith, Cr Hughes	
3.	DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST None.	
4.	MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING 27SEP2023 Moved to adopt. First: Nell Rickard Second: Sally Severino Agreed unanimously. Actions from previous minutes The Access Committee Audit Report distributed was reviewed and discussed, the Committee unanimously agreed it was a very valuable audit, identifying and highlighting multiple issues. Committee also noted that there are eight Aged Care facilities in Mosman and importance to pay attention about accessibility around these facilities. Key points/areas raised from the audit discussed were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The corner of Military Road & Raglan Street (number 17) - Rawson Park area has an aged care facility close by and used by large population of public with varied use, it is important to identify any access and mobility issues for all members of public using the public land. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number six on audit, a general discussion of access on public footpaths, especially along Military Road, it was noted many A frame signs are present posing an issue for those with vision impairment, wheelchair, and pram access. Council to follow up with Footpath permit permissions for businesses and or rangers to action where no permission is granted for signs on public land. Also, discussed was moving tables and chairs to roadside, to allow a wider access corridor closer to business entries, however cars parking along roads in Mosman must have minimum of 600mm to open car doors therefore businesses can not place any seating or signs on curb side of roads. Governance and Compliance teams to investigate providing a map of locations to review where seating and signs are. - Number seven Engineer team to write to private landowner to request they make safe the uneven ground. - Referring to the audit which identified many shops having signs and seating outside occupying public land, Compliance and Rangers to follow up if permissions has been sought. - Chandra advised the Engineer team will address all matters relating to their department and investigate solutions for areas needing immediate attention to make safe. Sydney Water will need to be contacted for item number nine. - Chandra will provide a report at next meeting in 2024 with update on areas fixed from audit. <p>Councillor Friedrich, as a committee member of many years expressed her gratitude to Council, especially Chandra and team for diligence and attention to fixing issues at earliest possible convenience.</p> <p>Discussion regarding Darwin Council's approach providing one channel for communication from public to Council on all matters regarding services such as water, electricity etc. including a map to identify location of service, challenges for our Council to provide similar is suburb is centuries old and services have been installed over many years.</p> <p>Nell reported almost all of Warringah Road, Mosman needs upgrading, street is very undulating.</p> <p>Balmoral Beach Wheelchair Access – Andrew to provide information at next meeting.</p> <p>The committee discussed a variety of options to address providing Balmoral Beach as an accessible beach, options discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beach Mats, who to purchase, where to store, how to access the mat/s and keep safe. - Disabled Chair suitable for access to water; Balmoral Beach Club in the past had a disabled chair, it is believed the chair is not in use. Sally spoke with the Balmoral Beach Club and 	<p>Footpath Occupation Officer and Rangers</p> <p>Chandra</p> <p>Chandra</p> <p>Andrew Smith</p> <p>Sally and Ann Masi</p>
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	<p>confirmed that they have a Beach Wheelchair for their members. Ann also offered to contact the club to discuss the Access & Mobility Committee discussing with the club in finding a solution for beach access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disabled persons can apply for key to storage areas when wanting beach access if a solution is found. - Research any grants to apply for funding for this project. - Request for permission to share with Access & Mobility committee the images of storage solutions recently emailed to Andrew Smith from Bern Walker. <p>The Committee discussed making disabled access at Balmoral Beach a Community Project, in partnership with Council and local community businesses to find a solution for access.</p> <p>Ann visited Malaba Beach, listed as an accessible beach, she noted the access to water was a concrete path with a mat, however on that particular day the tide affected the access, therefore presented issues. Toilets were accessible and disabled parking is provided.</p> <p>Footpath Audit Report – Andrew to further discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>Nell suggested the committee read Quarterly Essay issue 91, 2023. Lifeboat Disability, Humanity, and the NDIS Micheline Lee.</p>	Andrew Smith
5.	<p>General Business: Balmoral Beach report on conversation with Bern Walker – Accessible beaches by Councilor Fredrich.</p>	
6.	<p>Proposed meeting dates for 2024: Agree for meetings to be held on 3rd Wednesday each quarter tbc. Committee agreed until August before September elections. 21 February 2024 15 May 21 August 20 November - tbc</p>	
	<p>CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATES: 21 Feb 2024</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 4.15pm.</p>	