## **Clarence Valley Access Committee**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Minutes Committee Room Maclean / Grafton Ante Room

Attendance: Cr Karen Toms, Cr Jason Kingsley; David Moran; Ross McCann; Lyndel Bosman; Claudia Ollenburg; Bevan Sommerlad; Jody O'Brien

Guest Attendees: David Newberry

**Apologies**: Jennifer O'Brien; Katrina Heathcote; Margaret Lawrence

ACKNOWLEDGEMNT TO COUNTRY by Cr Karen Toms

We acknowledge the Bundjalung people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which this meeting is taking place and pay tribute and respect to the Elders both past and present. We also acknowledge the Gumbaynggirr and Yaegl nations which lie within the Council boundary.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION FOR ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY		
Last Meetings Minutes: Meeting I Meeting started 11.05 am	nad no quorum			
Agenda Item				
Vibrant Streets Update – David Newberry	<ul> <li>David Newberry informed the Committee about the progress of the vibrant streets trial. Over 40 businesses have signed up. The majority of businesses are very supportive. However, there are some issues that prevent the project from achieving the best possible outcomes and significantly reducing the number of sandwich boards and clearing the shoreline:</li> <li>The vast majority of businesses employ casual staff who show little interest or initiative in change</li> <li>Some major chain stores have their head office located in Brisbane – making it more difficult to implement changes locally</li> <li>Some businesses remove the sandwich boards only to put them out again if the neighbouring business doesn't participate</li> <li>Design of the street with reverse parking is a major issue because items can't be put out close to the road</li> <li>David Newberry, Lyndel and Dave Moran are doing another walk today and recording a short video.</li> </ul>	David Newberry		



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	David Newberry suggested that once the part of Prince will be handed over to council from RMS (on completion of the bridge) to consult with all stakeholders and re-design the street scape to make it more accessible and vibrant.	
	In the meantime Cr Toms and Cr Kingsley to table the option of "nose in parking" at the traffic committee. This will affect Prince Street (CBD in Grafton) and Skinner Street (CBD South Grafton).	Cr Toms and Cr Kingsley
Iluka Parking – Jennifer O'Brien	Work on the parking area of concern is tabled in the capital works plan for 2019/2020.	
DA – Grafton Regional Gallery DA2018/0783	Revised design will come back to the Access Committee.	Scott Lenton
Disability Inclusion Action Plan – Comments	Comment received from Margaret Lawrence: Refer to wide range of disabilities in the plan and not being so restrictive about physical disability.	
	Dave Moran pointed out that the Disability Inclusion Action Plan gives the feeling of "ticking boxes" and compliance but is not written in the "Spirit of Inclusion." Accessibility for example shouldn't be an afterthought but inform the design in the first place.	
Disability Access to Maclean Museum	Margaret Lawrence to get a bit more detail from concerned community member. Claudia to contact Tim Hall (Facilities Services)	Claudia Ollenburg
Wireless Audio Systems in Council run buildings	Margaret Lawrence alerted the committee to the fact that the old audio loops in council run buildings may not be compliant with current standards. Claudia Ollenburg lodged a Helpdesk request to check current system details and let the committee know about the outcome.	Claudia Ollenburg
	Business arising	
Accessible Tourism	David Newberry brought a draft brochure to the committee that was done in cooperation with an accessibility specialist. The brochure alerts visitors to anything they need to consider in regards to accessibility when visiting the Clarence Valley.	
	Cr Kingsley welcomed the initiative and pointed out that the accessibility tourism market is very significant and we need to consider providing this kind of advice also in regards to accommodation premises, beach access and much more. A lot of people receiving significant respite packages these days and base their decision on what destination they go to on this kind of information.	
Disability Car Parking in South Grafton	Disability car parking in South Grafton CBD seems to have disappeared after the re-design. Cr Kingsley to check with Traffic Committee.	Cr Kingsley



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Disability Car Parking in Grafton	There is a disability car park in front of vines and one in front of Epic. Both are not central to CBD and one of them has a jacaranda tree through the middle of it. Cr Kingsley suggested to perhaps moving this car park to Prince Street to make it more central and user friendly.	Cr Kingsley
Meeting closed	12 pm	
Next Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 Maclean Committee Room and Ante Room – 2 Prince Street Grafton	
	11am – 12pm	

