

**Clarence Valley Access Committee Meeting
Held in the Grafton Chambers and via Teams
On Wednesday 14 December 2022 at 11am – 12pm
Minutes**

Attendance:**Chair:** Cr Karen Toms**Minute Taker:** Erin Brady CVC**Attendees:** Cr Karen Toms, Dave Moran, Laura Smith-Khan, Cr Steve Pickering, Jason Kingsley, Bevan Sommerlad, Alana Brooks (Road Safety Officer CVC), Ross McCann (CVC), Erin Brady (CVC), Shirley Jameson (visitor).**Apologies:** Justin Putze, Laura Black, Alex Moar, Stephen Timms, Kath Arndell, Jody O'Brien, Jennifer O'Brien, Kate Begbie, Vanette McLennan (Vanette tried unsuccessfully to access meeting via teams.)**ACKNOWLEDGEMNT TO COUNTRY** by Cr Karen Toms

We acknowledge the Bundjalung, Gumbaynggirr and Yaegl people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live and work. We honour the First Nations peoples culture and connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION FOR ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
Minutes previous meeting –		
Moved; Jason Kingsley Second : Cr Steve Pickering		
Previous Business:		

<p>Disabled Carparks Maclean</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council met with Bevan Sommerlad in November. Looked at possibility of additional accessible parking space near crossing in River Street near Chess. Bevan Sommerlad talked this option through including other locations near NDIS businesses. He said the ideal would be to have accessible parking on both sides of River Street. Alana Brooks said Council can review options and report back mid 2023. • Alana Brooks said Council could look at reinstating disabled space opposite Post Office. If that’s supported, can put that to Traffic Committee. There’s a driveway being constructed so wheelchairs can access footpath there, which would provide access to river. • Alana Brooks to get feedback from Chamber of Commerce. • Jason Kingsley– the disabled parking opposite Post Office, we’re looking to reinstate, came to access committee ten years ago. It was agreed it would be moved. • Ross McCann – we can consult with business owners for feedback. <p>Motion: That the Access committee endorse Traffic Committee to reinstate accessible parking option on McNaughton Place opposite Post Office.</p> <p>Motion: Council investigate disabled parking options for river street Maclean and report feasibility to access committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved Cr Steve Pickering • Second – Laura Smith-Khan 	<p>Actions: Alana Brooks to review options and report back mid 2023.</p> <p>Alana Brooks to consult with local businesses</p> <p>Report to council</p>
<p>Public beach wheelchairs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to check beach wheelchairs can be stored at Minnie Surf club as a trial. • Jason Kinglsey - Could we trial storing it at Main Beach Surf Club (if they agree), promote it and see how it goes. 	<p>Erin Brady to contact surf clubs at Minnie Water and Yamba to see if they would be interested in trialling storing the chairs at the surf clubs.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erin Brady to ask Yamba surf club if we could trial it at Yamba Surf Club. Let Disabled Surfers know. Make sure people are taking care of it and paper work is done. Get beach wheelchairs serviced. 	Council also to arrange service of beach wheelchairs.
Accessible parking – Grafton Chambers/Service Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jason Kingsley explained that in current position, when using the accessible parking outside CVC Customer Service Centre on Prince Street, unless someone holds his wheelchair, he can flip because road is steep. Jason Kingsley - the reverse parking accessible parking space near Memorial Park – need touchdown pad there, when budget allows. Cr Steve Pickering – are disabled parking spaces on council website? Erin Brady confirmed this information didn't come across from old website. It's going to be an action in council's new DIAP. Investigate disabled toilet locations on council website. 	<p>Action: Alana Brooks to review re-locating accessible parking space outside CVC Customer Service Centre on Prince Street to where ground is more even.</p> <p>Action : Alana Brooks to review the accessible parking spaces at Memorial Park for consideration of concrete infill.</p> <p>Action: Add DIAP action to include locations of accessible parking in the Clarence Valley on CVC website.</p> <p>Action – Erin Brady to investigate locations of disabled toilets on council's website.</p>
Wooli Hall Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erin Brady reported that Project Manager confirmed Council met with Ken Young on site to discuss concerns listed in letter (tabled at NOV 2022 Access Committee meeting). The entire job was engineered and DDA compliant to within 5mm. Only point that wasn't compliant was no handrails – however this was scheduled to be installed 12 Dec 2022. There weren't enough funds to continue accessible pathway to tennis court, however council is 	

	investigating funding opportunities and hopes to have this done within 6 months.	
Access at a Glance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CV Libraries want Access at a Glance inspections done in early 2023. 	
Clarence Valley Cultural and Community Precinct design update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Karen Toms talked this through from December 2022 council report. Committee wants to clarify rear and front access for stage. Is there a ramp to get performer/musicians/public from stage to lower level of auditorium? Does it include hearing loops? Want detailed design to come back to Access Committee. <p>Motion: That as council progresses with designs, each version is reported to Access Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved: Cr Karen Toms Second: Dave Moran 	<p>Erin Brady to provide feedback to project manager.</p> <p>Erin Brady to get someone to talk to plans next meeting.</p> <p>Report to Council</p>
Meeting schedule 2023	- 3 rd Wednesday month in 2023. eg 15 Feb, 15 March,	
Pippi & Turners Beach Access	Defer to next meeting	
Footpath Trading Policy	Defer to next meeting	
Correspondence	•	
DAs for Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gulmarrad Shopping Complex Laura Smith-Khan and Jason Kingsley – there are a couple of different public-access areas. Want accessible parking in each location. Laura Smith-Khan– should accommodate long vehicle parking for caravans and boats. Committee agreed to have Alana Brooks review this and report back with recommendations. 	Action: Alana Brooks to review and report back with recommendations.

General business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross McCann taking year off for long service leave. • Cr Karen Toms – Thanked committee for participation throughout year – Merry Christmas. • Jason Kingsley – All accessible parking at Grafton Base Hospital is done and it's fantastic. Great job. Really great to have Alana Brooks on board. • Cr Toms – Great having Alana Brooks attending Access Committee meetings and the addition of her new position to council. Really notice we are getting things done with Alana on board. 	
Guest Speaker		
Meeting closed	12:06pm	
Next Meeting	Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 11am – 12:30pm - agenda dependent. Venue: Maclean Committee Room.	

K. Toms.

Cr Karen Toms emailed minutes approval 23/12/22