

**Clarence Valley Access Committee
Held in the Maclean Committee Room and via Teams
On Wednesday 21 September 2022 at 11am – 12pm**

Attendance:

Chair: Cr Toms

Minute Taker: Erin Brady, CVC

Attendees: Cr Steve Pickering, Bevan Sommerlad, Alana Brooks, Cr Karen Toms, Erin Brady. Online: Laura Smith-Khan, Dave Moran, Jason Kingsley, Ross McCann, Kate Begbie, Zoe Goodsell. 11:44pm Justin Putze

Apologies: Vanette McLennan, Laura Black, Jennifer O’Brien, Jody O’Brien, Kath Arndell

ACKNOWLEDGEMNT TO COUNTRY by Cr Karen Toms

We acknowledge the Yaegl 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 Bundjalung Nations which lie within the Council boundary.

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

<p>Pippi Beach access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x Estimates received from Wagners. • Ramped pathway to accessible toilets and viewing platform opposite toilets \$282,800 • Ramped pathway to accessible toilet plus stepped pathway to northern viewing platform, upgrade of viewing platform and stairs to beach: \$419,885. • Cr Karen Toms - Priority was to get to the toilets. GM suggested we try to get project onto future works program. • Jason Kingsley – We should be trying to achieve equal access across the entire project. But he will endorse this project to get access to the toilets. • Cr Karen Toms – it shouldn't be an after thought. Should have been part of plans for when accessible toilets were constructed. • Motion: Recommend to Council to put project is put on Future Works program. • Moved Jason Kingsley • Second Dave Moran 	<p>Action – Cr Toms and Cr Pickering to bring this project up at Council workshop to have this project considered for Council's forward works program.</p>
<p>Turners Beach access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimate received from Wagners for Turners Beach 2011 plans - \$185,345 • Noted that this plan was old and would probably need to be started from scratch. • Jason Kingsley – would like to see new exploration in this area for ideal location for ramp. Could a plan achieve a switchback ramp etc without it having to go through all that vegetation? • Cr Karen Toms –This project needs to become a priority because it's about accessibility. Would hate for this project to take a long time. • Motion – Advise Council to consider future budget allocation for design work for the Turners Beach access. • Moved Cr Karen Toms • Second Laura Smith-Khan 	<p>Action – Cr Toms and Cr Pickering to bring this project up at Council workshop to have this project considered for Council's forward works program.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Begbie – there is a beach wheelchair kept at the Calypso Caravan Park in Yamba. Is there space in the plan/budget to have a lock up area at the amenities block to have the wheelchair there. • Kate Begbie asked whether access to beach wheelchair can be improved at Brooms Head as well. It’s kept at the amenities block at Brooms Head. Minnie Water was also mentioned. • Recommendation – Explore the options of having the beach wheelchair available in a lock up area at the amenities block near Turners Beach with an MLAC Key. • Moved – Kate Begbie • Second – Laura Smith-Khan 	<p>Action – Erin Brady to ask open spaces if any possibility for beach wheelchair to be kept at Turners Beach toilet block.</p> <p>Action – Erin Brady to investigate beach wheelchair locations, access and ownership - Turners, Minnie Brooms, Woody Head.</p>
<p>Access at a Glance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Kingsley – gave a brief overview of the Access at a Glance project. • Jason Kingsley delivers the Access at a Glance project through his role at Social Futures. • The Access Committee report to Council’s September meeting was not included in Business Papers. Feedback was Council’s endorsement of the project and Council’s participation in the project was operational and didn’t need to be approved by the Council. • Jason Kinglsey said Social Futures provide the stickers for free. • Dave Moran was involved last time the Access Committee promoted the program. In his experience Dave Moran said many shops/business owners had no idea that these access issues existed until they told them about it. • Jason Kingsley said following promotion of the Access at a Glance project, he could approach places like Shoppingworld to talk about access, implementing Access at a Glance and have conversations about access for assistance dogs in training. • Access at a Glance could be promoted to the CV Chamber of Commerce groups and CVC Economic Development team to promote through networks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVC to work with Jason Kingsley from Social Futures on implementing Access at a Glance at council’s main public buildings and promoting through CVC communications channels. • Social Futures and Access Committee to make a plan to visit CV businesses in villages and towns to encourage them to join the Access at a Glance program.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Kingsley said the program could be woven into CVC Vibrant Places to create awareness of access. Shoreline was mentioned. • Cr Karen Toms said access for all abilities required constant education • Jason Kingsley said a good way to promote the Access at a Glance project was to pitch to businesses that 20% of population have a disability. If businesses are accessible, they attract business from not only people living with a disability, but their family members and friends. 90% of those with a disability have a disability that can't be seen. • Zoe Goodsell – access affects more people than only person's living with a disability – it's prams, people with oxygen tanks etc • Kate Begbie – this could be an ongoing project for the Access Committee. Perhaps one time per year where we go out and promote it – and getting feedback. Potentially a space in calendar where we can dedicate time to promote this. • Council used to promote International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD). • Cr Karon Toms - Keep this item as an agenda item. So we don't forget about it. • Cr Steve Pickering – Arts NSW had an access officer. Should Council have this? Council no longer has a permanent position for an aged and disability project officer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Access at a Glance as an ongoing agenda item
Arthur Street Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alana Brooks – CVC looked at moving bollard but wouldn't work. Gone back to original idea to do edge line. That job is booked in. Hopefully work will be done in a week or two. 	
Hospital parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes made thanks to meeting. • Increasing accessible parking spaces from 3 – 5. Alana Brooks said Traffic Committee resolution was to install 5 and will monitor. Could add more if a demand. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Steve Pickering asked about bollards. Could they be hit at night? • Jason Kingsley – Net increase 2 more accessible parking spaces. Kudos to Alana Brooks for listening to input from Access Committee and going away and fixing the problems, with help of consultant. Worked through telegraph pole issue. • Dave Moran –Thinks it’s fantastic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alana Brooks to look at safety of bollards at night.
<p>Disabled Parking Maclean</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Karen Toms – this has been brought up many times – asked Ross McCann to talk about it. • Bevan Sommerlad wants more accessible car parking in River Street. • Alana Brooks saw River Street accessible parking space near Harvey Norman and admitted it was completely inaccessible. To make space longer (8m) you would lose one car parking space. Could have 1-2 motor bike spaces? A new space in River Street needs to be to current standard which is difficult with width of road. • Bevan Sommerlad – Disputes argument that accessible parking would encroach on footpath. Shops in the area have things on the footpath on both sides. Bevan Sommerlad thinks it is far more important to have accessible parking than tables and chairs on the footpath. Been pushing it 4-5 years. Lost accessible parking spaces out the back of main street when IGA took over. • Cr Karen Toms – Her understanding is what Bevan Sommerlad wants is to cut into footpath to get width for accessible parking in River Street. • Kate Begbie - Do we need to shift focus onto the bigger carpark out the back of main street – make parking closer to arcades making it easier and safer to get through to main street. Put in accessible parking closer to facilities. Carney’s Arcade is easier to get through with wheelchair than the bread shop arcade - not easy to get through. • Cr Karen Toms – IGA carpark is owned by IGA. • Carney’s Arcade carpark is CVC. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross McCann – there are a sufficient number of accessible carparks in Maclean. There are double what a DA would ask. We’re talking about location. River Street doesn’t lend itself to accessible car parking spaces. The restriction is the footpath – height and width. A compliant ramp would have to go from gutter line to shop front. 1 in 14 grade is not achievable in that environment. • Cr Karen Toms – what I’m hearing from professional staff – it’s not compliant. • Ross McCann – you need to look at Australian Standards – it’s quite restrictive. • Dave Moran – Is it possible for someone to meet with Bevan Sommerlad on the spot and talk it through? Alana Brooks, Ross McCann and possibly a design engineer will arrange onsite meeting with Bevan Sommerlad. • Bevan Sommerlad and Jason Kingsley looked at accessible parking out the back of main street three years ago. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erin Brady to send Bevan Sommerlad’s contact details to Alana Brooks and Ross McCann. - CVC to meet with Bevan Sommerlad in River Street to discuss parking.
EMPLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robyn Monk’s correspondence was shared. • Council has been communicating with the Centre for Disability Research and Policy about the Leave Nobody at Home Project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update committee on Leave Nobody Behind Project
TOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee was happy with TOR. • Jason Kingsley requested copy of TOR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erin Brady to send TOR to Jason Kingsley
Access Committee Meeting locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Kingsley – Access Committee previously alternated meeting venue between Grafton / Maclean. Is that a possibility so everyone has option to attend meetings in-person? • Dave Moran - would be able to get to Grafton but not Maclean. • Kate Begbie – Gulmarrad. Has children. Remote probably best. • Laura Smith-Khan – Maclean works best. Great idea. Balances out the way we can participate. • Bevan Sommerlad – would attend Maclean. Grafton probably not. • Cr Karen Tom – happy to travel and carpool. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erin Brady to book Grafton Chambers for next meeting and also book Maclean Committee Room for Maclean-based members to attend via Teams.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Steve Pickering – happy to attend both locations. • Alana Brooks would be happy to set up the Maclean committee room when meeting is at Grafton so people could still attend in-person at Maclean and Teams in on the big screen. 	
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robyn Monk, CVC, email, EMPLAN • Alana Brooks, CVC, email, GBH parking • Gavin Beveridge, CVC, email, Pippi Beach/Turners Beach access • Jason Kingsley, Social Futures, email, Access at a Glance • Sarah Nash, CVC, email, MOVEitMAKEit 	
DAs for Consultation	NIL	
General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Karen Toms – Denne Street, Iluka. End of zig zag path needs a bit of concrete to flow from path to path. • Ulmarra Precinct – Cr Steve Pickering – have disabled parking been considered. • Cr Karen Toms – Congratulate Laura Smith-Khan on her amazing achievement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alana Brooks to follow up zig zag path access at Iluka. - Alana Brooks to investigate with Project Manager.
Guest Speaker –	n/a	

Meeting closed	12:25pm	
Next Meeting	Wednesday 19 October at 11am – 12pm (extended to 12:30pm agenda dependent). Grafton.	

K. Toms.

Cr Karen Toms
19 October 2022