

**Clarence Valley Access Committee
Held in the Grafton Chambers and via Teams
On Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 11am – 1pm
Minutes**

Attendance:

Chair: Cr Karen Toms

Minute Taker: Erin Brady (CVC)

Attendees: Cr Karen Toms, Laura Smith-Khan, Cr Steve Pickering, Erin Brady (CVC), Alana Brooks (Road Safety Officer CVC). Online via Teams: Dave Moran, Jason Kingsley, Justin Putze (CVC).

Apologies: Zoe Goodsell, Kate Begbie, Jennifer O'Brien, Jody O'Brien, Vanette McLennan.

ACKNOWLEDGEMNT TO COUNTRY by

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
<p>Minutes previous meeting – Moved: Laura Smith-Khan Second: Dave Moran</p> <p>Previous Business:</p>		

	<p>New Committee Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Berry absent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite
	<p>Change accessible carparks:</p> <p>MacNaughton Place, Maclean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alana Brooks – the carpark is too short to meet current standards. However, it was never officially removed as a disabled carpark so could be reinstated? Committee agreed with the idea to reinstate it. <p>Memorial Park, Grafton – still under review.</p> <p>Prince Street – still under review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite
	<p>Access at a Glance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Kingsley – went to Grafton Library last month. Issued approx. 8 stickers which are now up. Met compliance in a number of areas. Jason to follow up on a few things. • Jason Kingsley – went to Grafton Regional Gallery last Thursday with Avron. Met compliance in a number of areas but a couple of areas need to provide more information. GRG very open to provide safe space with ASD which is great. • Jason Kingsley - Ideally would like to do all council outward public facing buildings council has. • Stickers will go up at Prince Street and Maclean within 2 weeks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite
	<p>Pippi Beach and Turners Beach Access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got

		agenda and meeting invite
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Karen Toms- Pippi Beach access is in capital works budget – annual operation plan for next year. • William Agar path – not finished and not good for wheelchairs with parking. • Jason Kingsley – Want to ensure Turners Beach access design is also in the draft budget. • Cr Steve Pickering – Turners Beach design is in there. \$440,000 design at Turners and design and construct at Pippi. Committee were very happy with this, but hoped it was enough money. • Justin Putze – Beach access is going to be a key point in DIAP. With the DIAP's adoption we're inadvertently going to be adopting beach access as a future project. Access Committee could give list of priority of beaches as a series of projects. • Cr Karen Toms – In the past the DIAP was not actioned. I'm hoping with our new DIAP it's going to be an active document, like a strategic document to get things into annual operation plan and budgeted for so things in the DIAP can get done – otherwise why do we have it? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite
	Footpath trading Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite

	<p>DIAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Kingsley – accessible tourism is its own business now. It’s huge. CV is limiting its market and money it could be bringing to the CV and small business. • Jason Kingsley - Accountabilities with the DIAP. What is there to hold CVC accountable for delivering actions in the DIAP - who’s accountable for the actions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Karen Toms –Put it on committee agenda every six months to review DIAP progress and get updates on actions delivered. Make it a regular ongoing action for committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite

	<p>See Park / Caringa accessible play equipment donation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Putze – spoke with Caringa three weeks ago and put them in touch with Open Spaces. Looking at a range of suitable accessible equipment and locations. Caringa not so worried about which park, but wants suitable acknowledgment that the item was donated by Caringa. No money raised yet. After speaking with Open Spaces, Caringa have set a target of \$20,000 to purchase a piece of equipment. They are going away and developing fundraising campaign to look at where we can implement this piece of equipment. Council is offering space – no cost to council. • Cr Karen Toms – re. See Park as location – there is a masterplan now but no funding for this yet. Wouldn't feel comfortable putting in new equipment with old play equipment. • Jason Kingsley – really needs to be part of a master plan and council shouldn't rush this to fit in with Caringa timeline. There needs to be a lot more thought there and not sure it's enough money. Thinks it shouldn't be installed at Jacaranda Park as it already has accessible elements – would like other playgrounds to have inclusive play equipment. • Justin Putze – emphasised to Caringa it can't just be an add on. They still need to raise the money, so couldn't give timeline. • Cr Steve Pickering – could it be included in aquatic plans for Grafton Pool? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite
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	<p>Clarence Valley Cultural and Community Precinct design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Putze presented new plans via Teams. DA not yet submitted to Council. • Jason Kingsley – couldn’t see the detail clearly on Teams. Still has issue with platform from pit. How you get around it – don’t really know. It’s got multiuse etc. but it’s not dignified for person in wheelchair to go up on lift. 90% happy with it. • Cr Steve Pickering – asked if EV charging and bicycle parking was planned. Justin said not reflected on current plans but both have been discussed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite
	<p>Community Transport Guest Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Karen Toms said Kerry Little – manager of Connect You 2 is coming to talk to Yamba View Club. Would pass on contact details. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite
	<p>Prince Street nose in parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streets of Shared Spaces currently seeking feedback. • Jason Kingsley – from accessibly POV with a vehicle like mine with rear access – it is a bit challenging. JK is strong advocate of nose in, appreciates there’s a balance there in widening the footpath. I think we’ve gone too far. An extra 500mm would make a big difference to feeling safe getting wheelchair out of the back of car. • Alana Brooks – We can have a look at the length of existing spaces. Currently meets minimum standards but aware that’s not always ideal. For a more permanent solution – maybe we could look at a longer-term plan for Prince Street that accommodates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite

	<p>feedback. Eg could we do something with planter boxes to increase parking room?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Kingsley – appreciate minimum standards – but my car is long and by the time ramp is out and you’re out the back it’s about 8m and pretty dangerous. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite
	<p>Parking at Jacaranda and See Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Begbie brought this up at last meeting, but was an apology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email - Inspireability awards – national awards program to recognised PWD. Run by private service provider. • Email - One Community presents Ready Set Connect – a free NDIS networking event for support workers, support coordinators, PWD, teachers, parents and carers in Grafton, 2 May 2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite
DAs for Consultation	NIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite

General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Kingsley – Asked to put Urunga Beach Access/Accessible Tourism on agenda for next month. He said at Urunga, Bellingen Council have done some great work along waterfront and in town – working closely with local business. Jason is going there and will report back. • Fitzroy Street pedestrian crossing – Cr Karen Toms shared a photo of the condition of the crossing. “It’s a hazard.” Alana Brooks let committee know it’s scheduled to be changed to a wombat crossing in the next financial year. Cr Steve Pickering asked if the crossings could be painted purple? Alana to put this forward to TfNSW colleague. Dave Moran said he couldn’t see a problem with the colour change as long as there is good colour contrast. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Brady to follow up with Angela and check she got agenda and meeting invite
Guest Speaker –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	
Meeting closed	12:39am	
Next Meeting	Wednesday 17 May, 2023, 11am – 1pm, Maclean Council Chambers	

Cr Karen Toms
09/05/2023


