

Clarence Valley Council

Clarence Valley Access Committee – Minutes

20 September 2023 COMMENCING 11:00am – Grafton Chambers, Prince Street, Grafton

Attendance:

List attendees Zoe Goodsell, Cr Karen Toms, Cr Steve Pickering, Dave Moran, Erin Brady (CVC), Stewart Mackie (CVC)

Online: Jason Kingsley, Alana Brooks (CVC), Danielle Shelley (CVC), Christine Cowan (CVC), Glen McClymont (Caringa), Mackenzie Harvison (Caringa), Leon Ankersmit (Caringa).

Meeting Roles

Chair: Cr Karen Toms

Minutes: Erin Brady

Item	Description/Discussion/ Comments	Action	Recommendation
1	Acknowledgment of country	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.	
2	Apologies	Angela Berry, Jennifer O'Brien, Laura Smith-Khan	
3	Declarations of Interest	Nil	
4	Guest Speaker	Caringa - Leon Ankersmit, Glen McClymont, Mackenzie Harvison. Notes can be found at Item 10.	
5	Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting held on Moved: Dave Moran Second: Cr Steve Pickering		
6	Business Arising from the Minutes		
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6.01	Maclean playground accessible carpark	Parking installed. Photos provided.	Remove from agenda.
6.02	Agar Park Upgrade Stage 2	<p>Danielle Shelley (CVC Strategic Infrastructure) talked committee through the plans for Agar Park upgrade including accessible parking, pathways and traffic calming measures.</p> <p>Cr Steve Pickering – will there be pedestrian access at proposed give way? DS – ideally, we don't want to encourage pedestrians crossing here – gradients wouldn't meet standards.</p> <p>Cr Karen Toms – when will this go out for community consultation. DS – planned consultation with access committee and letter box drop – next week.</p> <p>Alana Brooks – proposing a parallel accessible space at end of current pathway.</p>	<p>DS will email plans to committee for better viewing/accessibility.</p> <p>EB investigate accessible options to make presentations more inclusive and easy to follow.</p>
6.03	Change accessible carpark update – Memorial Park & Prince Street	<p>Alana Brooks – spoke about options for committee to consider to resolve this, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install signage to better promote space around corner on Victoria Street. - Option to move accessible park to chambers end of Prince Street - Would need kerb ramp. Estimated cost: \$13,000 - Also costed removing park and putting 1-2 spaces at Memorial Park. Approx. \$13,000 - No current budget to deliver changes but if committee agrees on an option Council could seek funding. <p>Cr Toms – asked about car park by the kerb ramp in middle section of Memorial Park carpark. Could this be an option to put two accessible parks here with shared space in middle and existing kerb ramp? Bit further away from CVC building but will be close to toilets.</p> <p>Alana Brooks – yes – we could pursue this at</p>	AB Take to traffic committee.

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	<p>relative low cost. Add signage for all spaces. Low cost option. Remove end spot and move two sites down to the middle.</p> <p>Committee agreed with this option. Option to go to traffic committee.</p>		
6.04 Grafton Waterfront	<p>Jason Kinglsey showed photos of Memorial Park pathway at top of hill by shade area and explained perceived safety risk. JK – You can see two delineated concrete pads – thought put barrier 150mm high to prevent any mobile scooter, chair, walker, wheeling over the edge.</p> <p>Stewart Mackie – went back to designers. They came back saying design scopes are compliant. 150mm kerb wall could become a trip hazard. Strategic Infrastructure is in project delivery and handed over to Open Spaces. Option could be to build up a 600mm run off in turf. Would cost approx.. \$6500 to turf and hydro mulch.</p> <p>Dave Moran – I went down and had look – there is a distinct edge and colour contrast of concrete/grass assists vision impaired. Had an idea - Would it be possible to put more obstacles between main walkway and that edge? So wheelchairs couldn't get to that edge? Could put rocks as seats? To put obstacle in? Can act as seating as well.</p>	Action – SM talk to Open Spaces about seating and report back to committee.	
6.05 Access at a Glance	Carry over		
6.06 DIAP	Submissions closing soon for Draft DIAP.		

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6.07 IDPwD	<p>Jason Kingsley – Social Futures and CVC working on wheelchair basketball tournament. CVAS and South High on board. Trying to get all high schools involved. Round robin. Able bodied and disabled. Run by David Johnson – former Olympian – silver medal Sydney Olympics. Also have an exhibition game - Police vs Pollies. Social Futures supplies the chairs. Perpetual Inclusion trophy as well.</p> <p>Cr Pickering – no experience in chair or sports – could I play? JK – yes absolutely.</p>		
6.08 Accessible Beaches	Carry Over		
6.09 Accessible swing attachment	Followed up with Open Spaces. Supplier said safety concerns with recommended swing. Exploring options.		
6.10 Playground Policy	Updated policy going to next council meeting for adoption.		
6.11 Treelands Drive Community Centre update	Explanation given to Access Committee members about the process to present or speak to Council before council meeting to express support or non-support of a project.		

7 General Business

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7.01 McDonalds	<p>Committee member reported lift doesn't work. Hasn't for some time. Compliance issue. Lift needs to be repaired. People in wheelchairs can't get in. People with disability getting carried up.</p> <p>Cr Steve Pickering – clarified details.</p>	<p>EB – follow up with compliance</p> <p>Cr Pickering – to submit a 'report it'.</p>	

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7.02	Ulmarra picnic area	Open spaces confirmed it would stencil wheelchair symbol on concrete identifying accessible tables, as recommended by Caitlin Kinglsey at previous meeting.	EB to provide photo when completed.
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8	Correspondence		
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9	DAs for Consultation		
9.01	n/a		
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10	<p>Guest Speaker notes: Caringa's Leon Ankersmit, Glen McClymont, Mackenzie Harvison</p> <p>Caringa have been part of the community for 70 years, providing disability services including employment services. Have facility at Orara Street that employs 50 people and 3 lawn crews – Top Cuts, plus market garden. Developed skills passports to create open employment opportunities.</p> <p>Caringa provides services to 375 people in the disability community in the Clarence Valley region and Coffs Coast. Have over 200 staff.</p> <p>Always looking for opportunities and feedback. Door is always open. Would like to be seen as more than a disability service – a service for everyone – a community organisation for purpose.</p> <p>Celebrating 70 years, Caringa is fundraising for a mobile sensory space for community events. Engaged Creative Sensory Spaces in Newcastle . Looking for grant opportunities and to partner with local organisations.</p>		

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11	Next Meeting		
	Chair:	Cr Toms	Minutes: Erin Brady
	Date / Time:	October 18 2023	Location: Grafton Chambers
12	Meeting close	12.25pm	

K. Toms.

Chair: Councillor Karen Toms
18 October 2023