

WALKING, CYCLING AND MOBILITY REFERENCE GROUP



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LEVEL 9 FUNCTION ROOM

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The Walking, Cycling and Mobility Reference Group provides advice to Council on the preparation and implementation of bicycle, pedestrian and disability access policies and strategic plans in the City of Wollongong.

MEMBERS:

David Brown - Chair	Councillor Delegate
Mithra Cox	Councillor Delegate
Mike Dowd	Council Officer (Infrastructure Strategy & Planning)
Tracy Venaglia	Coordinator Community Development & Social Planning
Phil Latz	Representing bicycle users
Jon Lindley	Representing bicycle users
Edward Birt	Representing Pedestrians
Chye Toole-Anstey	Representing Pedestrians
Brian Gardner	Access Needs of People with a Disability
Fiona Myers	Access Needs of People with a Disability
Beth Robrahn	Families with Children Representative
Trish McBride	Access Needs for Seniors Representative

INVITED:

Peter Nunn	Transport & Stormwater Services Manager
Alison Bradford	Engagement Coordinator
David Wilson	Senior Traffic Engineer
Rob Gaudiosi	Traffic Engineer

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1. Standing Agenda Items

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

“I would like to pay my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we meet, and pay my respect to Elders past, present and future. I would also like to extend my respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present here today.”

1.2 Apologies

1.3 Disclosures of Interests

1.4 Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

Action Item 1: Each Reference Group Agenda item will now include a feedback request at the bottom and all necessary background information attached.

Council Response: Council has now commenced this process and will continue to relay any useful and relevant information to the group.

Action Item 2: Council to provide an update on footpaths for Karrara and Huxley Parks, Horsley.

Council Response: Currently under investigation.

Action Item 3: Bus Stop Audit Report to be finalised and provided to the group.

Council Response: Data is still being collated and is currently being reviewed by Council.

2. Bike Plan Review

The City of Wollongong Bike Plan 2019 to 2023 is currently being drafted with the aim to bring the plan further in line with the Pedestrian Plan and industry best practice. Surveys have been undertaken (Attachment 1) to determine participation levels and current needs of our community. The data has reaffirmed the strategic direction of the current Bike Plan and that the needs of Wollongong are consistent with the state.

Council is in the process of engaging a consultant to undertake surveys of cycleway utilisation at different locations (Attachment 2) to compare data collected in the existing Bike Plan and inform future project priorities. The new plan will like have a stronger focus on:

- Prioritising off-road shared path funding,
- Retaining young cyclists and
- Better prioritisation based on utilisation.

Another key focus of the new Bike Plan is to achieve UCI Bike City status for Wollongong. 'The mission of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) is to develop cycling city at all levels from elite competitions through to the use of bikes as a leisure activity and means of transport'.

To be eligible for the UCI label, cities and regions must demonstrate how elite cycling events can be part of an overall strategy to promote and achieve safe cycling for all.

Requested Reference Group Feedback

1. Review the Cycling Participation document (Attachment 1) and provide input where applicable.
2. Review the Cyclist Count Locations (Attachment 2) and provide input on the chosen or any additional locations which should be considered.
3. Review and provide comment on the criteria and weightings used to the rank and prioritise cycleway projects (Attachment 3). Below are 2 examples of how the new Bike Plan may be structured:
 - City of Wollongong Pedestrian Plan 2017 to 2021
<http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/development/planningforthefuture/Documents/City%20of%20Wollongong%20Pedestrian%20Plan%202017-2021.pdf>
 - Gold Coast Active Transport Plan 2017 to 2027
<http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/documents/ps/active-transport-plan.PDF>

3. Council Car Park Accessibility Audit

There are 323 Council owned public car parks located in the various suburbs of Wollongong City Council. These car parks have all been audited against accessibility standards (Attachment 4). Each car park was labelled Green (Desirable), Yellow (Necessary) or Red (Urgent) to show the level of compliance and action required. The auditor has provided a photo of each car park and marked up improvement opportunities with some examples provided (Attachment 5). Some criteria which each carpark was measured against are listed below.

- Kerb Ramps
- Pavement Markings
- Tactile Ground Surface Indicator (TGSi) AS Compliant
- Pavement Surface and Condition
- Lighting

Requested Group Feedback

1. Suggested improvements to the accessibility of existing Council car parks.
2. Locations of car parks which should be prioritised for improvements.
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4. Update to the Disability Inclusion Action Plan

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan guides Council in meeting its obligations under the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014, provides the strategic framework that sets out strategies and actions that Council will deliver to support people with a disability to participate fully in the community. Our DIAP is coming to the end of its timeframe and Council Officers are beginning the process of updating the Plan.

As a first step in the process we are checking in with the community to make sure that the Plan is still in line with what people see as important. Council is organising a number of engagement activities that will provide people with disability, their families, carers and friends the opportunity share their experiences of accessing Council services, facilities, activities and information. The information collected will help us identify and understand the challenges people with disability experience, as well as the opportunities they see for future improvement. This information will be used to help set priorities for the Plan.

The process of updating the Plan is expected to take 12 months. We are currently in the early stages, with community engagement being our primary focus in the coming months. We are seeking the involvement and support of the Reference Group in promoting the engagement opportunities to their networks. Through the engagement process and the data collected, Council Officers will identify recurring themes and the areas the community see as a priority going forward. Once these priority areas have been identified, they will be presented to the Reference Group and their feedback will be sought on a way forward in addressing these issues.

A copy of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2016-2020, the survey and frequently asked questions can be found following the link below.

<https://www.haveyoursaywollongong.com.au/disability-inclusion-action-plan>

Requested Group Feedback

Promote the survey and engagement opportunities to networks.

5. Forward Planner

A draft forward plan of agenda items for the 2019 Reference Group Meetings has been developed to outline major programs that will be discussed throughout the year. The plan may be amended depending on time constraints.

Two items, the CBD Footpath Prioritisation and On Street Mobility Parking have scheduled for August 2019 but now deferred until further notice. This project does not have the available resourcing at this point in time and further work prior is required before presentation to the group.

Forward Planner – 2019 Reference Group Program

5 FEBRUARY	2 APRIL	5 JUNE	6 AUGUST	15 OCTOBER	3 DECEMBER
Meet and Greet and Introduction	Delivery Program Review	Accessibility Audits for Bus Stops	Bike Plan Review Part 2	Access and Movement Engagement	Delivery Program Development Prioritisation
Brief Outline of Council's key documents	Bike Plan Review	Environmental Strategy Review	Accessible Car Park Audit	Footpath Priority (New)	Draft Capital Works Program Projects (20/21)
Major Programs for review in 2019	Helensburgh Town Centre Plan	Briometrix Mapping	Disability Inclusion Action Plan		
	Foreshore Access and Movement				

6. General Business

7. Next Meeting

15 October 2019

8. Close Meeting