



MINUTES

WALKING, CYCLING AND MOBILITY REFERENCE GROUP

at 5.00 pm

Tuesday 6 August 2019

Present

Councillor David Brown – Chairperson, Councillor M Cox, Mike Dowd – Manager Infrastructure Strategy & Planning, Tracey Venaglia – Coordinator Community Development & Social Planning, Phil Latz – Bicycle User Representative, Jon Lindley - Bicycle User Representative, Edward Birt – Pedestrian Representative, Chye Toole- Anstey – Pedestrian Representative, 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

In Attendance

David Wilson – Transport & Stormwater Services Manager (Acting), Rob Gaudiosi – Traffic Engineer, Kiosha Gardner – Community and Cultural Planner, Ellen Dreghorn – Administration Officer, Gemma Farrell – PA to Manager Infrastructure Strategy & Planning

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1 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

1.2 Apologies

Nil

1.3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures.

1.4 Previous Minutes of Meeting

The Minutes were confirmed from the meeting held on 5 June 2019 as being noted and accepted, subject to:

1. General Business is to be amended and include an additional paragraph:
'In light of the abovementioned design concepts the Group discussed at length Council's shared concept plan for the Denison Street, Wollongong. The Group were of the opinion that Council should investigate this design process, in particular, as well as future designs for ride share paths to improve accessibility in the LGA'.
2. The Action Summary is to be amended to include an item to investigate Denison Street, Wollongong design and provide an update at the next meeting.

Council Officer's briefly spoke to Action Items 1, 2 & 3.

2 BIKE PLAN REVIEW

Council's Transport and Stormwater Services Manager (Acting), David Wilson, informed the Group that the review of the Bike Plan for 2019 to 2023 took into consideration the historical data together with new information.

Group Feedback

- The Group collectively discussed key points and questioned the methodology of the Bike Plan including, but not limited to, the participation survey, criteria and locations. Council is currently seeking funding to assist with this project.
- Additionally, concerns were raised that on road cyclist usage in the Helensburgh area would not be accurately captured as coal trucks used major routes. Fiona agreed to communicate with cyclists in her area and report back to the Group.
- Cr Cox also indicated there are a number of missing links such as along McCauley's Beach Estate and from Guest Park to Wollongong TAFE. There were questions from the Group regarding how to safely navigate these routes.
- The Group requested that the community become more involved with cycling activities especially at the primary school level. Council Officers advised the group that Bike Week will be starting on Saturday 21 September 2019.

- The Group members are to continue discussions with Council regarding improvements to bike amenities in the LGA and any detailed feedback regarding prioritisation of bike paths should be sent to the Transport and Stormwater Services Manager (Acting).
- The Manager of Infrastructure Strategy and Planning advised the Group that all the feedback provided by the group would be considered in reviewing the Bike Plan.

3 COUNCIL CAR PARK ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT

Council's Transport and Stormwater Manager (Acting), David Wilson, provided an update on the Car Park Accessibility Audit.

Group Feedback

- It was noted that the data showed a number of non-compliant car parks marked in red on the information provided. As part of Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan there will be a focus on working more holistically when considering active transport and accessibility.
- The Group discussed a number of issues regarding access to suitable car spaces including after-hours enforcement, dimensions and other barriers affecting accessibility to public areas.
- Members were encouraged to download the "Wollongong Report It" App for Wollongong Council that is available to the public.

4 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN (DIAP)

Wollongong City Council was the first Council to develop a Disability Inclusion Plan (DIAP). Council's Community and Cultural Planner provided a brief update on the DIAP and informed the Group that this plan will work collaboratively with other plans such as the Beach and Foreshore Access Strategy and Public Toilet Implementation Strategy. Council is seeking the involvement and support of the Reference Group in promoting the engagement opportunities and an upcoming survey.

Group Feedback

- Council was invited to contact the Disability Trust to assist with this project as it has a number of advisory groups. It was noted that community feedback and workshops provided important information to alter the shift of projects to better serve the community. It was suggested that the Council consider a workshop at an upcoming event at the Novatel.
- The Reference Group were encouraged to promote a [survey](#) and workshops and if interested to look at the [Quick Links – Improving Accessibility](#). Hard copies of the survey were distributed to the members to provide feedback. The closing date for feedback is 26 August 2019.
- The Group would be provided with an update of the review once the engagement period for the strategy has concluded and the next stage of consultation advised.

5 FORWARD PROGRAM

The forward program was noted. The Manager of Infrastructure Strategy and Planning advised a workshop on Pedestrian Facilities will be added for the October meeting.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Group discussed the different types of crossing facilities which are currently being utilised in the LGA. Questions were raised by members as to why certain facilities were not implemented as frequently as others. The Group acknowledged that Council was bound by RMS guidelines, Austroads and Australian Standards regarding the design and implementation of pedestrian facilities.
- Council's Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning commented that although Council is constrained to these standards, it does test the limits to support community outcomes, noting that any significant deviation would need to be very well justified.
- It was suggested by committee members that signage may influence behavioural change between different types of road users.

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Walking Cycling and Mobility Reference Group will be held on 15 October 2019 on Level 9 in the Function Room.

8 CLOSE MEETING

Cr David Brown

Chairperson

Meeting Concluded: 6.50pm

Council Action Summary

Meeting Date	Meeting Agenda Number (or N/A)	Description	Status (Complete, In Progress or Other)	Officer Responsible	Due Date
5 February 2019	N/A	Council to liaise with the bus companies regarding the accessibility of the current bus fleet of local operations.	Complete	RG	April Meeting
	N/A	Investigate maintenance responsibilities along the bike path at Port Kembla at the next meeting.	Complete	RG	April meeting
	N/A	Design standards to be discussed at a future meeting in an agenda item.	In Progress	MD	Check with Mike Dowd
	N/A	Response to Beth R regarding a setting up a Facebook Group	Complete	RG	April meeting
5 June 2019	4	Bus Stop Audit Report to be finalised and provided at a future Walking, Cycling and Mobility Reference Group.	In Progress	DW	October Meeting
	N/A	Action item at the bottom of each item so that members can provide feedback prior to the next meeting. And Committee members are to receive updated emails on projects out of session as they progress	Complete	RG	August Meeting
	N/A	Council to report to Chye regarding the footpaths for Karrara and Huxley Parks, Dapto	In Progress	DW	October Meeting
6 August 2019	N/A	Council to a briefing to the group on pedestrian facilities.	In Progress	RG	October Meeting