

Access Advisory Committee

14 September 2015



Minutes

HELD AT Club Bega

Present

Chris Sparks (Acting Chairman)	Rosemary Oates	John Grady (BVSC)
Ronald Finneran (OAM) part	John Reynolds	Keith Tull (BVSC)
Jennifer Dessens	Cr. Tapscott	Simon Schweitzer (BVSC)
Graham Carmody	Anthony Basford (BVSC)	Paul Lunniss (BVSC)
Lyndon Lewis	Jonathon Pyke (BVSC) on behalf of Jeff Tipping	Katrina Wright (BVSC)
Nathan Johnston	Peter Newton (BVSC)	

1 Welcome & Apologies

That the apologies submitted by Sue Thomas, Colin Dunn and Jeff Tipping for their inability to attend the meeting be accepted.

Welcome to John Reynolds as the new community Access Advisory Committee member.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

It was noted from Peter Newton that the minutes of the previous Access Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting held on 1 June 2015 be amended to the following:

5.3 Major Works/Development Projects updates

- **South East Regional Hospital** (Bega Regional Hospital)

Final stages of the new South East Regional Hospital is commencing. A pathway from Howard Avenue to Rose Street is shortly to commence construction.

Resolved on the motion of Chris Sparks & Anthony Basford.

That the minutes of the previous Access Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting held on 1 June 2015, be taken as read.

3 Marine Boating Infrastructure presented by David Buckley

David Buckley, Council's Project Engineer presented the recently completed marine boating infrastructure projects funded by the NSW Boating Now Program at Wonboyn Boat Ramp and Merimbula Lake Boat Ramp.

The new Marine Boating Infrastructure project at Mogareeka is in the preliminary stage and he would welcome any feedback on the design elements. The project includes an additional boat ramp to the western side of the existing pontoon. The tender for construction will commence toward the end of the year with construction commencing prior to Easter 2016.

Action: Katrina Wright to circulate the Mogareeka Boat Ramp plans to the AAC to provide feedback within 2-3 weeks to David Buckley.

Future marine boating infrastructure projects include Beauty Point and Kianniny by end of 2016/17.

11:45am Ron Finneran arrived at meeting.

4 Business arising from last meeting

4.1 Surf life Saving NSW – Pambula Community Inclusion Project

Ron Finneran advised that NSW Surf Life Saving have allocated \$120,000 to the Pambula-Merimbula facilities. The following submissions would be of interest to the AAC are as follows:

- Development of a star rating system of local businesses/community facilities on their inclusive practices towards disability;
- Accessible ramp to a viewing platform at Pambula Beach;
- Development of an app highlighting accessible places in the region;
- Training to support people with a disability in aquatic environments; and
- Purchase of wheelchair by Tulgeen for beach access.

4.2 Support legislative requirement to incorporate accessibility into DA plans

A letter was received on the 17 June 2015 from the NSW Government Planning & Environment Office of the Secretary Carolyn McNally acknowledging receipt of Council's letter raising concerns about accessibility requirements in caravan parks and camping grounds. Ms McNally advised that the Department is currently conducting a review of the Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwelling) Regulation 2005 and associated state planning policies.

Action: Katrina Wright to forward a copy of the letter from Ms McNally to Chris Sparks to discuss at the NSW Disability Council.

4.3 Draft Community Project Proposal Procedure

An information meeting will be held at 5:00pm on Tuesday 29 September 2015 at the Council Offices to provide information and an overview of the recent review of Council's process for Community Groups to propose to undertake works on land and facilities managed by Council. Invitations will be forwarded to all Service Clubs and Chambers of Commerce in the Shire this week.

4.4 Inclusion Action Plan

Anthony Basford advised the Inclusion Action Plan project has not progressed due to a lack of human resources and competing priorities.

4.5 Eden Cove Master Plan approval requirements

Keith Tull advised the Eden Cove developer has the responsibility to enable access to the beach from the northern end of Eden Cove in the next stage of the Master Plan. It was noted that the water and sewer services and improved road access will be the main focus.

It was noted by Cr Tapscott that Council is in consultation with private land owners to enable a public right of passage to the beach from the northern end of Eden Cove.

4.6 Pambula River Mouth comments

No comments were received from the AAC. Construction phase commences Monday 21 September 2015.

4.7 Bendigo Bank Community Grant Project

Lyndon Lewis reported that the Bendigo Bank Community Grant was awarded to a Bega River tree planting project.

Lyndon Lewis will advise the AAC when the next grant opportunities are available.

4.8 Barriers List

No feedback was received from the AAC.

Anthony Basford advised that a number of the items can be forwarded to our Customer Request Management system (CRM) and will be added to the general works program or referred to the appropriate area of Council for resolution. Items can also be recorded on the AAC Action Items & Outcomes Register.

Chris Sparks believed that the Barriers List has now become obsolete. He recommended the AAC to download the free app on the BVSC website “Snap Send & Solve” to advise Council of any issues.

Action: Anthony Basford to update Barriers List with a status on each of the items and redistribute to the AAC with a view to archiving the Barriers List.

5 New and other Business

5.1 Hits & Misses from the Chair (Ron Finneran)

Hits

- Bar Beach – magnificent facility for access purposes
- Wonboyn Boat Ramp
- Merimbula utility pole and bypass works
- Beach Street ramp

Misses

- Spencer Park – two new swings installed that are not accessible and also three new picnic table sets with only one being accessible.

Action: Paul Lunniss to pass on feedback to the works crew. Plan to establish a standard prototype for all new picnic tables to be accessible.

Action: At the request of the Chair that a plan for remedial action regarding the Spencer Park picnic tables with timelines be developed by John Grady.

5.2 Review of Wheelchair Basketball event in Bermagui held 10 September 2015

The general consensus of the committee that were in attendance was that it was successful given it was the first AAC event to raise awareness. The media coverage was excellent including a representative from ABC filming the event. It was also noted that Sue Thomas did a great job organising the event.

It was commented that it was a missed opportunity that more builders, planners and architects did not attend but it was acknowledged that it is difficult to expect attendance on a week day.

5.3 Sub-committees reports/updates

- **Bermagui (Graham Carmody)**

Graham reported that he had a lot of elderly people experiencing difficulty accessing Bruce Steer Pool and asked when a ramp would be installed.

John Grady advised that an assessment is required for the entire area which includes a ramp, pathway to the ramp from the carpark/amenities and also an improved surface on the rock groin. These works will not be completed by the 2015/16 summer but are included on the schedule of works.

- **Tathra (Chris Sparks)**

Chris Sparks advised that he is welcoming the refurbishment of the boating facilities at Mogareeka and also Kianniny.

- **Bega (John Reynolds)**

John advised that due to the Littleton Garden works there is a lack of accessible parking in the Bega CBD. He suggested that in future works temporary accessible parking be incorporated in the contract agreement and advertised to the community.

Paul Lunniss advised that all contracts include a Traffic Management Plan and temporary accessible parking can be incorporated.

- **Merimbula (Nathan Johnston/Rosemary Oates/Ron Finneran)**

Nathan advised that with his new larger wheelchair he is unable to participate in bowling at Top Fun due to access difficulties caused by one permanent seat that is bolted to the floor.

Action: Ron Finneran agreed to contact the Manager at Top Fun to negotiate an agreeable solution to the access issue.

Rosemary asked where the temporary library in Merimbula would be located?

Anthony Basford advised that a pop up library would be located at the old Auswide Building until the permanent relocation to Tura Beach.

Rosemary advised that there is not an accessible toilet on Tura Beach. The only accessible toilet is located in the Tura shopping complex.

Jonathon Pyke advised that it would be valuable to get feedback on the new Pambula Beach toilet that will be installed next week as a similar style of toilet could suit that location.

Ron Finneran advised that the renovations at the Waterfront Café do not include an accessible toilet. The owner of the complex does not have plans to incorporate an accessible toilet.

Jonathon Pyke advised that due to State regulations Council are unable to enforce the owner to install accessible toilets if the complex is not being updated.

- **Candelo/Bemboka (Jennifer Dessens)**

Jennifer advised that Candelo pool is not accessible.

John Grady advised that Master Plans for all pools in the Shire are commencing at the end of the year where this issue can be raised.

5.4 Major works/development project updates

- **Lake Curalo**

John Grady advised that the tender process for these works are currently open and closing next week.

- **Ford/Bega Park**

John Grady advised that the playground equipment has been ordered and due to arrive in November, 2015. Construction documents will be finalised this week to commence the tender process.

- **Bar Beach/Pambula River Mouth**

John Grady advised that improved access at Bar Beach is completed.

Pambula River Mouth works which includes a new toilet block, ramp to the beach, picnic tables and improvements to the storm water fall out commences 21 September 2015.

- **Bundian Way**

John Grady advised that Council has been working with the Aboriginal Lands Council to create cultural viewing platforms and pathways on the Cocora Beach to Quarantine Bay section of the path.

- **Littleton Gardens**

Anthony Basford advised that the current works surrounding Littleton Gardens include the road being elevated by ½ metre which will improve accessibility to the new Civic Centre and Council offices.

Chris Sparks asked if the picnic tables will be accessible?

Action: Anthony Basford to check the Littleton Gardens master plan and advise the AAC of the location of the accessible picnic tables.

- **Kiss' Lagoon**

Anthony Basford advised that improvements to the location of the picnic tables and extra concrete has been completed.

6 Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 1:55pm.

7 Next meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 7 December 2015 at Club Bega.