

Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Monday, 21 August, 2017
Location: Osprey Training Room, Level 1, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 11.00 am

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Membership

Clr Nina Cheyne - Chairperson
Clr Findley - Mayor
Clr Annette Alldrick
Mr Russ Pigg or nominee
Ms Ann Sudmalis MP or nominee
Ms Leonie Dippel
Mr Alex Collins
Ms Jodie Hoger
Ms Mel Gorman
Mr Neville Foord
Ms Jackie Kay AM
Mr Bill Deaves
Ms Andrea Wallace
Mr Theo Bagou
Ms Nola Stephens
Ms Deb McKenzie
Mr Arthur Ball
Ms Annette Pham
Mr Stephen Taylor
Ms Donna Dives
Mr Brett Tory – non attending member

Quorum – Five (5)

Purpose

- To identify the major needs of the different disability groups in the Local Government area.
- To make recommendations to Council to resolve the local access problems in priority order.
- To develop a policy on access which can be used in conjunction with the Building Code of Australia in the consideration of applications for building or development and generally in the preparation of Council's own plan for recreation facilities.
- To increase public awareness of access barriers and the extent to which they disadvantage people with disabilities, the aged and parents with children etc.

MINUTES OF THE SHOALHAVEN ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Monday, 22 May 2017

Location: Osprey Training Room, Level 1, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra

Time: 11.00 am

The following members were present:

Clr Annette Alldrick

Clr Findley – arrived at 12.40 pm

Clr Nina Cheyne – Chairperson

Clr White

Ms Mel Gorman

Ms Jackie Kay

Mr Bill Deaves

Mr Theo Bagou

Mr Arthur Ball

Mr Martin Uptis - Assets Manager (General Manager's nominee)

Ms Annette Pham

Others Present:

Susan Edwards – Senior Strategic Planner

Brad Davis – Manager, Asset Strategy

Chris Mitchell

Stephen Taylor

The Chairperson opened the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners and paid respect to Aboriginal Elders past and present.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Nola Stephens

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Annette Pham / Theo Bagou)

That the Minutes of the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee held on Monday 20 February 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

REPORTS**SAA17.13 Application for Membership****HPERM Ref:**
D17/85961

Stephen Taylor introduced himself and advised members that he has a child with a disability and is employed as an Aboriginal support worker.

Recommendation:

That Council

1. Appoint Mr Stephen Taylor as a community member to the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee
2. Write to Mr Taylor to notify him of his appointment and invite him to all future meetings.

Recommendation (By consent)

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SAA17.14 Membership - NSW Ageing Disability and Home Care**HPERM Ref:**
D17/120270**Recommendation:**

That Council

1. Accept the membership resignation of NSW Ageing Disability and Home Care and write to thank them for their contribution.
2. Invite Uniting National Disability Insurance Scheme Local Area Coordination Team to nominate a member to participate on the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee.
3. Update the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee membership once confirmed.

Recommendation (By consent)

That Council

1. Accept the membership resignation of NSW Ageing Disability and Home Care and write to thank them for their contribution.
2. Invite Uniting National Disability Insurance Scheme Local Area Coordination Team to nominate a member to participate on the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee.
3. Update the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee membership once confirmed.

SAA17.15 Action Table**HPERM Ref:
D17/125277**

The action table was updated and the following noted:

- Riverfest public access and transport - Staff are awaiting the outcome of an application for grant funding from Transport NSW. If this is unsuccessful, alternative options will be considered, such as the offer from Budawang School to make two accessible buses available to Council to rent during week-ends and school holidays (at an approximate cost of \$100 per day each with buses to be refuelled prior to their return).
- Winter Wine Festival – Silos have an accessible bus and accessible wineries are marked on brochures
- Briometrix Mapping focus group – Awaiting further advice with regard to the pilot program, staff will request the pilot program be delivered free of charge, otherwise it will not be pursued.
- Assistance Dogs access issues
 - Awareness campaign deferred until after May 2017
 - Cllr Cheyne advised that the Nowra CBD Revitalisation Strategy Committee has allocated funds from the 2017/2018 committee budget to offer land owners an incentive to improve access issues in retail businesses in the CBD, for example, improving access to shops and widening aisles. Note: program guidelines are currently being prepared. The committee discussed how various access issues could be overcome in the CBD, for instance, businesses such as cafés could investigate portable ramps for the threshold to improve access.
- Access Issues Huskisson Wharf – All parties are cooperating. Waiting on signs to be erected. Chris Mitchell has applied for membership on the Wharf Working Party committee.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receive this report for information.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

SAA17.16 Review of Major Projects and Public Accessible Buildings by the Committee for Comment and Recommendation**HPERM Ref:
D17/135345**

Staff noted that development applications must comply with legislation. The committee can view and make comment on DAs via DA tracking on Council's website

<http://www3.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/masterviewUI/modules/ApplicationMaster/Default.aspx>

Cllr White advised the Committee on the DA submission process.

The Committee agreed that email addresses should be circulated among the members for consultation purposes of the members.

Recommendation

That all DA applications for new major projects and substantial renovations to major public buildings, for new council facilities and for public accessible buildings be reviewed by the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee for comment and recommendations.

RESOLVED (By consent)

1. Staff to investigate appropriate ways in which to distribute Development Applications received by Council to the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee.
 2. Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee email addresses to be circulated to all members.
- CARRIED

SAA17.17 Increase the Frequency of Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee Meetings**HPERM Ref:
D17/135398**

Clr Cheyne noted that the Committee can establish working groups if required but it is not feasible to increase the number of committee meetings at this time. Extraordinary meetings can also be scheduled if required.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee increase the number of times it meets from four (4) meetings a year to eight (8) meetings a year.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

SAA17.18 Summary of the Federal Government Response (March 2017) to the review into the Access to Premises - Building 2010**HPERM Ref:
D17/137395**

It was noted that care should be taken when using the name "Changing Places", as it is a trade mark. The correct name is "Lift and Change Facility". Brad Davis advised a survey is currently being undertaken at the Nowra Aquatic Park.

Recommendation

That:

1. Shoalhaven City Council be the first council in Australia to exceed the current standard and agree to build adult change facilities in all its new council buildings (and council owned facilities) when undergoing major renovations.
2. Council staff in the DA section recommend Adult Change Facilities be incorporated into all new DA applications for new large public buildings such as shopping centres, hospital, transport hubs and recreational facilities.

RESOLVED (By consent)

Staff to provide further information to the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee regarding incorporation of adult change facilities in new DA applications for new large public buildings, for example shopping centres. Information and documentation from other councils, such as Penrith & Batemans Bay, to be considered.

CARRIED

SAA17.19 Improving Attitudes and Behaviour**HPERM Ref:
D17/148871**

Staff noted that new resources are expected to be rolled out in July 2017.

Recommendation

That Council

1. Commission murals depicting the abilities of people with disabilities from our community - example Grace Kennedy
2. Adopt and promote the new disabled logo seen at the last Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee meeting on 20 February 2017.
3. Run a campaign among shop owners and business in the Shoalhaven - "Good Access is Good Business"

CARRIED

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

SAA17.20 Review of Council's Tender Processes and Procurement of Services and Infrastructure With a Value Under \$250,000**HPERM Ref:
D17/148908**

Staff noted that Council has a responsibility to protect the interests of ratepayers and this is the reason for the obligations and requirements placed on tender submissions.

Clr White noted that Workplace Health and Safety requirements are an essential part of the procurement process, they are legislated and help protect the community.

Martin Uptis noted that, as issues such as review of Council's tender processes, is not the core business of this committee, members should take advice from staff prior to submitting reports to future meetings.

Recommendation

That Council decrease some of the obligations on people and businesses submitting tenders for council infrastructure.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

SAA17.21 Café/ Kiosk for Livvi's Place Mollymook Beach Reserve**HPERM Ref:
D17/149768**

Staff suggested that members could encourage local existing businesses such as cafés to consider people with disabilities in part of their work plan.

Recommendation

That Council investigate grants which are available to build a Pop Up Café/ Kiosk at Livvi's Place

Mollymook Beach Reserve.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

SAA17.22 Changing Place Toilet For Huskisson

**HPERM Ref:
D17/149775**

Staff noted that Council has been a strong supporter of changing places toilets (adult change facilities) over recent years, and referred to one of the strategies in Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP), which is to progressively increase the availability of accessible toilets across the Shoalhaven.

Annette Pham tabled an estimate for a toilet and change station for people with disabilities to be attached to the existing toilet facility at White Sands Park Huskisson.

Recommendation

That Council co-fund a Changing Place Toilet at White Sands Park Huskisson.

Recommendation (By consent)

That Council consider co-funding a Lift and Change facility for people with disabilities at White Sands Park Huskisson.

**SAA17.23 Review and Comments on Council's Disability Inclusion
Action Plan**

**HPERM Ref:
D17/149816**

It was noted that the DIAP addresses major issues and an indicative timeline cannot be given until funding is determined.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That SAAC provide feedback to Council on contents of Disability Inclusion Action Plan and make recommendations for improvements.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee receive the report for information.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

**SAA17.24 Additional Item - Access Issues at Nowra Aquatic Centre and Narrawallee Beach
Carpark**

Nowra Aquatic Centre: Bill Deaves advised that there is a 3 cm step at the doorway into the meeting room at the Nowra Aquatic Centre that is an issue for wheelchair users. Note: A threshold strip has been organised to be installed.

The Committee was also advised that a rail is needed for the ramp.

Narrawallee Beach Carpark: Theo Bagou advised that the carpark at the beach has many pot holes and this causes issues for wheelchair users.

RESOLVED (By consent)

1. Staff to meet Theo Bagou on site to inspect the carpark issues at Narrawallee Beach.
2. Staff to inspect the need for a rail for the ramp at the Nowra Aquatic Centre.

CARRIED

SAA17.25 Additional Item: Accessible Carparks - Lighting in toilets at the Lions Park, Sussex - Accessible Icon Project

Accessible Carparks – Staff noted that parking standards must be met under Council's Development Control Plan. The Committee viewed photos and discussed the carpark standards and issues for drivers and/or passengers with disabilities entering/exiting vehicles in the designated accessible carparks in Graham Street. Note: This matter will be reviewed at the Traffic Committee.

Lighting in the toilets at the Lions Park, Sussex – It was noted that the lighting is very poor in the toilets. Note: Staff have inspected this and propose to install improved lighting.

Accessible Icon Project – Staff noted that the current disability icon is legislated and where this is used, parking restrictions can be enforced.

RESOLVED (By consent)

1. That staff write to RMS for a determination on using the new Accessible Icon for disabled car parking spaces.
2. The Accessible Icon can be used on toilet facilities which are non-regulative.

CARRIED

SAA17.26 Additional Item - Access issues for users of some wharfs

The issue of people in wheelchairs not being able to access some wharfs, for example Myola, was raised.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That Annette Pham to write to the Husky Ferry to suggest use of the boat ramp for people using wheelchairs.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 1.00 pm.

Clr Nina Cheyne
CHAIRPERSON

SAA17.27 Action Table

HPERM Ref: D17/246947

Group: Finance Corporate & Community Services Group
Section: Recreation Community & Culture

Purpose / Summary

To update the Committee about the progress on actions from previous committee meeting

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee receive this report for information.

Options

1. That the committee receive this report for information

Implications: The committee is informed about progress on actions arising from past business

2. That the committee does not accept this report for information and makes an alternative recommendation.

Implications: Areas of priority identified by the committee are not addressed in a timely way.

File Number	Added to Action Table	Issue	Outcomes	Reports or comments 21 August 2017
1228E SAA 17.8	December 2015	The new Chinese Restaurant in Huskisson has a lift however a key is required to gain access.	The building owners have agreed to place a new sign at the walkway entrance (near the real estate agency) and another sign near the lift itself. The signs will incorporate the International Symbol of Access. The building owners have provided Council with a draft copy of the proposed signs to be installed. This draft was verbally approved. The signs should be installed before the next meeting.	The building owner has now installed new signage at the entrance to the walkway (near the Real Estate Office) and near the lift itself. The signs incorporate the International Symbol of Access. Prior to installation, the Building Section Manager approved the location and design of the signs.
1228E SAA17.9	June 2016	Riverfest Public Access and Transport	Riverfest public access and transport - Staff are awaiting the outcome of an application for grant funding from Transport NSW. If this is unsuccessful, alternative options will be considered, such as the offer from Budawang School to make two accessible buses available to Council to rent during week-ends and school holidays (at an approximate cost of \$100 per day each with buses to be refuelled prior to their return).	Grant application successful. -Kennedy's to provide accessible shuttle to run continually between Railway station, CBD and festival site throughout both days. - Promotion Plan required - Gold Coin Donation - requirement of funding. - Record numbers using the bus to allow evaluation. - If the project is successful we can consider reapplying annually for the funds.

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5603E	June 2016	Winter Wine Festival – Accessible Options	Accessible wineries now listed on website, brochure and event flyers. Silos have purchased an accessible bus	No Further action
10465E SAA17.7	September 2016	Accessible Carparks	Referred to Ordinary Meeting 28 Feb 2017 for resolution. Recommendation that council: 1. Convert the 2 x 45 degree existing car parks in Graham St to 1 accessible space. 2. Include the new Accessible Icon Signage.	Recommendation Carried. MIN17.152
1228E D17/3169 2	February 2017	Briometrix Mapping Services	Briometrix Mapping focus group – Awaiting further advice with regard to the pilot program, staff will request the pilot program be delivered free of charge, otherwise it will not be pursued.	This is no longer going ahead. Briometrix have asked for a substantial fee. No further action required.
SAA17.12	February 2017	Access Issues – Huskisson Wharf	All parties are cooperating. Waiting on signs to be erected. Chris Mitchell has applied for membership on the Wharf Working Party committee.	Chris to provide update at meeting
SAA17.14 D17/1202 70	May 2014	Membership - NSW Ageing Disability and Home Care	NSW ADHC will be no longer from July 2017. Invite membership from NDIA or Uniting NDIS Local Area Co-ordination team.	Complete – Donna Dives will represent Uniting NDIS Illawarra & Shoalhaven Local Area Coordination

SAA17.16 D17/1353 45	May 2017	Review of Major Projects and Public Accessible Buildings by the Committee for Comment and Recommendation	<p>1. Staff to investigate appropriate ways in which to distribute Development Applications received by Council to the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee.</p> <p>2. Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee email addresses to be circulated to all members.</p>	<p>1. See report with this agenda.</p> <p>2. Complete. No further action required.</p>
SAA17.18 D17/1373 95	May 2017	Summary of the Federal Government Response (March 2017) to the review into the Access to Premises - Building 2010	Staff to provide further information to the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee regarding incorporation of adult change facilities in new DA applications for new large public buildings, for example shopping centres. Information and documentation from other councils, such as Penrith & Batemans Bay, to be considered.	<p>The issue of adult lift & change facilities has been the subject of discussion for some time. If changes are made to the standard, then it will become mandatory for all new buildings to have adult lift & change facilities installed. This may also be extended to developments for alterations and additions.</p> <p>It would be a great initiative to include these adult & lift change facilities now. A recent development at the cross roads in Vincentia has included these facilities. Current approach is actively discussing at a DAU.</p>

SAA17.22 D17/1497 75	May 2017	Changing Place Toilet For Huskisson	Recommendation (By consent) That Council consider co-funding a Lift and Change facility for people with disabilities at White Sands Park Huskisson.	Separate report on “Adult lift and change” facilities. Council currently has a public toilet strategy with next priorities being 1. Mollymook Reserve all-inclusive play space 2. Berry CBD 3. Sanctuary Point – Clifton reserve 4. Bendalong near boat ramp and beach
SAA17.24	May 2017	Additional Item - Access Issues at Nowra Aquatic Centre and Narrawallee Beach Carpark	RESOLVED (By consent) 1. Staff to meet Theo Bagou on site to inspect the carpark issues at Narrawallee Beach. 2. Staff to inspect the need for a rail for the ramp at the Nowra Aquatic Centre.	1) Council staff meet with Theo and Bill onsite. An action plan has been developed. Further details are proposed on completion of works. 2) A site inspection occurred and a rail has been determined as the best outcome. It has been ordered. In addition, is proposed to be installed in the near future.
SAA17.25	May 17	Additional Item: Accessible Carparks - Lighting in toilets at the Lions Park, Sussex - Accessible Icon Project	RESOLVED (By consent) 1. That staff write to RMS for a determination on using the new Accessible Icon for disabled car parking spaces. 2. The Accessible Icon can be used on toilet facilities that are non-regulative.	Council has written to RMS (item 1). RMS recommended that as a proposed regulatory pavement symbol, that the application needs to be made through Standards Australia for review, as the item would need to be adopted into AS1428/AS2890. If adopted in the Australian standards, RMS may adopt the symbol in the RMS guidelines. Once included in AS2890 and adopted by RMS for use in NSW, Council may then implement the symbol in regulatory situations.

SAA17.26	May 17	Additional Item - Access issues for users of some wharfs	That Annette Pham to write to the Husky Ferry to suggest use of the boat ramp for people using wheelchairs	<p>Annette met with David and Jenny McDonald the owner of the Husky Ferry. I put the proposal to them that they use the Myola Ramp to pick up wheelchair passengers.</p> <p>Unfortunately this is not an option. Currently the Ferry runs from Huskisson Wharf to the car park at Myola. This takes 7 minutes. The journey time from Huskisson Wharf to Myola boat ramp is 25 minutes. The ferry runs to a schedule and therefore does not have enough time to make the return journey to Myola boat ramp . Financially it would not be viable for the McDonalds to provide this service though David did say if people ring him up and he has the capacity to help out on the day he will do so.</p> <p>David did say he doesn't bring many wheelchairs over from Myola but when he does the carers and David will manually carry the wheelchair onto the ferry. However, he says he brings many elderly people over and back from Huskisson many with mobility issues who manage with assistance from family. He brings hundreds of people over for the various triathlons who carry their bikes and families with Babies and prams.</p>
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SAA17.27

SAA17.28 Disability Inclusion Action Plan - Launch Event

HPERM Ref: D17/263128

Submitted by: Bill Deaves

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee be invited to all future events for the Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

Details

Not all members were invited, especially Nola Stephens. Nola for many years has been a driving force on this Committee. And Annette Pham in a short time has achieved a lot where it comes to kids with special needs so they to can enjoy the things we take for granted.

SAA17.28

SAA17.29 Plans - New Basketball Stadium Bomaderry

HPERM Ref: D17/263150

Submitted by: Bill Deaves

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That:

1. The Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee be allowed to review plans for the new stadium
 - a. Plans to include:
 - i. accessible toilets with push button electronic door openings.
 - ii. seating inside the stadium to allow places for wheelchair users to view games.
 - iii. counter heights that are accessible to wheelchair users.
2. SAAC to review placement of accessible parking spaces.

Details

Look at plans for access and disabled toilet with push button electronic door openings and where the disabled parking is located and wheelchair parking inside with low counter at kiosk or part there of. Space needs to be allocated inside the stadium for wheelchairs to view games.

SAA17.30 Door Replacement for the Disabled Toilets at the Nowra Aquatic Centre

HPERM Ref: D17/263204

Submitted by: Bill Deaves

Recommendation

That Council replace the door of the disabled toilet at the Nowra Aquatic Centre with an electronic sliding door.

Details

The disabled toilet door needs a sliding door not a swing in door as there is now.

The door is very hard to negotiate as the toilet bowl is in the way and the door is hard to open and awkward, therefore needs an electronic push button sliding door.

SAA17.30

SAA17.31 Review Terms of Reference

HPERM Ref: D17/259854

Submitted by: Annette Pham

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That Council review and expand the terms of reference for the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee to reflect the growing awareness and importance of access issues in the Shoalhaven.

Details

We want the Shoalhaven to be accessible and inclusive to everyone – our events, programs and town and village improvements should be planned to meet the needs of every member of our community.

Shoalhaven City Council has made a commitment to be diverse and inclusive, including through equitable and dignified access and inclusion of people with a disability to community facilities, programs and services across the Shoalhaven, and to facilitate and encourage participation in all aspects of life.

The current terms of reference for the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee are restrictive and limit the positive impact the committee could have on improving access and inclusion in the Shoalhaven. Many of the issues dealt with by the access committee are problems that should not have occurred in the first instance.

Terms of reference should be expanded to provide:

- Strategic, expert and impartial advice to council on the development, implementation, monitoring and review of Council's policies, strategies and plans to advance the inclusion of people with a disability.
- Provide input to policy development and review, planning and advice to Council across all areas relevant to people with disability.
- Provide input to enhance inclusion and accessibility for council's infrastructure, facilities, events, services, programs, systems and information for people with disability.
- Advise council on submissions council may make relating to State and Federal Government policy and legislation; and
- Provide advice to Council on how to identify issues that are relevant to people with disability.

Staff note:

A review of the terms of reference is planned for the November SAAC meeting. Staff would like to engage an external facilitator to guide the SAAC through this process. The community development team recently engaged Katie Fox from Illawarra Forum to facilitate a planning day for the Children's Services Reference Group and this was a very successful and positive experience. I recommend that we do the same for SAAC.

SAA17.32 Lift and Change Toilet for Huskisson

HPERM Ref: D17/259879

Submitted by: Annette Pham

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Committee be advised when the lift and change toilet will happen and what budget has been allocated.

Details

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan calls for funding of further adult change facilities in the Shoalhaven. Some private funding is available and I propose that Council provide the remaining funds to build a Changing Place Toilet at Huskisson. This can be done for a very reasonable sum and would be a great opportunity for council to show its commitment to livable communities as outlined in the disability inclusion action plan.

A quote was provided at the last Committee meeting.

At the Council meeting on the 26 June 2017, Council resolved that:

1. *Council consider co-funding a Lift and Change facility for people with disabilities at White Sands Park Huskisson as a priority*
2. *The terminology used by Council for these facilities be corrected to be changed to a "lift and change" facility in accordance with the Australian standards.*

When will this happen and what budget is allocated?

Note by staff

Council has been a strong supporter of lift & change facilities over recent years. However funding has to be diverted from other high priority works.

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP)

<http://doc.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/DisplayDoc.aspx?record=D17/111498> identifies at strategy S2.1 - progressively increase the availability of accessible toilets across the Shoalhaven.

An outcome of the DIAP is at O2.1.2 and strategy is Identify potential Council projects that could accommodate a Changing Place facilities. Action A2.1.2 is to Identify Council projects that could accommodate a changing Places facility and lobby for funds to provide for them.

A Lift & Change facility caters for persons with severe and profound disabilities and their carers as they are unable to use the current standard accessible toilets. The room includes an electronic hoist, adjustable adult change table and has more circulation space than a room provided for under the current legislation. The WC is peninsular to allow for 2 carers either side of the WC. This is non-compliant with the current standards for toilets for persons with disabilities and the WC is not able to be used by most wheelchair users who rely on grab rails on the wall. Thus there is a requirement for a compliant accessible toilet room as

well when providing a lift & Change facilities. It is worth noting that the Public amenity at White sands was constructed in 2004 and has a toilet for persons with disabilities.

A Lift & Change facility is not currently a requirement of the current building code, premises standard or Australian Standards but Council has already demonstrated its commitment to lift & change facilities

Shoalhaven City Council has led the way with providing Lift & Change rooms with facilities currently located at

- Nowra Aquatic Park – this is able to be used without paying for entry to the Nowra Aquatic Park
- Public toilet at Burrill lake – Lions park
- Public toilet at Mollymook all-inclusive play space – proposed to be open for patron use this year

Lift & Change toilets provided by others for public use in the Shoalhaven are located at in Nowra at Stockland's shopping Centre and Vincentia at the Bay & Basin Shopping Complex.

In major CBD areas such as

- Nowra – options are Nowra Aquatic park or Stockland shopping Centre
- Ulladulla – options are public toilet at Burrill lake and in near future Mollymook All-inclusive play space
- Bay & Basin – options are Bay & Basin Shopping Complex

What is Shoalhaven City Councils Public amenity Strategy?

Shoalhaven City Council has 119 public amenities (toilets) which are provided in areas of high demand associated with the use of other services such as:

- commercial/shopping centres
- parks or
- waterway facilities

There are many other public amenities provided at sporting facilities not included in this total which are opened for patron use. 58 of the 119 public toilets provided by Council were compliant for persons with disabilities at the time they were constructed.

Current asset strategy for public amenities is to replace those that are highly utilised, in poor or very poor condition, with current legislation that is for to cater for the 80 to 90th percentile of persons with disabilities. The current public amenity capital budget allows for on average the replacement, refurbishment or new public amenity each financial year. Council has with public amenity buildings replaced 6, refurbished 4 and constructed 7 in the past 13 years, 2 of which included lift & change facilities.

The previous financial year no current older public amenity was replaced as Council is using the budget to contribute to part of the construction costs of the new changing places room which are a higher cost than the compliant public toilet for persons with a disability at Mollymook All-inclusive play space.

The budget for a public amenity replacement was \$120,000 and this, along with a grant received of \$35,000 unfortunately was not sufficient funding for the construction of the new facility which includes two toilets:- a lift & change facility and a compliant accessible toilet at Mollymook All-inclusive play space.

Council has tendered all three lift & change facilities that are part of other facilities or projects and is aware of actual cost, which may differ from the reasonable sum indicated. This was discussed at the May 2017 SAAC meeting.

The proposal is identified in the next twenty public amenity proposed works.

Current public toilet budget for 2017/18 includes

- Sanctuary point – Clifton reserve
- Berry CBD
- Bendalong – near boat ramp.

Extensive community consultation has occurred with these resident groups. The Huskisson Woolamia Community Voice have been consulted about the proposal.

With public amenities the strategy includes factors such as location (CBD, park or waterway facility), utilisation levels, other existing infrastructure and utilisation level.

Lift & Change facilities is the terminology Council has adopted from the May 2017 SAAC meeting and has updated the webpage. However previous minutes have been adopted by Council and are not changed.

SAA17.33 Allocation of an appropriate budget to fund Shoalhaven City Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP)

HPERM Ref: D17/263046

Submitted by: Annette Pham

Recommendation

That Council engage an actuary to cost Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan, set KPI's to ensure the plan's objectives are being met and allocate and quarantine sufficient funds to achieve the KPI's and goals set out in the DIAP.

Details

Council launched its DIAP on Monday 7 August 2017. This much awaited document holds council's aspirations and plans to make the Shoalhaven an inclusive and accessible city for all members of our community. People with disabilities, their carers and community advocates have great expectation that council will deliver on its DIAP.

However at Council's ordinary meeting on the 26th June 2017 the following motion was passed

RESOLVED (MOTION) (Clr Cheyne / Clr Alldrick) MIN17.584

That Council:

- 1. Finalise and adopt the Disability Inclusion Action Plan with the minor amendments as summarised in this report and outlined in the attachment to this report.*
- 2. Council acknowledge that no funds have been specifically provided in the 2017/18 budget for the implementation of the plan, however noting that some infrastructure works will have outcomes consistent with the Plan.*
- 3. Council consider at each quarterly budget review the possibility of allocating \$100,000 for the DIAP and if not provided that council allocate \$100,000 in the 2018/19 budget to commence the implementation of actions contained in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan.*
- 4. Continue to highlight the tourism capacity and possibilities in the Shoalhaven for people with a Disability*

Funding of the DIAP needs to be more appropriate. No funding has been allocated in the 2017/2018 financial year and just \$100,000 budgeted in the 2018/2019 year. This is a preposterous amount of money. The committee would like to know how a budget of \$100,000 was reached. What costings have been done, who is setting the KPI's and who and how is the DIAP outcomes being reviewed.

The committee appreciate the commitment of all councillors to an inclusive society allowing full participation and social engagement for people with disabilities in the Shoalhaven. However we ask council to review its non-allocation of funds in the 2017/2018 year and to provide \$2m in funding in the 2018/2019 year. Serious funding is needed if the DIAP is to be implemented as intended. We ask that a member of the Shoalhaven Access Advisory Committee is consulted as part of a transparent open commitment to the appropriate funding of the DIAP.

Staff Note:

The DIAP and its actions have been adopted by Council and its implementation is now an operational matter. Council has resolved to review the allocation of funds to the DIAP quarterly and this will be actioned by staff through a Council report each quarter. A project control group is being established to ensure that the KPI's and goals contained in the plan are being met. These will be reviewed monthly by the control group and reported to the SAAC at each meeting via a standing agenda item.

Each department in Council is required to resource the DIAP's actions from their existing budgets. This is in part to ensure sustainability of the Plan whereby planning ahead to make sure that products, assets and services are inclusive and accessible from the outset will be an outcome that becomes an integral part of each section's operations.

The DIAP is about ensuring that Council's everyday operations are accessible, not necessarily about funding new projects. Resources for new projects will be funded on a needs basis and according to Council's many existing plans and processes. When new projects arise, they will incorporate the inclusive and accessible framework contained in the DIAP.