

MIN NO **MINUTES OF THE ASHFIELD ACCESS COMMITTEE OF ASHFIELD COUNCIL, HELD PRATTEN PARK TENNIS CLUB, 40 ARTHUR STREET, ASHFIELD ON MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2010, COMMENCING AT 12:00 PM.**

PRESENT Shelley Sha – Schizophrenia Fellowship
Will Russell – The Ella Centre
Ruth Paillas – Community Development Worker, Ashfield Council
Stephen Joannidis – Director Works & Infrastructure, Ashfield Council

APOLOGIES Councillor Stott – Chair; Matt Spanko – FRANS; Sharon Maher – Inner West Community Transport; Donna Economidis – Community Representative, Reg Holdsworth – Community Representative, Meaghan Devane – Commonwealth Carelink

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY

"Let us acknowledge that we are meeting on country for which the members and elders of the local Indigenous community have been custodians for many centuries, and on which Aboriginal people have performed age old ceremonies. We acknowledge their living culture and unique role in the life of this region."

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures were made.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

/10 **RESOLVED** Joannidis / Sha

That the minutes of the Ashfield Access Committee Meeting held on Monday 6 September 2010 be accepted.

ISSUES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Bus-stops

Council's Senior Engineer Infrastructure Management will be putting the Bus Shelter Tender out in early 2011. The Access Committee will be able to comment during public exhibition.

Asset Management Plans

These will be in draft form in March/April 2011 for the Committee to look at.

Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP)

An audit was completed. Ruth to follow up with Senior Engineer Design regarding explanation in areas where work has not been done.

Ashfield Park

A lighting study has been carried out in Ashfield Park. The Committee will be included on the stakeholder list for future community consultation.

Yeo Park

There is no budget allocation to refurbish the building in Yeo Park. At present Council's LEP does not allow for commercial operations onsite.

Hammond Park

The design work for the accessible toilets in Hammond Park is complete however the grant is not yet finalised for construction.

Georges River Road Master Plan

The Draft is being presented to the Business Chamber on 3 November. It is hoped that the new crossing will improve and create new business opportunities.

GENERAL BUSINESS**1. Discussion Paper - Council Recreation Strategy**

The Recreation Strategy should explore the debate regarding recreation options/equipment/spaces and expenditure priorities for different age groups. The question was raised about existing facilities providing for young people aged between 12 and 16.

RECOMMENDATION 1: Sha/Joannidis

That the Access Committee take part in community consultation processes during any future design and installation of play equipment in Council's parks and reserves.

2. Village Access Project - Haberfield update

The PAMP will guide the projects approach to navigating a path through the Haberfield commercial centre. Meetings are taking place between older Italians from one of the social groups who meet at the Haberfield Centre and staff at The Ella Centre. It is hoped that this will lead to building and improving relationships with people who use participate in day

programs at The Ella, staff, members of the Italian community and the business community.

3. RTA Pedestrian Safety Project – update

Update will be provided at the next meeting.

4. Business Use of Public Footpath - community consultation update

In the minutes of the community consultation meeting held on 30 September 2010 at Summer Hill Community Centre, consensus was noted for the placement of on-street dining furniture (and other sales objects) away from the shop-front to ensure a consistent path of navigation for people who are blind or have a vision impairment who use a blind cane.

The placement of furniture against the kerb-side is supported by the Committee in recognising the safety benefits for keeping all pedestrians away from the traffic.

The Committee supports a policy which requires shop owners to pay increased fees for leasing this public infrastructure for their private business use.

OTHER BUSINESS

Companion Card

Community Services are preparing a report for Council on the NSW Companion Card Program which is being auspiced by National Disability Services. The Report will encourage Ashfield Council to become affiliates of the scheme.

Discussion took place regarding the benefits received by local disability services who's clients are acquiring the card. Money available to provide recreational/social activities is increased where staff costs (including transport and entry fees) do not have to be factored in in order to support a person with a disability using the service/facility.

Public transport services now recognise the scheme as well as major recreation centres. It is preferable for local disability service providers to use local services within easy proximity. This saves time and money on staff and transport expenses, of which can be directly allocated to other aspects of the program.

Access Committee 2010/2011

It was decided that due to committee member absences that the November meeting be cancelled. The next meeting of Access Committee will occur on Monday 7 February 2011.

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MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2010**

Next meeting:

Monday 7 February 2011,
12pm-2pm,
venue TBA

PROCEEDINGS TERMINATED AT 2PM

Chairperson of the meeting of Ashfield Access Committee
when the Minutes were confirmed

Chairperson

Date