

**MIN NO**            **MINUTES OF THE ASHFIELD ACCESS COMMITTEE OF ASHFIELD COUNCIL, HELD ON LEVEL 6, CIVIC CENTRE, 260 LIVERPOOL ROAD, ASHFIELD ON MONDAY 9 JULY 2012, COMMENCING AT 12 NOON.**

**PRESENT**            Councillor Stott in the Chair and Councillors Cassidy, Luciano Campello, Sally Brown, Patricia Singleton, Iris Loudon, Reg Holdsworth, Giselle Mesnage, Anthia Hart Community Services)

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY**

"Let us acknowledge that we are meeting on country for which the members and elders of the local Aboriginal 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."

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

No disclosures were made.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

/12                      **Confirmed**                      **Stott/Louden**

**The minutes of the Access Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 June 2012 were confirmed.**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**UPDATE ON MATTERS OF RELEVANCE TO THE ACCESS COMMITTEE. Gerard Howard - Manager Community Services. Report Submitted.**

(28/06/12)

Community - Disability

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**AAC 8.1 Attached**

**RECOMMENDING    Stott / Loudon**

**That the information contained in the report be noted.**

**That upon completion of works on the Accessible Playground in Ashfield Park, an official opening be planned and held.**

**That the proposed Charity Street Collections and Street Stalls Policy should be consistent with the Outdoor Dining and Footpath Trading Policy in terms of protrusions from the shop front into the footpath.**

**That street stalls be allowed in the fountain plaza area at Summer Hill Shopping Centre and also outside the Ashfield Civic Centre. Such cases should be subject to approval by Council and the relevant organisation being a registered charity.**

**The following recommendation was held over to the September meeting of the Access Committee, Monday 10 September.**

That the Manager of Ashfield Mall be invited to the July meeting of the Access Committee

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Council Officer provided the Committee with an update of the Accessible Playground equipment installation at Ashfield Park and a draft concept design of a potential sensory garden path/maze and story-telling area was provided to the Committee. As the opening of the playground will be in late August or early September, the Committee agreed that the event would replace the meeting of the Access Committee set down for 13 August 2012.

The Committee agreed that the completion of a new Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) would be an opportunity to broaden the scope of the existing PAMP.

Discussion regarding the draft Local Environmental Plan (LEP) on exhibition and the significance of these standards regarding housing design, floor space ratios, green space, good health and sustainability, location of pedestrian crossings in relation to the entrance to major public buildings and the importance of access to buildings for people with disabilities to be the same as that for the general public. Closing date for submissions is 21 August.

There is a new seat installed in Cadigal Reserve and the Committee discussed the importance of design and height of public seating.

The Committee discussed the problem of dogs rushing out at passersby on Clissold Street, between Fairleigh and Holden Streets.

There was discussion as to the suitability of the Trinity College end of Yeo Park to be made available for an 'off leash' area. The cost to develop an enclosure could be assisted with sponsorship and partnerships.

**RECOMMENDING**

**Stott / Mesnage**

**That food suitable for children be provided at the opening of the new playground.**

**That the Red Bug, Wangal and other local playgroups be invited to the opening of the Accessible Playground.**

**That the Accessible Playground opening event replace the August meeting of the Access Committee.**

**That the Manager of Ashfield Mall be invited to the September meeting of the Access Committee.**

**That Council seek advice on seating designs for public spaces .**

**That Council investigate the suitability of the Trinity College end of Yeo Park as an 'off-leash' area and potential sponsors and partners for the project.**

**That Council investigate the installation of dog bubblers at all large Council parks and reserves.**

**That Council investigate the installation of extra seating in the vicinity of Cardinal Freeman Village on Clissold and Queen Streets.**

**That Council notify residents of their responsibilities as dog owners.**

**PROCEEDINGS TERMINATED AT 12 NOON**

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

Chairperson

Date