
**ACCESS COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN MURRAY ROOM, GRIFFITH ON
TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 2:00 PM**

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Councillor Mike Neville (Chair), Councillor Doug Curran, Bill Lancaster (Councillor - Alternate), Christine Tomlinson (Stakeholder), Keven Bradford (Community Rep), David Jones (Community Rep)

Director Sustainable Development, Neil Southorn; Principal Planner Urban Design & Strategic Planning, Peter Badenhorst; Road Safety Officer, Greg Balind; Technical Support Officer, Binita Shrestha.

Quorum = 3

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PRESENT

Councillor Mike Neville (Chair), Bill Lancaster, Christine Tomlinson (Stakeholder), Keven Bradford (Community Rep).

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Sustainable Development, Neil Southorn, Road Safety Officer, Greg Balind, Technical Support Officer, Binita Shrestha, Principal Planner Urban Design & Strategic Planning, Peter Badenhorst, Project Planner, Nathan Farnell and Minute Secretary, Marisa Martinello

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Bill Lancaster and Keven Bradford that an apology be received from Councillor Doug Curran.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Keven Bradford and Councillor Bill Lancaster that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 March 2015, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 REVIEW OF LA FESTA RELATED EVENTS

Mr Southorn advised the Committee that Mr Bradford brought operational matters to his attention regarding limited access to the toilet blocks in Memorial Park during La Festa event held Easter 2015.

Mr Bradford advised that Banna Avenue footpath was very congested, with people pulling up at stalls with no consideration to people with disabilities.

Councillor Neville advised that the toilet access problem at La Festa was quickly resolved by the La Festa Committee. People were allowed to enter La Festa to access the toilets without paying to enter and that ramp access was available from Railway Street.

Mr Bradford inquired if it was possible for next year, to close Banna Avenue for La Festa or close one lane to make it access friendly for people with disabilities who have scooters or wheelchairs.

Mr Southorn advised that Council has requested a report to Council with research on how successful La Festa was and to take some things on board for next year. Proper consideration for all members of the public will be taken.

CL02 NOTIFICATION OF INDUSTRIAL /RETAIL DA'S

Mr Jones who would like this item Notification of Industrial / Retail DA's to be discussed was an apology for this meeting.

Mr Southorn advised that new DA's now have a new assessment process with access and disability issues included. Mr Southorn advised that any member of the public can view new DA's and those with significance are notified.

Councillor Neville to follow up with Mr Jones in regards to Notification of Industrial / Retail DA'S.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

16 December – Footpath Banna Avenue – Mr Bradford wished to thank the Council for their attention to fixing the eastern driveway/kerb & gutter associated with the Shell Service Station

25 September – Footpath CBD – Mr Farnell advised that the revised Construction of Footpath Policy covers the implementing of CBD footpaths for all the streets including Canal Street. Mr Farnell advised that when Businesses are replacing their frontage on new buildings the footpaths are also upgraded.

Mrs Tomlinson advised that it is very hard pushing wheelchairs along Yambil Street's footpaths especially in front of 3T Technology Shop and along Kooyoo Street, which NEI - Ningana use every day. The Kooyoo Street footpath is breaking away, this needs to be addressed.

Mr Farnell advised that staff are aware of the situation and that the footpath replacements have been included in the CBD Strategy.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Christine Tomlinson and Keven Bradford that Council continue to investigate the footpath replacement in Kooyoo Street.

Mr Southorn to come back to the Committee with the works list of footpaths.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Pedestrian Crossing at Griffith Central

Mr Balind advised that he has received correspondence from the Griffith Senior Citizens' Centre, Interreach, Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association, Guide Dogs Australia and Blind Citizens Australia seeking pedestrian access improvements (including a pedestrian crossing) near the Yambil Street/Jondaryan Avenue intersection. Mr Balind informed the

Committee that the matter had previously been investigated at length which resulted in certain pedestrian/traffic numbers not meeting the minimum criteria. The most appropriate solution for the site would be the application of traffic control signals at the said intersection - however this option would come at a great expense. Letters of reply will be sent to the correspondents advising them of Council's position regarding their requests. In the interim U-rails and advanced warning signs have been installed.

Mr Bradford suggested an overpass however this option is not favoured.

Mr Southorn advised that pedestrian crossings should be assessed beyond traffic and pedestrian counts, considering different criteria with special circumstances.

It was advised that RMS might consider other criteria and options.

Alfresco Coffee Shops

Mr Southorn advised that Mr Bradford had concerns with a coffee shop encroaching the alfresco area. Mr Southorn advised that Council has conducted an audit of all alfresco areas and will be speaking with Councillors at the next workshop regarding the audit.

Use of Council Footpaths Policy will be reviewed and will be made workable for the owners of the coffee shops.

Councillor Neville advised that the coffee shop owners need to work with the guidelines approved by Council.

Overhanging Hedges

Mr Bradford was advised that he needed to put a CRM Customer Request Maintenance in to Council to have the overhanging hedges trimmed. These are on the corner of Macarthur and Wakaden Street. Mr Bradford went on to explain that wheelchair people are at a much lower level when going along the footpath and view the environment differently than others.

Insurance

Mr Bradford discussed an avenue for persons using motorised scooters to have them insured against theft/damage injury etc. Mr Balind advised the Committee that the issue would be promoted at the next community Motorised Scooter workshop pending for October 2015.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Access Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 22 September 2015 at 2:00 pm

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 3.10 pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON

CLAUSE **CL01**

TITLE **Use of Footpath Update**

TRIM REF **15/63333**

For the information of the Committee Members be noted.

CLAUSE **CL02**

TITLE **Dalton Park - Accessible Toilet Facility**

TRIM REF **15/63335**

Look at potential funding options, eg State or Federal money, for an accessible toilet facility at Dalton Park.

CLAUSE **CL03**

TITLE **Meeting Dates for 2016**

TRIM REF **15/63336**

For the committee to discuss the Access Committee meeting dates for 2016.

TITLE Outstanding Action Report

TRIM REF 15/63321

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Action Report - Access Committee

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ACTION REPORT**ACCESS COMMITTEE – 22 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Action Officer	Date	Comment
16 Dec 2014	Footpath Banna Avenue near Service Station/Ambulance Station	Mr Bradford advised there is a safety issue with traversing the footpath in front of the service station near the Ambulance Station as pedestrians can't see if a car is coming out of the driveway. Mr Bradford enquired if a mirror could be erected to improve safety. Council staff to investigate.	Manjit Chugha	23 Feb 2015 19/06/2015	Onsite meeting was held on with Mr Bradford. To improve the sight distance the width of the driveway across the footpath should be reduced to in line with the edge of the building. It was DA condition to reduce the width of the driveway across the footpath and this matter has been referred to compliance for investigation. The kerb, gutter and footpath has been reinstated as per the DA and signed off by Joe Rizzo.
25 Sep 2014	Request for Yellow Linemarking at Access Points - Shopping Centres	Council staff to investigate if yellow line marking may be installed at the access points of shopping centres. Staff to report to next meeting.	Greg Balind	16/12/2014 24/03/2015	Council staff to liaise with business owners re signage. Yellow line marking not supported by shopping centre as it adds to confusion about right of way.
25 Sep 2014	Footpaths CBD	Long term plan to be put in place – Policy to work with each section of the City.	Nathan Farnell	8/12/2014	Assessed the existing footpath from aesthetic side. Got few options which can be used.

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Action Officer	Date	Comment
					<p>16/12/2014: Footpath policy to be reviewed and presented to the Committee. Resurfacing options being considered. Tree removal may be required.</p> <p>23/06/2015: That council continue to investigate the footpath replacement in Kooyoo Street. Mr Southorn to come back to the Committee with the works list of footpaths.</p>