

Item 12: Reports from Committees

12.1 Mid-Western Regional Council Access Committee Update - October to December 2018

REPORT BY THE MANAGER, COMMUNITY SERVICES
TO 20 FEBRUARY 2019 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager, Community Services on the Mid-Western Regional Access Committee - October to December 2018; and**
 2. **note the minutes of the Mid-Western Regional Access Committee meetings held on 2 October 2018, 6 November 2018 and 4 December 2018.**
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Executive summary

Council's Access Committee meets regularly to discuss and provide advice to Council on operational and strategic issues affecting physical access and inclusion for all residents and visitors to the region.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

Following on from the September 2018 Council meeting, the Committee met as a single committee for the entire region from October 2018. Expressions of interest were sought for new committee members but none were received.

The Committee discussed a number of matters (detailed in the attached minutes), including the possibility of new public seating being installed in both Mudgee and Gulgong and the engagement of a consultant to audit placement of tactile ground surface indicators within Mudgee. Both of these projects have been raised as Community Plan Proposals for the 2019-2020 budget planning.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Meet the diverse needs of the community and create a sense of belonging
Strategy	Provide equitable access to a range of places and spaces for all in the community

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan supports collaboration between Council and its Access Committee, to provide advice on operational and strategic issues affecting access for all residents of and visitors to the region.

Council Policies

Not applicable

Legislation

Mid-Western Regional Council is committed to an inclusive and accessible region and seeks to meet its obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014 through its Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

Financial implications

Not applicable.

Associated Risks

Not applicable.

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MANAGER, COMMUNITY SERVICES

SIMON JONES
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

11 January 2019

Attachments:

1. MWRC Access Committee - Minutes - 2 October 2018.
2. MWRC Access Committee - Minutes - 6 November 2018.
3. MWRC Access Committee - Minutes - 4 December 2018.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER



MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL ACCESS COMMITTEE

MINUTES – 11AM, TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2018

AT ADMIN FOYER MEETING ROOM, MUDGEES

1. Welcome

Present: Victoria Barrett, Pamela Morris, Stephen Waller, Mary Lovett

Council Staff: Fiona Turner, Alison Whittaker

Councillor: Sam Paine

Absent: Les Leighton, Roger Barnes

2. Receive apologies: Councillor Alex Karavas

3. Confirm Minutes of 4 September 2018 meeting of the Mudgee and Gulgong Access Committee

Moved: Stephen Waller

Seconded: Pamela Morris

4. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

4.1 Correction of Name in Minutes of 4th September 2018 - Victoria Bennett to Victoria Barrett. Corrections made to minutes document by A Whittaker.

5. Correspondence:

Nil.

6. Development Applications:

Nil.

7. General Business:

7.1 **Changes to Council Access Committees.** The Mudgee & Gulgong Access Committee and Rylstone & Kandos Access Committee was disbanded to form one



Access Committee and to be called the Mid-Western Regional Council Access Committee. Councillor Sam Paine explained the idea for the merge came from the fact that we are under one Council in one Region and therefore it makes sense to have one Access Committee under that one Council and one Region.

The Rylstone & Kandos Access Committee has dissolved and Applications for Members has been submitted for advertisement in The Mudgee Guardian for Friday 5th October 2018. The advertisement has encouraged all interested parties from the Mudgee & Gulgong, however more focused on gaining interest from those in the Rylstone & Kandos area.

The meetings for the new Mid-Western Regional Council Access Committee will be held on the first Tuesday of each Month. Venues February to December are yet to be sort & confirmed. Meetings will be held in all areas based on a rotating model. Mudgee will be the predominant meeting point, then allocated to Gulgong & Rylstone Kandos areas in alternate months or where current matters concern either Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone or Kandos and it is essential that members meet in that area to inspect matters being discussed.

Victoria Barrett confirmed that she will stand down when meetings will be held in Rylstone & Kandos area as this will be too far for her to travel to attend.

Community Transport will be offered to those who are eligible who require to travel to Mudgee and then travel in a Mid-Western Regional Council fleet vehicle where seats are available to travel to Rylstone and Kandos.



Documents provided to Committee members present and to absentees of this meeting are as follows:

- September 2018 Council meeting minutes (Item 11.1) – Unconfirmed copy.
- Terms of Reference – only major change is the Name and make- up of the committee and Venue.
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan – Endorsed 2016 and no change.
- NSW Office of Local Government Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW – outlines member responsibilities, behaviours etc. New copies will be distributed to all members when document is reviewed and endorsed in December 2018.

7.2 **Increased recreational traffic on footpaths.** M Lovett raised the matter concerning increasing activity with bikes, strollers, goffers and recreational vehicles on the streets in the warmer months. Mary Lovett wanted to know who is responsible for the regulation and policing of this traffic on footpaths. Councillor Sam Paine confirmed Council has policies and procedures in regards to business activity staff will look into the recreational regulations and confirm which regulating body is responsible and report back at the next meeting.

7.3 **Seating Locations – Mudgee.** Locations for new seating sites were identified by the Access Committee in the Mudgee Region and are as follows:

1. Mudgee Tennis Court Side Church Street – opposite Elders 115/113 Laser Plumbing has tree shade.
2. Between Mitre 10 and Vet Hospital Church Street – near phone box opposite 89 Church Street.



3. Outside Service NSW 37-39 Church Street has shade in morning.
4. The Salvation Army Building Perry Street.
5. Club Mudgee Perry Street near Tooheys Sign and Car Park.
6. Corner of Perry Street and Gladstone Street- Auto One Mudgee on grass area, morning shade
7. St Pauls Presbyterian Church under tree near Kanandah Units Sign and Driveway.
8. 115 Mortimer Street – House has brick Wall
9. 25 Court Street – House has bush hedge and shade in morning.
10. 108 Gladstone Street – has a yellow/grey brick wall and waterway.

Map of locations accompanying these meeting minutes for members reference.

- 7.4 **Public Showering facilities in Mudgee Region.** M. Lovett raised concerns for those in drought effected areas with no water and the need for public showers in the Mudgee area to allow community members to have access to daily hygienic practices. Various ideas have been considered by Council, however regulating these areas and insurance have been major recourses required for such a service. With very limited capability to ensure these resources are available have amounted to no further action been taken to this matter in the Mid-Western Region.

8. Matters pending:

- 8.1 Consultant audit and advice for tactile placements in Mudgee CBD. This matter will be carried over to the new Mid-Western Regional Council Access Committee Meetings.



- 8.2 Public seating in Mudgee and Gulgong. This matter will be carried over to the New Mid-Western Regional Council Access Committee Meetings.

Meeting Closed at 11.34am

Next meeting date – 6 November 2018 – Venue To Be Confirmed and all members notified.



MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL ACCESS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – 11AM, TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2018

AT ADMIN FOYER MEETING ROOM, MUDGEES

1. Welcome

Councillors: Sam Paine, Alex Karavas

Council Staff: Alison Whittaker

Access Committee Members: Victoria Barrett (Chair), Les Leighton, Pamela Morris, Stephen Waller, Roger Barnes, Renee Lamshed

2. Receive apologies

Fiona Turner, Mary Lovett

3. Confirm Minutes of 2 October 2018 meeting of the MWRC Access Committee

Moved: Stephen Waller

Seconded: Pamela Morris

4. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

4.1 Access and Shared footpaths

F. Turner emailed with committee queries regarding Access and Shared footpaths to Mid-Western Regional Council Works Engineer – Copy of Email Response attached to minutes

4.2 Clock Awards Hard Copy Nominations

A. Whittaker contacted via email Mudgee Rotary for confirmation, of how hard copy nomination forms are incorporated and made accessible to community members. Copy of Email response attached to minutes containing explanation.

5. Correspondence:

In

- 5.1 Email from Carrie Hooper (MWRC) regarding Access and shared footpaths – 10 October 2018 – Copy attached to minutes



- 5.2 Email from NSW Health Infrastructure regarding what's happening at Mudgee Hospital – 16 October 2018
- 5.3 Email from Marg Barnes on behalf of Mudgee Rotary – explaining the process for Hard Copy Nominations for the Mudgee Clock Awards –Copy attached to minutes

Out

- 5.4 NIL

6. Development Applications:

6.1 DA Circulation

L. Leighton raised concern that the committee members have not received DA's for quite some time. A.Whittaker explained that only DA which involve public assess will be forwarded to members for review. Councillors Payne and Karavas and A Whittaker were not aware of any new DA's, however will look into the past month of DA's to ensure they have not missed any which require forwarding to members.

7. General Business:

7.1 Expressions of interest to join MWRC Access Committee

There have been no submissions to date from Kandos/Rylstone or Gulgong.

7.2 Live Better – Access at a Glance Program Explained – Renee Lamshed

This program is a pilot program and is gaining interest in the Orange area, and is proposed to be something the Mudgee area could adopt.

The program is using window signage and stickers to inform community members if a space is accessible. At the same time, business become more aware of the possibilities available to enhance and promote their accessibility.

Renee will research more detailed information regarding, responsibilities, decision making, business and council involvement and requirements for the program. Information sheet attached or enclosed with minutes for review and further discussion at the next meeting.

7.3 Fund Raising – Sue- Ellen Lovett

P. Morris advised that Sue-Ellen Lovett has excelled in her fundraising for the Wellness Centre in Dubbo, raising \$70,000, a wonderful effort for a great cause.

7.4 Mobility Scooters in Mudgee Area

R. Barnes mentioned some mobility scooter users in the Mudgee area are not being responsible regarding the speed they are travelling in public areas, where they are



parking and generally is of opinion they are “an accident waiting to happen”. Discussions and questions raised involved the legislation and policing of these small vehicles. A Whittaker to follow up on legislation and rules for next meeting.

8. Matters pending:

- 8.1 Consultant audit and advice for tactile placements in Mudgee CBD.
- 8.2 Public seating in Mudgee and Gulgong.
- 8.3 Access at a Glance
- 8.4 Information regarding legislation, rules and policing for mobility scooters

Meeting Closed 11.37am

Next meeting date – 4 December 2018 – Venue Admin Foyer Meeting Room, at 11am.



**MINUTES OF THE MUDGEES AND GULGONG ACCESS COMMITTEE
HELD AT 11AM, TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2018
AT THE ADMIN FOYER MEETING ROOM , MUDGEES**

1. Welcome

Councillors: Sam Paine, Alex Karavas

Access Committee Members: Victoria Barrett (Chair), Pamela Morris, Stephen Waller,
Les Leighton

Council Staff: Fiona Turner, Marie Hensley (Minutes)

Apologies: Mary Lovett

2. Confirm Minutes of 6th November 2018 meeting

The minutes were confirmed.

Moved: Les Leighton

Seconded: Pamela Morris

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes:

3.1 Seating in Mudgees District – Victoria Barrett

Mobility Scooters in Mudgees area. Fiona Turner presented findings on legal use of mobility scooters in urban areas in NSW. This document outlined footpath usage and speed legalities. A copy of this document will be distributed with the December minutes.

4. Correspondence:

4.1 In – Nil

4.2 Out - Nil

5. Development Applications:

Nil



6. General Business:

6.1 Disability Access in privately owned spaces – S.Waller

Toilets on the church grounds have been sanctioned as 'children only' and access to alternative disability toilet is some distance away.

It was proposed that Stephen discuss the issue directly with the Pastor.

7. Matters Pending

7.1 Consultant audit and advice for tactile placements in Mudgee Community Plan proposal will be lodged in the New Year

7.2 Public Seating in Mudgee and Gulgong – Community Plan proposal will lodged in the New year.

Meeting closed 11.28am

Next meeting: Tuesday 5th February 2019, in the Admin Foyer Meeting Room at 11am