

WALKING, CYCLING AND MOBILITY REFERENCE GROUP



5 June 2019

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2019

5PM

LEVEL 9, FUNCTION ROOM

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The Walking, Cycling and Mobility Reference Group provides advice to Council on the preparation and implementation of bicycle, pedestrian and disability access policies and strategic plans in the City of Wollongong.

MEMBERS:

David Brown - Chair	Councillor Delegate
Mithra Cox	Councillor Delegate
Mike Dowd	Council Officer (Infrastructure Strategy & Planning)
Tracy Venaglia	Coordinator Community Development & Social Planning
Phil Latz	Representing bicycle users
Jon Lindley	Representing bicycle users
Edward Birt	Representing Pedestrians
Chye Toole-Anstey	Representing Pedestrians
Brian Gardner	Access Needs of People with a Disability
Fiona Myers	Access Needs of People with a Disability
Beth Robrahn	Families with Children Representative
Trish McBride	Access Needs for Seniors Representative

INVITED:

Peter Nunn	Transport & Stormwater Services Manager
Alison Bradford	Engagement Coordinator
Rob Gaudiosi	Traffic Engineer
Ellen Dreghorn	Administration Officer
Megan Lowe	Engagement Officer

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1. Standing Agenda Items

1.1 Welcome

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

“I would like to pay my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which we meet, and pay my respect to Elders past, present and future. I would also like to extend my respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present here today.”

1.3 Apologies

1.4 Disclosures of Interests

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Confirmation of minutes from meeting held on 2 April 2019.

2. Environmental Sustainability Review

Council is updating the Environmental Sustainability Policy and Strategy to ensure these documents reflect current issues and approaches to sustainability. The strategy identifies improvements in sustainability through an improved urban environment and increased active transport. The reference group are invited to provide feedback on sustainability priorities. Feedback from this consultation will help inform a draft strategy for exhibition later in the year.

A representative from Council’s engagement team will attend to discuss with the group this review and how to provide feedback.

Please see the below link for a copy of the document and more information:

<https://www.haveyoursaywollongong.com.au/environmental-sustainability-review>

3. Briometrix: Wheelchair Accessibility Research

The University of Wollongong presented to Council their research on wheelchair accessibility mapping technology. A team of wheelchair pilots used a wheelchair equipped with a tracker which collects footpath data to create useful maps for wheelchair users.

The technology evaluates the routes metre by metre, considering gradients, surface, camber, barriers and effort required by wheelchair users. The map created by Briometrix focused on areas of interest around the CBD such as Crown Street Mall and the Blue Mile.

The output of the data is a map which displays a difficulty level for wheelchair users by using different colours on a google maps style image. This technology aims to assist wheelchair users to make informed and safe decisions on which roads to use prior to beginning their journey.

In the next few months, some maps will be available free online. Council would like to brainstorm the potential of this idea with the group and how this technology may be useful to wheelchair users in the future.

4. Bus Stop Accessibility Audit

In late 2018, Council engaged Obvious Access Pty Ltd to undertake an accessibility audit of all bus stops in the city. The purpose of the audit is to determine compliance of the bus stops with requirements of relevant legislation and nationwide standards (Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 and Australian Standard 1428 Design for access and mobility 2001).

Work on the audit is now in its final stages. An overview of the project will be provided to the group including a summary of the key deliverables. The group will have the opportunity to comment on aspects of the project which are of interest which will assist Council in reviewing the findings. A summary of the audit will be available at a later meeting.

5. Forward Planner

A draft forward plan of agenda items for the 2019 Reference Group Meetings has been developed to outline major programs that will be discussed throughout the year. The plan may be amended depending on time constraints.

The two items which were originally planned for this meeting have been deferred to the 6 August meeting. These projects are currently in progress and will require further work prior to presentation to the group.

Forward Planner – 2019 Reference Group Program

5 February	2 April	5 June	6 August	15 October	3 December
Meet and Greet and Introduction	Delivery Program Review	Accessibility Audits for Bus Stops	Bike Plan Review Part 2	Access and Movement Engagement	Delivery Program Development Prioritisation
Brief Outline of Council's key documents	Bike Plan Review	Environmental Strategy Review	Accessible Car Park Audit	Footpath Priority (New)	Draft Capital Works Program Projects (20/21)
Major Programs for review in 2019	Helensburgh Town Centre Plan	Briometrix Mapping	CBD Footpath Priority Process		
	Foreshore Access and Movement		On Street Mobility Parking		

6. General Business

7. Next Meeting

6 August 2019

8. Close Meeting