NORTHERN BEACHES
COUNCIL

NOTES

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

held in the Manly Chambers, Belgrave St, Manly on

THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2017

Notes of the Inclusive Communities Strategic Reference Group Meeting held on Thursday 22 June 2017 in the Manly Chambers, Belgrave St, Manly Commencing at 5.00pm

ATTENDANCE:

To Committee Members

Alex McTaggart (Chair)	Implementation Advisory Group
Kay Millar	Social Local Representative Committee
Vanessa Moskal	Social Local Representative Committee
Maria-Elena Chidzey	Manly Community Centre & Services Inc.
Mark Daly	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
Bill Gye	Scotland Island Residents' Association
Tania Johnson	Uniting - Ability Links
Greg Jones	Resident – Narrabeen Ward
Elaine Kent	Resident – Manly Ward
Carolyn McKay	NBI (Northern Beaches Interchange)
Yvonne Parsons	Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary
Kathryn Pritchard	Resident – Curl Curl Ward
Susan Watson	Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre
Alex McTaggart (Chair)	Implementation Advisory Group
Kay Millar	Social Local Representative Committee
Vanessa Moskal	Social Local Representative Committee
Maria-Elena Chidzey	Manly Community Centre & Services Inc.

Council Officer Contacts

Lindsay Godfrey	Executive Manager Community Services
Hannah Schulz-Fulham	Community Development Officer
Sherryn McPherson	Administration Officer Governance

Quorum

Majority of members (excluding vacant positions)

1.0 APOLOGIES

DECISION

That apologies for non-attendance be received from Julia Hornsby, Susan Alexander, Amanda Farrar, Amanda Parkinson and Sandie Wong.

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 NOTES OF INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP HELD 20 APRIL 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the Notes of the Inclusive Communities Strategic Reference Group held 20 April 2017, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members , are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES DISCUSSION PAPER

DISCUSSION

Hannah Schulz-Fulham, Community Development Officer addressed the group on this item. A copy of the discussion paper provided to the group is attached to the meeting notes (Attachment 1.)

DISCUSSION

It is encouraged that all members prepare and submit feedback due by 30 June 2017 for the July Council meeting which will be handed over to the new Council in September. You will have the opportunity to comment on the document as a whole and on all areas across Council.

Submit all feedback via email to Hannah Schulz-Fulham, Community Development Officer at Northern Beaches Council via email: Hannah.schulz-Fulham@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

To address this item at the Council meeting in July, please click on the following link to complete an online form: https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/addressing-council.

Questions arising from the discussion

Q: In regards to public transport, can the Hop Skip and Jump service be investigated and implemented from Mona Vale to Church Point to assist our residents and visitors.

A: Transport is a State Government responsibility and therefore the role of Council should be to lobby for additional services where needed. A solution could be additional funding for community transport options such as the Hop Skip Jump service.

Items to be reviewed and possibly included in the discussion paper are as follows:

- Social isolation and community connectedness
    - Investigate whether Hop Skip and Jump service could be extended to meet demand outside of manly, for instance running from Mona Vale to Church Point as the B Line service will not extend that far.
- Access to public spaces and community facilities:
    - An issue was raised around the suggestion of market stall infrastructure in the public

domain. It was expressed that in small community business areas such as Avalon, market stalls selling wares in a shopping district can be at the detriment of existing businesses. It was agreed that market stalls should complement the existing business offering and have a community rather than an economic focus.

- There was support for festivals and events that showcase culture and promote diversity in the community.

- Access and Inclusion

  - Agreed that there were financial and red tape barriers to putting on event. For example, insurance.

- Community participation and leadership

  Council should support volunteer opportunities that connect existing groups.

  - There was support for the suggestion of increased Council resources to assist with the promotion and management of volunteers in addition to our current Volunteer Coordinator position which focuses predominately on internal volunteer positions. This staff member could become a central point to assist with managing volunteers. A volunteer portal could be created where community members could access information about organisations and their current volunteer availabilities. Barrier with working with current Working With Children Check and the ongoing changes to this matter. This makes it hard to volunteer and deters people. This extends out to aged care and other areas.

DECISION

1. That the Inclusive Communities Strategic Reference Group provide further comments on the draft discussion paper to Hannah Schulz-Fulham prior to June 30The group commended Hannah Schulz-Fulham for a well written paper.

2. That two or three of members of the Inclusive Communities Strategic Reference Group attend the Council meeting and address this item.

NOTE:

Greg Jones and Kathryn Pritchard left the meeting at 6.05pm and did not return.

4.2 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN - UPDATE

DISCUSSION

Lindsay Godfrey, Executive Manager Community Services addressed the group on this item.

All NSW Councils are required to develop and adopt a Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) by 1 July 2017, in order to meet their legislative responsibility under the Disability Inclusion Act NSW (2014). The overall aim of the four year plan is to develop and implement actions that will improve the lives of people living with disability.

The Northern Beaches Council draft DIAP was placed on public exhibition for 28 days.Fifteen submissions were received. The submissions covered a wide range of topics under the four focus areas: attitudes and behaviours; liveable communities; meaningful employment; and systems and processes. The topics that received the most interest included playgrounds, road safety and beach access. Very few changes were made to the draft DIAP in response to the submissions, although there were many proposals warranting further investigation by Council. The final draft DIAP can be

found at Attachment 1. A summary of submissions and Council responses can be found at Attachment 2. This report also details procurement opportunities for the employment of people with disability through the increased use of social enterprises.

A result of the meeting and exhibition period incorporated an amendment to the document which was as follows:

> *Council staff integrate methods for the employment of people with disability into Council processes through increased use of social enterprises.*

DECISION

The Inclusive Communities Strategic Reference Group noted the information update on the Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

4.3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY ADOPTION

DISCUSSION

Lindsay Godfrey, Executive Manager Community Services (Operations) addressed the group on this item.

The Chief Executive Officer formally adopted the Affordable Housing Policy on 5 June 2017 following Council's resolution on 30 May 2017 (Item 9.7). The resolution included a requirement for the Affordable Housing Policy to be brought back to Council for review in 12 months.

DECISION

A. The Inclusive Communities Strategic Reference Group members noted the community feedback and amendments.

B. The Inclusive Communities Strategic Reference Group members participated in a discussion around prioritising the Action Plan.

4.4 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN - UPDATE ON STAGE TWO

DISCUSSION

Lindsay Godfrey, Executive Manager Community Services addressed the group on this item.

A link will be sent out to all SRG to respond to a survey to assist with feedback on the execution of the SRG and formats moving forward. This will assist with providing a way forward for the new council.

DECISION

The Inclusive Communities Strategic Reference Group:

A. Noted the update on the development of the Community Strategic Plan.

B Participated in a discussion around prioritising the Action Plan.

4.5 ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUPS

DISCUSSION

Lindsay Godfrey, Executive Manager Community addressed the group on this item and thanked the members for their valuable contribution to the groups and the development of the Inclusive Communities Discussion Paper.

DECISION

The Inclusive Communities Strategic Reference Group members:

1. Noted the acknowledgment of their valuable contribution and commitment.
2. Provided survey feedback to Council on their experience as an Strategic Reference Group member.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

5.1 NORTHERN BEACHES BUS SERVICE PLAN

DISCUSSION

Lindsay Godfrey, Executive Manager Community Services addressed the group on this item. A copy of the document circulated to members is attached to the meeting notes at Attachment 2. Additional information can be reviewed online via: http://yoursay.b-line.transport.nsw.gov.au/get-involved.

If you would like to have your say or source more information in regards to the Northern Beaches B-Line Plan, contact projects@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Members were encouraged to carefully review the proposed “Your New Northern Beaches Bus Network” new bus service changes within the brochure. Visit b-line.transport.nsw.gov.au to ask a question, make a comment or find out more about the new plan.

Kay Millar commended Lindsay Godfrey on his continued commitment to the community and his prioritisation of community issues, particularly during the amalgamation process.

6.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Nil

The meeting concluded at 7:00pm

This is the final page of the Notes comprising 6 pages
numbered 1 to 6 of the Inclusive Communities Strategic Reference Group
meeting held on Thursday 22 June 2017 and confirmed on

PURPOSE OF THIS DISCUSSION PAPER

1. Provide a summary of the key issues and priorities for 'Inclusive Communities' identified by the SRG.
2. Give detail to some of the relevant high level goals and strategies outlined in the draft CSP.
3. Inform the incoming Council and staff of the key priorities for 'Inclusive Communities' on the Northern Beaches and how these might be addressed in future planning processes.

WHAS HAS INFORMED THIS DISCSSUON PAPER?

1. The key issues discussed at previous SRG Meetings:
   - National Disability Insurance Scheme
   - Aged care reforms
   - Disability Inclusion Action Plan
   - Multicultural community
2. Workshop held with SRG on April 20

KEY THEMES THAT EMERGED

SOCIAL ISOLATION AND COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS

Barriers:

- Invisibility
- Loss of the 'Neighbourhood'
- Geography of the Northern Beaches

Opportunities:

- Shared spaces that create connection
- Neighbourhood programs
- Transport

Discuss…

KEY THEMES THAT EMERGED

ACCESS TO PUBLIC SPACES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Barriers:

- Limited engagement during planning phase
- Existing spaces have limited capacity to become multi-purpose
- Lack of transport to these places
- Cost to hire

Opportunities:

- Better engagement process
- Build new infrastructure
- Utilise existing infrastructure

Discuss…

KEY THEMES THAT EMERGED

ACCESS AND INCLUSION

Barriers:

- Physical barriers
- Social barriers
- Community education

Opportunities:

- Physical access improvements
- Community education
- Celebrate diversity

Discuss…

KEY THEMES THAT EMERGED

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP

Barriers:

- Barriers to Volunteering
- Community Service System
- Community events

Opportunities:

- Volunteering
- Capacity Building
- Community Events

Discuss…

FURTHER COMMENTS/ FEEDBACK

- Further opportunity for feedback on the paper until June 30
- The paper will then be finalised and handed to the Administrator to be noted at the July Council meeting

B-line northern beaches

B-line

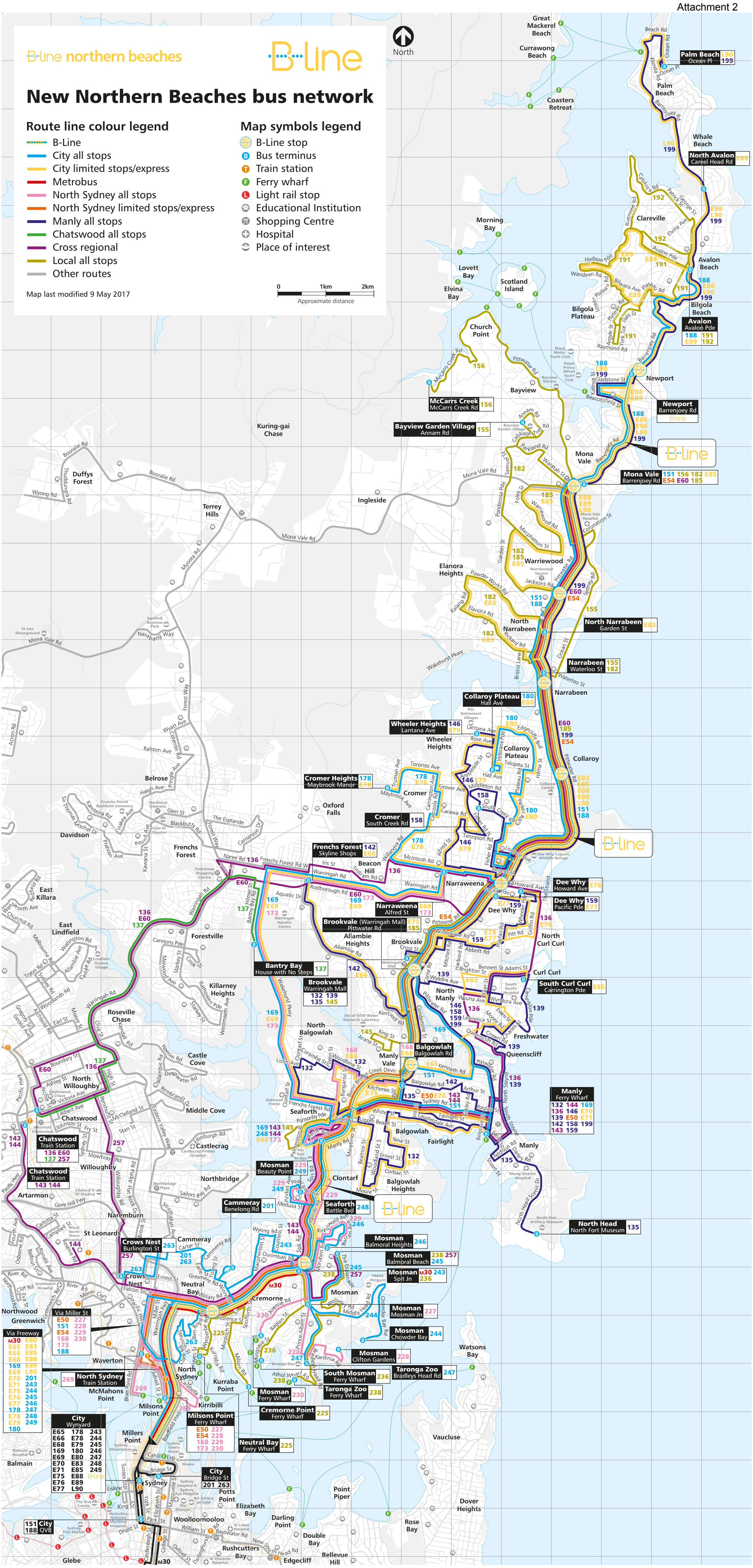
New Northern Beaches bus network

Route line colour legend

- B-Line
- City all stops
- City limited stops/express
- Metrobus
- North Sydney all stops
- North Sydney limited stops/express
- Manly all stops
- Chatswood all stops
- Cross regional
- Local all stops
- Other routes

Map symbols legend

- B-Line stop
- Bus terminus
- Train station
- Ferry wharf
- Light rail stop
- Educational Institution
- Shopping Centre
- Hospital
- Place of interest

Map last modified 9 May 2017

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