

ITEM NO: 28

SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENTS TO ACCESSIBILITY IN PIONEER PLACE, KATOOMBA  
FOR PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS AND PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

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**Management Plan Link**

*Principal Activity:* Providing Good Government

*Service:* Governance

*Project:* This report does not relate to a Management Plan project

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**Notice of Motion by Councillor Gibbs**

1. *That the Council receives a report that individually addresses each of the following situations and outlines a variety of methods (this includes immediate, low-cost measures, shorter and medium term structural changes, and long term planning for this area) that can be used to improve :*

- *The pedestrian safety of Pioneer Place, Katoomba;*
- *Access and use for cyclists of Pioneer Place, Katoomba;*
- *The accessibility of Pioneer Place, Katoomba for people with a range of disabilities and mobility restrictions;*

2. *That the report includes how*

- *Any future development of Pioneer Place adheres to principles of accessibility, and improves access as per the above reports, for pedestrians, cyclists and people with a disability;*
  - *That development meets the needs of the upper mountains community; and*
  - *The proposed community consultation/engagement program for future development in Pioneer Place will be organised.*
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**Background**

There is currently no safe pedestrian access to all parts of Pioneer Place, which contains the major shopping precinct of Katoomba, and the whole upper Blue Mountains. There are few pedestrian crossings, no seating to assist older people or people with a disability, to access this area. There is nowhere safe to cycle through this area, nor to safely park bicycles. As this area is slated for future development, it is timely to explore a variety of accessibility options, from the very basic, to the most ambitious, now, so that can inform ongoing changes. Also, as the community in the upper mountains ages, it is vital that planning starts now to make sure every Blue Mountains resident can access the services they need.

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