



**MINUTES OF MEETING
MANLY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

HELD MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2014

Note: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council of Planning and Strategy Committee Meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Councillor Alan Le Surf	Manly Council
Councillor Hugh Burns	Manly Council

Other Members

Mr John O'Connor	Representative for Mr Mike Baird MP Member for Manly
Mr Alex Coates	Roads and Maritime Services
Mr John Begley	Roads and Maritime Services
Sgt Nino Jelovic	Manly Police

Other Representatives

Mr Wade Mitford	State Transit Authority
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Council Staff

Mr Ben Hubbard	Traffic and Transport Manager – Civic & Urban Services
Mr Khanh Nguyen	Traffic Officer – Civic & Urban Services

Apologies

Ms Nazli Doriji	Roads and Maritime Services
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Manly Traffic Committee** met on the 15th SEPTEMBER 2014 to consider the matters referred to and reports having reaches the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder.



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ITEM 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Councillor Alan Le Surf opened the Meeting and introduced those present.

ITEM 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

See Apologies above.

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

PECUNIARY

None

NON - PECUNIARY

Cllr Alan Le Surf declared an interest in item 42.

ITEM 4 REPORTS

ITEM 42/14 **THORNTON STREET, FAIRLIGHT – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES**
(STREET PARTY)

(Item 42/14: 15/09/2014)

SUMMARY

For Council to approve a temporary road closure in Thornton Street, Balgowlah in order to facilitate a street party request.

REPORT

Council has received an application for a temporary road closure in Thornton Street (property No. 10 – No. 20) between Griffiths Street and Sydney Road to facilitate a “street party” under Council’s “Meet Your Street” initiative. The requested date for the temporary road closure is on Sunday, 21st December 2014 from 3pm to 7pm.

The impacts on traffic resulting from the temporary road closures in Thornton Street between Griffiths Street and Sydney Road are expected to be minimal, for the following reasons:

- Thornton Street is a local road with low traffic volumes;
- There are no bus service routes via Thornton Street;
- Alternative routes are available for through traffic and connecting roads;
- There have been recorded accidents only at the intersections Griffiths St and Sydney Road end of Thornton Street;
- The temporary road closure is being held on a Sunday evening;

Access for pedestrians and cyclist will be maintained and the temporary road closure will be managed using the ***Manly Council’s Traffic Control Plan (TCP) No. 1*** and the standard street party conditions.

DISCUSSION

No objections were raised to the temporary road closure proposal / street party.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

- Approves the street party request that proposes temporary road closures in Thornton Street between Griffiths Street and Sydney Road on Sunday, 21st December 2014 from 3pm to 7pm. The applicant must abide to Manly Council’s Street Party Standard Terms and Conditions.

ITEM 43/14 **PACIFIC PARADE, MANLY – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES**
(STREET PARTY)

(Item 43/14: 15/09/2014)

SUMMARY

For Council to approve a temporary road closure in Pacific Parade, Manly in order to facilitate a street party request.

REPORT

Council has received an application for a temporary road closure in Pacific Parade (property No. 22 to Balgowlah Road) between Balgowlah Road and Collingwood Street to facilitate a “street party” under Council’s “Meet Your Street” initiative. The requested date for the temporary road closure is on Saturday, 20th December 2014 from 4pm to 8pm.

The impacts on traffic resulting from the temporary road closures in Pacific Parade between Balgowlah Road and Collingwood Street are expected to be minimal, for the following reasons:

- Pacific Parade is a local road with very low traffic volumes;
- There are no bus service routes via Pacific Parade;
- Alternative routes are available for through traffic and connecting roads;
- There are no recorded accidents within Pacific Parade;
- The temporary road closure is being held on a Saturday evening;
- The intersection of Pacific Parade and Balgowlah Road is partially restricted as there is no access (entry) permitted westbound to exit from Pacific Parade into Balgowlah Road, creating a cul-de-sac effect.

Access for pedestrians and cyclist will be maintained and the temporary road closure will be managed using the ***Manly Council’s Traffic Control Plan (TCP) No. 1*** and the standard street party conditions.

DISCUSSION

No objections were raised to the temporary road closure proposal / street party.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

- Approves the street party request that proposes temporary road closures in Pacific Parade between Balgowlah Road and Collingwood Street on Saturday, 20th December 2014 from 4pm to 8pm. The applicant must abide to Manly Council’s Street Party Standard Terms and Conditions.

ITEM 44/14 **NORTH STEYNE, MANLY – DISABLED PARKING BAY**
(ITEM 44/14: 15/09/2014)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider installing a new disabled parking bay in front of the North Steyne inclusive playground.

REPORT

Council has received a request from 'Parks & Reserves' to provide a disabled parking bay to supplement the newly renovated inclusive playground off North Steyne adjacent Manly Beach. The playground is scheduled for completion by the end of August 2014.

The proposed disabled parking bay will replace 2 x 90⁰ parking bays along the eastern side of North Steyne that currently have '2P Ticket' parking restrictions. Additionally, a kerb ramp will be required for access from the proposed disabled parking shared area to the inclusive playground via the shared pathway. The proposed disabled parking bay will improve and provide disability access/amenity for the new inclusive playground off the North Steyne.

See *Figure 5* and *Figure 6* for details.

DISCUSSION

Traffic committee were supported of the proposal, however there were suggestions of considering additional disabled parking bays.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the installation of a disabled parking bay (replacing two existing 90⁰ parking bays) on the eastern side of North Steyne in the parking bay area in front of the newly renovated playground. An additional disabled parking bay to the proposed is also endorsed if considered.

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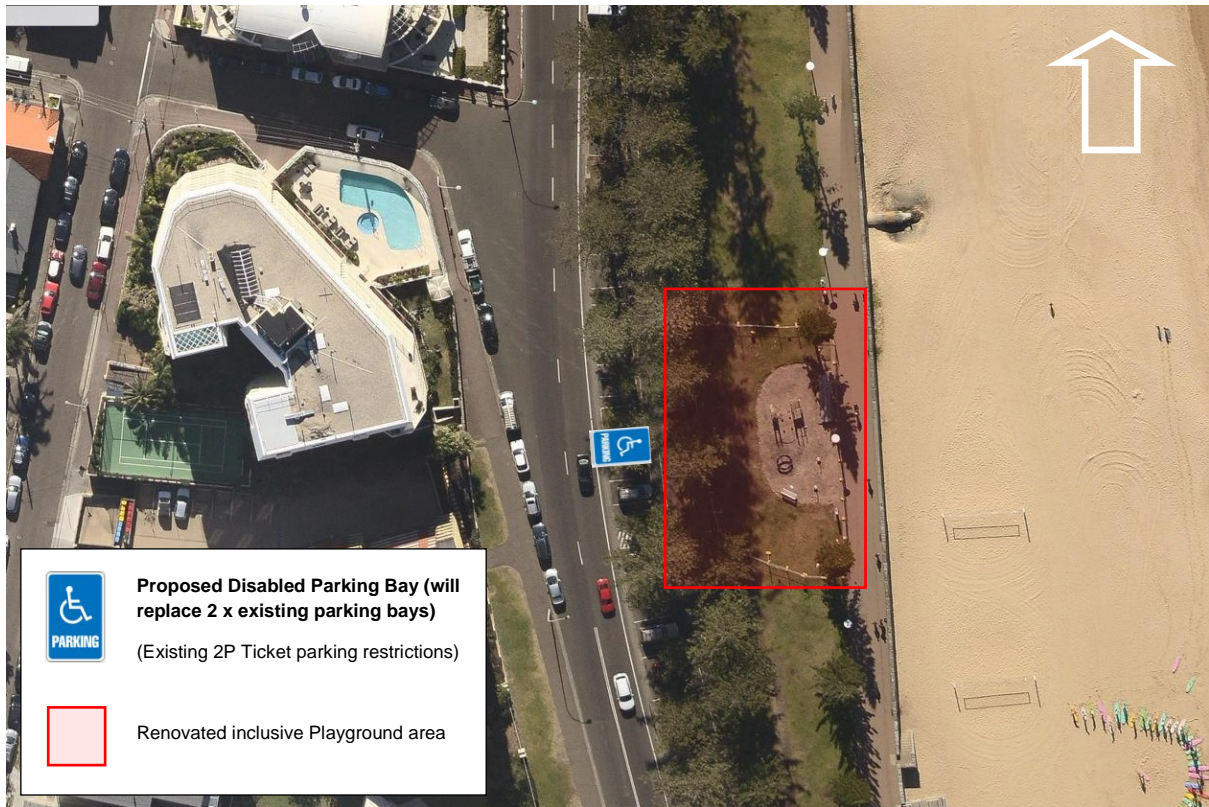


Figure 1: Aerial North Steyne; proposed disabled parking bay and renovated playground area

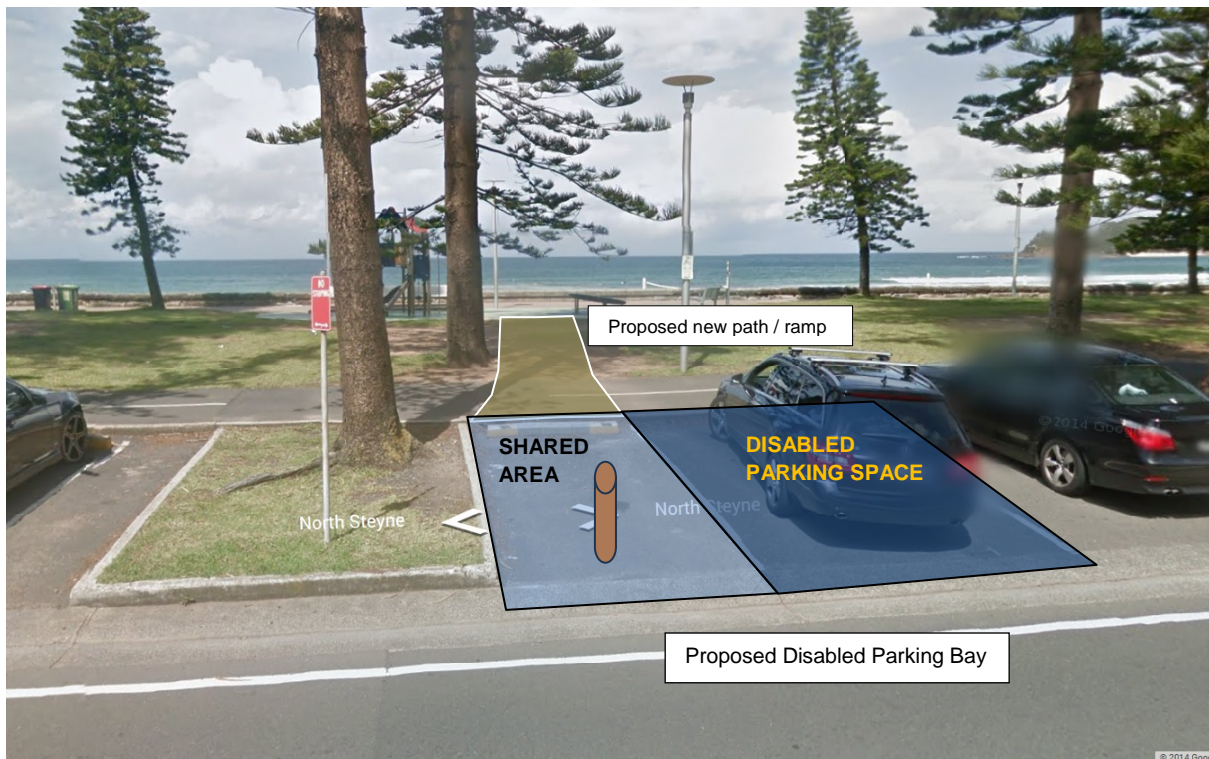


Figure 2: Proposed disabled parking bay area with new path/ramp

ITEM 45/14 **BELGRAVE STREET, MANLY – LATE NIGHT TAXI RANK**
(ITEM 45/14: 15/09/2014)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider extending the taxi rank area in Belgrave Street by amending the existing Bus Zone to include a Taxi Zone with 10.30pm-5pm Friday-Saturday time restrictions.

REPORT

Council has received a request to extend/increase the designated taxi rank located on the eastern side of Belgrave Street. This is a part of the 'Get Home Safe' project scheme supported by Council, Taxi security operators (funded by Transport NSW) and the local Police command.

The proposal is to amend the existing Bus Zone restriction south of the Taxi Zone on the eastern side of Belgrave Street so that the Bus Zone will be a Taxi Zone between the hours of 10.30pm to 5.00am on Fridays and Saturdays and a Bus Zone at 'all other times'. Refer to **Figure 7** for details.

The proposal will not impact on any bus services as they do not operate at the subject bus zone during the proposed period of taxi zone restrictions. The existing bus zone is primarily used by the Hop, Skip & Jump Community Bus Service during daytime hours. Late night bus services stop at either Stand D at Gilbert Park or Stand G at the junction of Belgrave Street and Sydney Road.

The objective of the proposal is to improve the safety and operation of the Belgrave Street taxi rank on Friday and Saturday nights, as it facilitates additional taxi loading of passengers during peak periods. It is predicted to reduce queue times and levels of aggression/alcohol related crimes that often occur from frustrated awaiting passengers.

DISCUSSION

There were no objections to the proposal. The STA representative mentioned that the proposed restrictions should be monitored to avoid misuse.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the converting the existing bus zone on the eastern side of Belgrave Street (following the current taxi rank) to a 'Taxi Zone 10.30pm – 5am Friday – Saturday; Bus Zone All Other Times' zone.

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Figure 3: Aerial of Belgrave Street with proposal to amend the existing bus zone



Figure 4: Street-view of existing taxi zone, bus zone & no parking zone on eastern side of Belgrave St

ITEM 46/14 **NORTH HARBOUR STREET, BALGOWLAH – NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

(ITEM 46/14: 15/09/2014)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider prohibiting on-street parking on the eastern side of North Harbour Street, Balgowlah.

REPORT

Council has received requests from residents to improve the safety of pedestrians using Lower Beach Street / North Harbour Street / Clarence St to connect between sections of the Manly scenic walkway.

It is claimed that high pedestrian activity in North Harbour Street is increasing the potential of conflicts between pedestrians and motorists. This is exacerbated by the road being only 6.1 metres wide and there being no footpaths on either side.

Council will be considering a number of solutions with some requiring more investigation. However, initially Council is proposing to restrict parking on the eastern side of North Harbour Street, in order to ease congestion from bi-directional traffic, provide adequate road width for Fire & Rescue trucks and alleviate conflicts between motorists and pedestrians. Refer to **Figure 9**.

DISCUSSION

There were suggestions to consider traffic calming devices in North Harbour Street, if the No Parking restrictions are implemented. The proposal is subject to consultation with the North Harbour Precinct forum and affected residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council implements No Parking restrictions on the eastern side of North Harbour Street, subject to consultation with affected residents and the North Harbour Precinct Forum. Traffic calming devices are also to be considered in the North Harbour Street.

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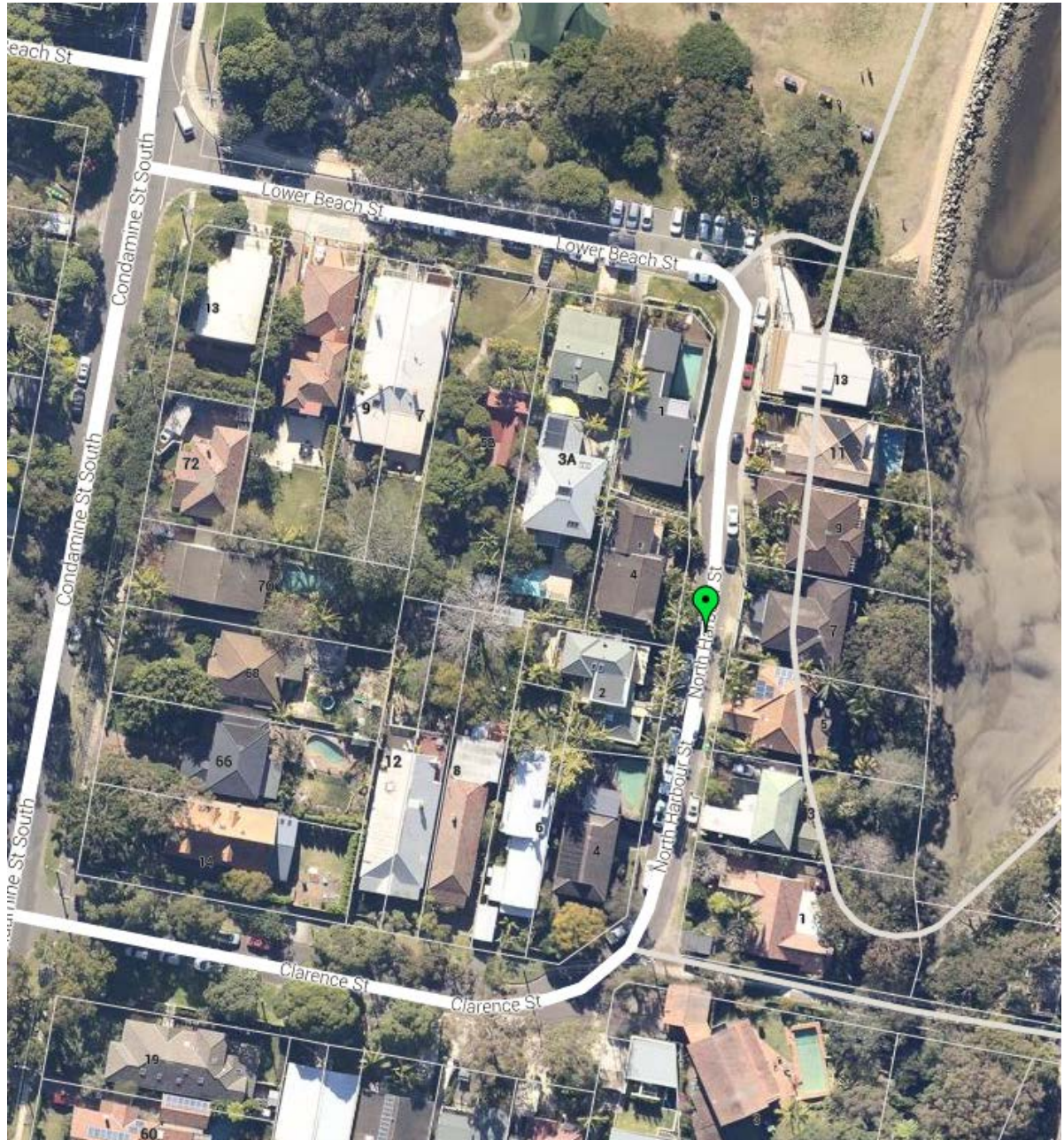


Figure 5: Proposed No Parking on the eastern side of North Harbour Street

ITEM 47/14 **KEMPBRIDGE AVENUE & BROOK ROAD, SEAFORTH –**
SCHOOL PARKING RESTRICTIONS AMENDMENTS
(ITEM 47/14: 15/09/2014)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider amending existing parking restrictions in Kempbridge Avenue and Brook Road, Seaforth to improve road safety and School Pick Up / Drop Off amenities for Seaforth Public School.

REPORT

Council has received a request by parents of school students of Seaforth Public School to review and update the existing arrangement of parking restrictions in Kempbridge Avenue and Brook Road adjacent Seaforth Public School.

It is claimed that the existing arrangement does not provide optimal school pick up / drop off for parents/children hence resulting in road safety concerns. Inadequate school pick up/drop off zones; inappropriate use of the No Parking restrictions, children walking between vehicles/across the road unsupervised and commuter parking using valuable on-street parking spaces are the primary concerns in both Kempbridge Avenue and Brook Road.

Council is proposing the following amendments in Brook Road:-

- Converting the No Parking restrictions to No Parking restrictions with the inclusion of 8-9.30am 2.30-4pm School Days time restrictions. *(This will improve awareness that it is a School Pick Up / Drop Off zone and permits unrestricted parking outside the time restricted hours)*
- Converting the No Stopping restrictions on the eastern side opposite Yatama Street to No Parking 8-9.30am 2.30-4pm School Days restrictions. *(The existing No Stopping restrictions are no longer necessary because the former zebra crossing in Brook Rd intersecting with Yatama Street has been removed)*
- Converting the unrestricted parking on the eastern side near the speed hump to No Parking 8-9.30am 2.30-4pm School Days restrictions. *(This will provide 4 additional spaces for School Pick Up / Drop Off which is currently used by commuter parking)*

Refer to Figure 10a

Council is proposing the following amendments in Kempbridge Avenue:-

- Converting the unrestricted parking (approximately 160m) on the western side adjacent the school grounds to No Parking 8-9.30am 2.30-4pm School Days restrictions. *(This will provide approximately 25 additional spaces for School Pick Up / Drop Off which is currently used by commuter parking)*
- Converting the No Stopping 8-9.30am 2.30-4pm School Days restrictions in the cul-de-sac/turning circle to No Stopping (full-time) restrictions. *(It is common for cul-de-sacs/turning circles to have full time No Stopping restrictions and it will allow motorists to safely u-turn at the end of the street in a forward motion/without a 3-point turn)*
- Converting the unrestricted parking (approximately 78m) on the eastern side between property No. 58 to the cul-de-sac to No Stopping 8-9.30am 2.30-4pm School Days restrictions. *(This will vacate the eastern side during the school pick up / drop off period hence improving the safe function of the (proposed) school pick up / drop off zone on the western side due to the narrowness of the road; ideally parents*

can drop off/pick up on the western (School) side and head northbound to u-turn in the turning circle at the end of the street and move safely southbound to exit without obstructions from vehicles parked on the eastern side)

Refer to Figure 10b

DISCUSSION

STA representative stated that the existing bus zone on the eastern side of the Brook Rd must be extended to Bus Guidelines to allow the additional draw in length that would be lost from to the proposed conversion of the No Stopping zone behind the bus zone. Besides the bus zone there were no objections to the proposal in Brook Road.

Concerns were raised about the proposal in Kempbridge Avenue as this would remove a significant amount of on-street parking supply for the street that is mostly used for commuter parking. It was suggested that the proposal in Kempbridge Avenue is revised and brought back to a future Local Traffic Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council implements the proposed amendments to parking restrictions in Brook Road including the extension to the bus zone requested by the STA and as detailed in **Figure 10a**.

The proposal in Kempbridge Avenue detailed in **Figure 10b** is revised and returned for discussion at a future traffic committee meeting.

ANNEXURES



Figure 10a: Proposed Parking Restriction Brook Road



Figure 10b: Proposed Parking Restriction in Kempbridge Avenue

ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

The following item was raised by Council – Traffic Section:

RAGLAN STREET, MANLY – TEMPORARY PEDESTRIAN ARRANGEMENTS

GTA consultants have prepared concept plans of temporary pedestrian crossings in Raglan Street and Whistler Street as required by the DA consent condition 21A associated with the redevelopment of No. 18 Raglan Street, Manly. The construction period is predicted to be between 6-12 months and will occupy the surrounding footpaths, on the eastern and southern boundaries.

As part of the DA consent conditions for the site, Council has requested the provision of temporary pedestrian crossings during the construction phase. GTA consultants have completed two concept plans to reflect the options available to address the DA consent condition, which are detailed in **Attachment 1**.

Option 1: Raglan Street east of Whistler Street (across the pedestrian refuge) and

Option 2: Whistler Street north of Raglan Street.

GTA does not recommend option 1 for a temporary pedestrian crossing to go across Raglan Street at the refuge island as it bypasses two eastbound traffic lanes and reducing the eastbound traffic to one lane to meet the design standards would have adverse effects on traffic.

Council prefers option 2 but to be treated as a traffic management plan / traffic control plan without the need for a zebra crossing across Whistler Street at Raglan Street. This alternative option 2 will provide a safe pedestrian environment with minimal impacts to traffic and will not require the jurisdiction of the Local Traffic Committee.

Discussion:

Councillor Hugh Burns stated that the Traffic Management Plan must consider allocation of a loading / unloading zone for carrying out works. Also, there must be no carnage over the public footpath without hoardings or protection for pedestrians.

The construction works at No. 18 will coincide with Manly 2015 laneway strategy.

No issues were raised by the Roads and Maritime Services representatives.

The following item was raised by Mr. Borsini of Manly Surfers Action Group:

NORTH STEYNE, MANLY – REVERSAL OF FRONT TO KERB PARKING ONLY

Mr. Borsini a representative from the Manly Surfers Action Group is asking Council to consider reverting the 'Front to Kerb Only' condition on the '2P' parking restrictions for the 90^o parking bays along North Steyne (between Pine St and Raglan St) , to permit 'Rear to Kerb' parking.

The 'Front to Kerb' Only condition was implemented sometime late 2013. Mr. Borsini is concerned that not allowing rear to kerb parking for the 90^o parking bays in North Steyne is unsafe for patrons as they must unload their equipment (long surfboards, prams, etc) and often with large van doors opened on the traffic lane as oppose to the share user path side in the past which was safe.

Ben Hubbard, Traffic Manager mentioned that the 'front to kerb' only restrictions were most likely implemented due requests raised from the Sustainable Transport Committee. Their

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concern was the encroachment of tow bars and unloading of equipment (from vans) into the shared user path, impacting on cyclists/pedestrians.

The Chair, Councillor Alan Le Surf stated that the changes were not presented to the Local Traffic Committees and therefore the current restrictions are to remain until the issue is reviewed/further investigated and addressed at a future Local Traffic Committee meeting.

ITEM 6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9.30AM MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2014