



**MINUTES OF MEETING
MANLY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

HELD MONDAY, 10 February 2014

Note: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or 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
Sgt John Fortunato	Manly Police
Sgt Nino Jelovic	Manly Police
Ms Kaye Russell	Roads and Maritime Services
Mr. Alex Coates	Roads and Maritime Services

Other Representatives

Mr Wade Mitford	State Transit Authority
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Council Staff

Mr Ben Hubbard	Traffic and Transport Manager – Civic & Urban Services
Ms Anneli Karlsson	Transport Planner – Civic & Urban Services

Apologies

None

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Manly Traffic Committee** met on the 10th February 2014 to consider the matters referred to and reports having reached 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

None

ITEM 4 REPORTS

ITEM 1/14 GRIFFITHS STREET AND SUWARROW STREET, BALGOWLAH – EXTENSION OF EXISTING NO PARKING RESTRICTION (Item1/14: 10/1/2014)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider removing a parking space on Griffiths Street, in the vicinity of the Griffiths Street /Suwarrow Street intersection. This change is proposed to increase the visibility for vehicles turning right from Suwarrow Street in to Griffiths Street (refer to Figure1 & Photo 1).

REPORT

Council has received a request from residents of Suwarrow Street that the No Stopping restriction on the north side of Griffiths Street near the corner of Suwarrow Street be extended by 6m.

Concerns have been raised that the vehicles turning right out of Suwarrow Street into Griffiths Street have their vision obstructed by vehicles parked on the western side of the intersection. No matter how carefully somebody may exit this intersection, it is difficult to see approaching vehicles on Griffiths Street, particularly vehicles travelling up the hill. The slight vertical curvature of Griffith Street at this point also compounds the problem.

Additionally, the traffic volume has been increased on Griffiths Street during the last few years due to traffic from Stockland Centre, Bunning and Woolworths and making harder the turn right from / exit from Suwarrow Street.

The site inspection showed that removal of one parking spot (6m) would address this issue.

DISCUSSION

The committee briefly discussed the issue and it was requested that the Precinct should be informed of the proposed parking changes.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council removes one parking space on the north side of Griffiths Street, at Griffiths Street /Suwarrow Street intersection to improve visibility for drivers exiting Suwarrow Street.



Figure 1: No Parking, Griffiths Street



Photo 1: Griffiths Street/Cohen Street /Suwarow Street staggered intersection

ITEM 2/14: ITEM 2/14 BALGOWLAH ROAD– 10 HOURS PARKING (Item2/14: 10/1/2014)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider a 10P parking restriction on the north side of Balgowlah Road from Hill Street up to Manly Golf Club.

REPORT

Council has been requested by residents and Manly Golf Club to consider installation of 10P parking restriction on the north side of Balgowlah Road from Hill Street up to Manly Golf Club.

Concerns have been raised that a number of parking spaces are occupied continuously by boats and trailers and that the use of this area for boat storage has increased in the last six months. Currently this section of Balgowlah Road is an unrestricted parking area (refer to Figure 1).

The residents' concerns include: spaces no longer available for residents and visitors to use, the unsightly nature of slowly decaying boats on the side of the road, boats being parked on the verge and damaging grass. From observations some of the boats and trailers have been parked in this location for over a year.

A parking survey has been undertaken during the weekday in the morning and in the afternoon. The following is the result of the survey showing the parking supply and demand on both sides of this section of Balgowlah Road.

STREET NAME/LOCATION	AVAILABLE PARKING SPACES (%)	TOTAL OCCUPIED PARKING SPACES (%)	OCCUPIED PARKING SPACES BY BOATS & TRAILERS (%)
Balgowlah Road (between Hill Street and Manly Golf Club)	46%	54%	20%

Introducing a 10P parking restriction would prevent boats and trailers parking in this location but would have minimal impact on resident parking. The boats and trailers currently parked in this location would relocate and the flow on effect of introducing this restriction would need to be monitored.

DISCUSSION

A discussion was held about where the boat trailers would relocate after the proposed restrictions had been implemented and it was requested that the traffic team investigates this further.

It was noted that there currently is parking available for residents and it was concluded that no changes should be made to existing parking restrictions for now. It was proposed that the proposal be revisited in 3 months time again and that the Manly Golf Club be informed of this decision.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- Council does not implement 10P parking restriction on the northern side of Balgowlah Road between Quark Road and the Manly Golf Club house;
- the proposal be revisited in 3 months; and
- Manly Golf Club be informed of the decision.



Figure 1: Balgowlah Road -Proposed 10P parking restriction.

ITEM 3/14: BIRKLEY ROAD - CONVERTING EXISTING NO STOPPING & DISABLED PERSON VEHICLES ACCEPTED RESTRICTION INTO A 5 MINUTES RESTRICTION (Item 3/10:1/112/2014)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider converting the existing No Stopping except disabled drivers (a now obsolete sign) into P5minute parking restriction on the west side of Birkley Road, outside of 47 Birkley Road Wesley Height Nursing Home (refer to Photo 1 & 2).

REPORT

Council has received a request from Manager of Wesley Height Nursing Home for review of the existing allocation of No Stopping and Disabled Parking at the front of 47 Birkley Road.

The Nursing home caters for 61 residents. None of the residents drive or own a vehicle and therefore don't have a disability permit. They commonly use taxis and friends or relatives for a lift.

It is therefore proposed to amend the existing No Stopping except disabled driver's signs to be a P5minute parking to allow anyone to drop off and pickup. The introduction of the P5 parking in this location would improve access to the nursing home for the elderly people and also would be benefit for community.

DISCUSSION

No objections were raised to the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council implements the P5 minutes restriction at Birkley Road, outside of the 47 Birkley Road Wesley Height Nursing Home



Photo 1: Existing No Stopping and disabled restriction



Photo 2: Existing No Stopping and disabled restriction
Adopted Manly Local Traffic Committee minutes 10 February 2014

ITEM 4/14: ROLFE STRET – PROPOSED DISABLED PARKING (Item /4/14: 10/1/14)

SUMMARY

For the Council to consider introducing a disabled parking space in Rolfe Street, outside property No5 Rolfe Street, Manly.

REPORT

Council has been requested from a resident to consider the implementation of a disabled parking outside the property No.5 Rolfe Street to assist with his child's condition (refer to Figure 1).

The resident has a child with an incurable disease which affects his ability to walk. Additionally, there is no off-street parking in front of their property. Due to high parking demand, on Rolfe Street they have difficulty to find any available parking spot near their property. This creates a significant mobility problem for the family, especially with twin children and 18 month old baby.

The provision of a dedicated disabled parking spot in vicinity of their property would improve their mobility. The resident already has a disabled parking permit.

Rolfe Street is a very high parking demand area and it is hard to find the available parking spot most of the time during the day. Also, this Section of the Rolfe Street (from property No: 2 up to No: 8) doesn't have kerb and gutter and the Council Ranger is finding it hard to enforce 2P parking restriction.

Council usually does not provide the disabled parking in residential areas, but due to lack of the off- street parking and considering the disabled person need, it is suggested to make an exception to the standard Council practice.

The introduction of the disabled parking spot would be benefit for all residents with the disability issues in this area.

DISCUSSION

It was mentioned that anyone with a disabled parking sticker would be able to use the proposed disable parking space.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council introduces a disabled parking in Rolfe Street, outside property No.5 Rolfe Street, Manly, subject to consultation with affected resident.



Figure 1: Rolfe Street- Proposed Disabled Parking location

ITEM 5/14: MANLY ANZAC DAY SERVICE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN Item /5/14: 10/1/14)

SUMMARY

For the Council to review and approve the traffic management plan of annual Manly Anzac Day Service to be held on Friday 25 April 2014.

REPORT

Council has received a traffic management plan for the planned Manly Anzac Day event to be held by Manly Council.

The Service activities will be similar to previous years with a Dawn Service at 4.25am and a Main Service held at the Manly War Memorial outside Council Chambers commencing at 11am for an estimated one hour in length.

The organiser has proposed a road closure between 10am and 12:30pm. The road closure has been proposed to apply from the corner intersection of Darley Road and Wentworth Street (the Corso side) to Whistle Street, after the pedestrian crossing outside Council Chamber. Access /Exit to and from Whistler Street Car Parking will still be maintained via Whistler Street/Sydney Road (see figure 1 and figure 2).

It has also been proposed to apply a No Stopping restriction between 7:00am and 12:30 pm on the both side the designated road closure area.

These two Traffic restrictions will allow for the erection of equipment pre the event, appropriate access for the Parade and additional safety for pedestrians walking to and from the Manly Wharf to The Corso Pedestrian Mall.

This road closure will require adequate notice to the public of changed traffic conditions via the Manly Daily. This will be actioned by the event organiser.

Pre event publicity will also highlight the road closure and advice will be distributed to the Precinct Committees. Notifications will be distributed to local businesses and residents by letterbox drop. Appropriate road signage will be displayed advising of a change in road traffic conditions in Darley road.

DISCUSSION

No objections were raised to the proposal.


RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council approves the Traffic Management Control Plan for Manly Anzac Day Service



Figure 1: Location of proposed road closure and no stopping restriction

ANZAC Day Site Map 2014

 Barriers to be placed for No Stopping zones

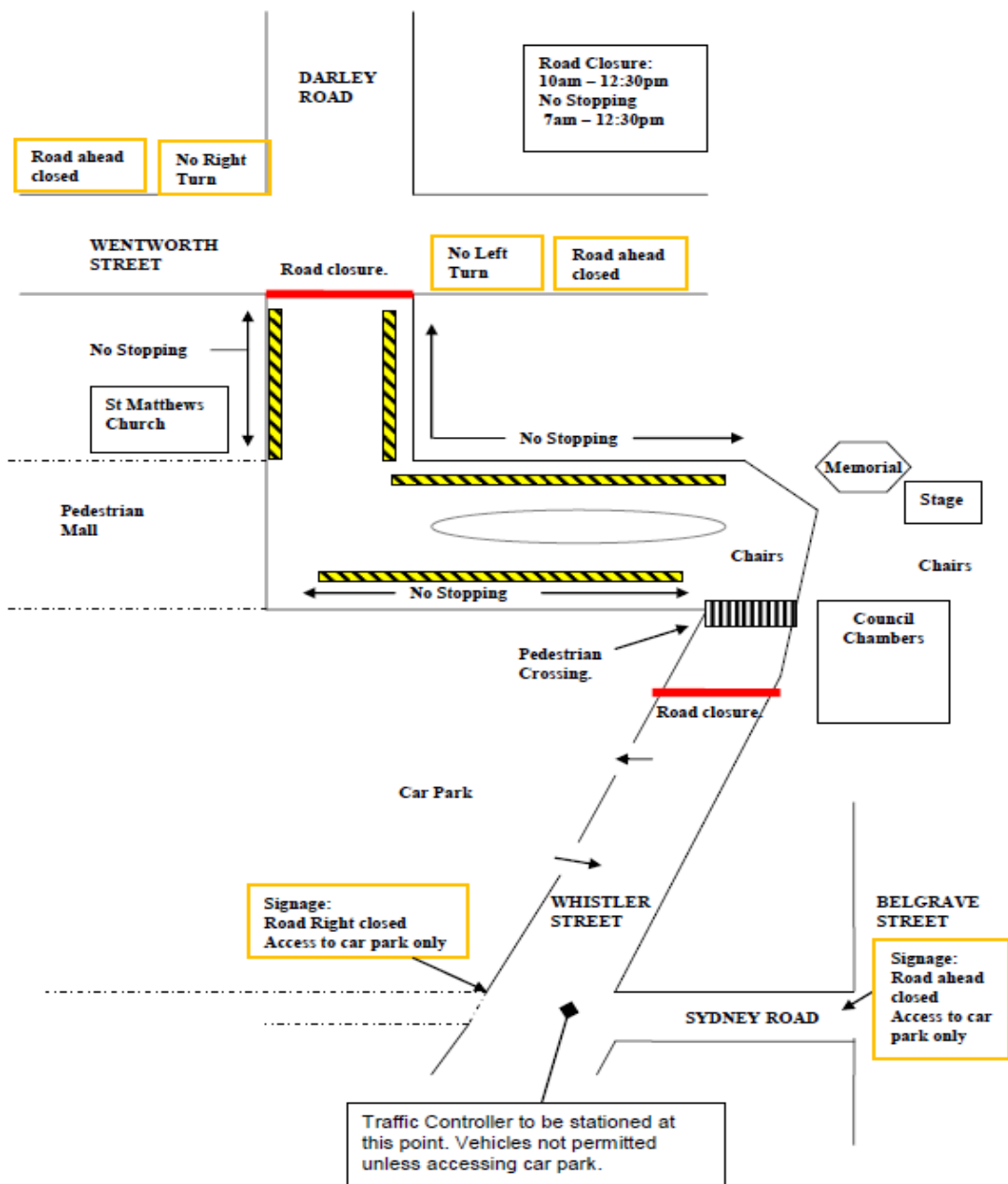


Figure 2: Proposed road closure and no stopping restriction

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were raised by Clr Hugh Burns:

Bus lane on northbound approach at Spit Bridge

Clr Burns enquired about the traffic manager contacting the Transport for NSW / the Roads and Maritime Services about providing a bus lane on the northbound approach to the Spit Bridge in the AM peak. The traffic manager agreed to follow this up.

Traffic committee agenda to be provided to Sustainable Transport Committee members

Clr Burns requested that the Traffic Committee agenda be distributed to some STC members prior to the meeting being held.

The following item was raised by Clr Alan Le Surf:

Speeding on Lauderdale Avenue

Clr Le Surf enquired about speed monitoring and enforcement along Lauderdale Avenue. The Committee recognises that speed enforcement along Lauderdale Avenue is problematic. Sgt Fortunato advised that there have been no accidents along Lauderdale Avenue over the last six months. Means to monitor the speed along Lauderdale Avenue will be investigated.

The following item was raised by Sgt Fortunato:

Manly Scenic Fun Run

Sgt Fortunato advised that the Manly Scenic Fun Run will be held Sunday 118 May 2014. Only minor changes to previous year are to be expected and the Traffic Control Plan will be sent to the Traffic Manager.

Other:

This was Sgt Fortunato's last meeting and the Traffic Committee thanked him for his attendance and efforts and welcomed his replacement Sgt Jelovic.

ITEM 6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9.30AM MONDAY 10 MARCH 2014