



**MINUTES OF MEETING
MANLY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
HELD TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015**

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Councillor Hugh Burns Manly Council (Chair)

Other Members

Mr John O'Connor Representative for Mr Mike Baird MP Member for Manly

Mr Alex Coates Roads and Maritime Services

Mr Evan Van Leeuwen State Transit Authority

Sgt Nino Jelovic Northern Beaches LAC

Council Staff

Ben Hubbard Manager Traffic & Transport – Civic & Urban Services

Ms Jessica Szeto Traffic Officer – Civic & Urban Services

Apologies

Mayor Jean Hay Manly Council

Councillor Alan Le Surf Manly Council

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Manly Traffic Committee** met on the Tuesday, 14 July 2015 to consider the matters referred to and reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder.



ITEM 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Burns welcomed the Traffic Committee.

ITEM 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Mayor Jean Hay sent her apologies.

Councillor Alan Le Surf sent his apologies.

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY

No pecuniary or none-pecuniary interests declared except where noted in the minutes.

ITEM 4 REPORTS

ITEM 35/15 LAUDERDALE AVENUE, FAIRLIGHT – NO PARKING (ITEM 35/15: 14/07/2015)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider extending the No Parking restriction, an additional 12m, along the frontage of 4-6 Lauderdale Avenue, Fairlight.

REPORT

Council has received a request from a resident to extend the existing No Parking restriction to cover the frontage of 4-6 Lauderdale Avenue. Concerns have been raised regarding sight visibility of vehicles exiting out of Woods Parade as a result of parked vehicles along this section. It has been reported that the slope of the road further exacerbates this sight visibility issue.

Currently, there are 2P restrictions between 8am-10pm with permit holders excepted along this section of the road and parking in the area is in high demand. The proposal to extend the No Parking Zone an additional 12m in length will result in the loss of two (2) off-street parking spaces.

An on-site investigation revealed that a majority of the residences have off-street parking available within their property boundary.

The proposal will improve sight visibility and be of significant benefit to the residents with driveways located along the northern side of Lauderdale Avenue of this section. Further, it would be of benefit to motorists exiting out of Woods Parade as sight visibility of vehicles coming down the incline of Lauderdale Avenue will be improved, with the additional 12m of sight distance.

The proposal has been shown in Figure 1.

DISCUSSION

The Committee raised no objections and agreed to the proposal, subject to consultation with the affected residents and the Local Precinct Community Forum.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council extend the existing No Parking Zone an additional 12m to extend along the frontage of 4-6 Lauderdale Avenue, Fairlight, subject to consultation with the Fairlight Precinct Forum and the affected residents.

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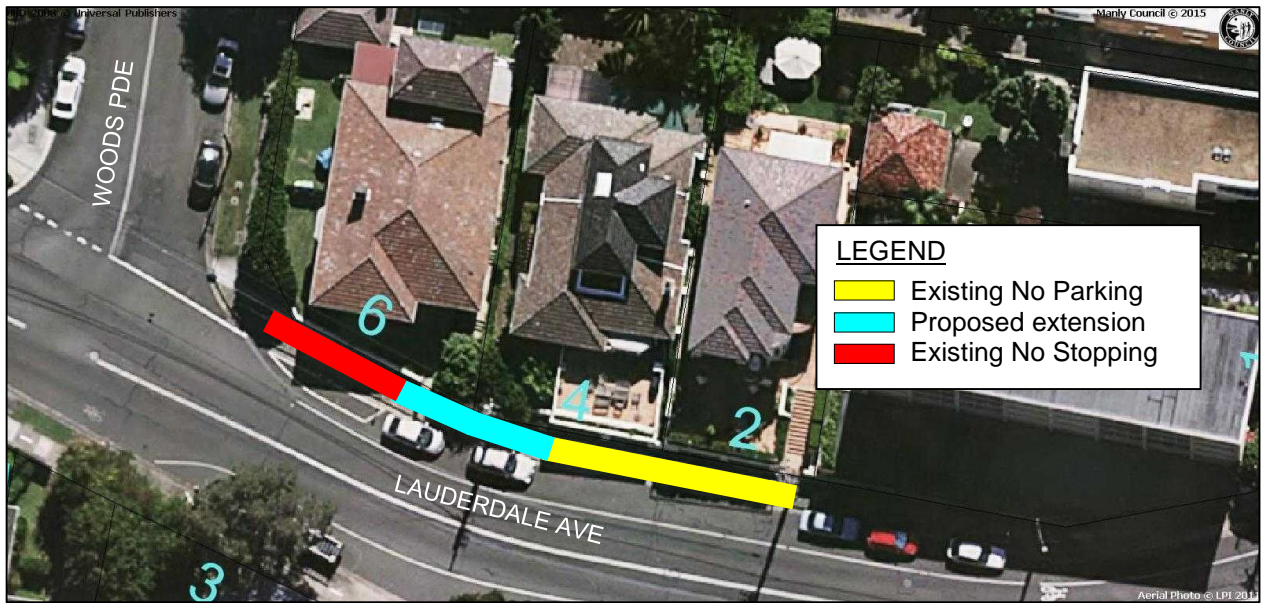


Figure 1: Lauderdale Avenue, Fairlight - Proposed extension of No Parking Zone

SUMMARY

For Council to approve the Traffic Management Plan for the annual Manly Jazz festival, held between Saturday, 3 October 2015 and Monday, 5 October 2015, inclusive.

REPORT

The planning for the 2015 festival is well underway and will feature multiple outdoor stages with local and international live music performances.

The festival site layout will be similar to the 2014 Manly Jazz festival site where *the roadway North / South Steyne from Wentworth Street through to Raglan Street on the Oceanfront* will be closed and used for staging and a safe public walkway between stages.

This site will provide an expansive and safe area for a capacity crowd who may enjoy both the scenic setting and live musical performances.

Activities are to be presented in the road closure area from corner of Wentworth Street to the corner of Raglan Street and within The Corso Pedestrian Mall from the Ocean beachfront to the corner of Darley Road. There will also be additional stages placed at Council chambers forecourt (opposite Manly Wharf) and on Manly Wharf. This successful annual festival brings welcomed exposure to Manly as a destination, providing benefits to the residents, local business and our visitors.

Loading Zone / road closure requirements:

The organisers of the festival, Manly Council Events and Tourism, request that a full road closure take place from the corner intersection of South Steyne / Wentworth Street to the corner intersection of North Steyne / Raglan Street as follows:

- The Loading Zone area North Steyne, outside 49 North Steyne be restricted between the hours of 4:00pm on the afternoon of Friday 2nd October to 07:00am on Tuesday 6th October 2015.
- A road closure South / North Steyne, between the corner of Wentworth Street and the corner of Raglan Street from the hours of 4:00pm on the afternoon of Friday 2nd October to 07:00am on Tuesday 6th October 2015.

Please note: A traffic management company will be employed to set up signage and man the road closure during the day.

Authorised Parking Only requirements:

The organisers of the Festival, Manly Council Events and Tourism, also request the use of the following spaces at North and South Steyne to meet the requirements for artist and entertainment operations during the festival:

- The 2P Bus Bay area opposite Raglan Street to be closed off for authorised parking only from 4:00pm on the afternoon of Friday 2nd October to 07:00am on Tuesday 6th October 2015.

- The west side of South Steyne from Wentworth Street towards Victoria Parade to be closed off for authorised parking only from 4:00pm on the afternoon of Friday 2nd October to 07:00am on Tuesday 6th October 2015. This area would be from the 2P parking sign at the corner of Wentworth Street to the third 2P parking sign going south and will utilise approximately 3 parking positions.

The main road closure will allow for the erection of equipment pre the event and the dismantling of equipment on the Monday evening post the event and Council cleaning by the early Tuesday morning shift.

This road closure will be advertised in the Manly Daily to provide adequate notice to the public of changed traffic conditions. This will be completed by the event organiser. Pre event publicity will also highlight the road closure and advice will be distributed to Precinct Committees.

Appropriate road signage will be displayed advising of a change in road traffic conditions and restrictions to parking at North and South Steyne. This signage will be installed by Council works staff.

Road barriers will be lit at night throughout the duration of the road closure

Letterbox delivery requirement:

As advised to the Committee in previous years, a letter drop for affected residents and businesses is considered impractical and difficult to implement as the area affected is considerable. With the placement of road traffic signage and media advertisements, the road closure will provide considerable notice to the community.

It is requested that a letterbox delivery requirement is to be eliminated for the year 2015.

A letter drop to residents and businesses in the immediate area will be conducted by the event organiser.

Vendors and technical suppliers will be given specific set up and dismantle times to operate by on the three event days.

STA Northern Buses, Ambulance, Fire services and Police will be advised of the altered traffic conditions.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the proposal and raised no objections to the event. The RMS requested that a TMP be submitted the RMS. The STA representative raised some concerns regarding the road closures affecting bus routes and requested to be duly notified if the road closures were to begin earlier than the prescribed time.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Traffic Management Plan for the 2015 Manly Jazz Festival, held between Saturday, 3 October 2015 and Monday, 5 October 2015, inclusive, subject to a TMP submission to the RMS.

ITEM 37/15 **ETHEL STREET, SEAFORTH – NO PARKING (ITEM 37/15: 14/07/2015)**

SUMMARY

For Council to consider converting two (2) parking spaces to No Parking restrictions along the frontage of 42 Ethel Street, Seaforth.

REPORT

Council has received a request from the Balgowlah RSL Memorial Club at 30-38 Ethel St to improve sight visibility for patrons exiting the site. It has been reported that vehicles parking in the 1P parking, to the immediate right of the driveway exit, prevent exiting vehicles from seeing vehicles on Ethel Street.

The current 1P restrictions along this section are active between 10am-6pm Mon-Fri and 8.30am-6pm Sat-Sun, where it becomes unrestricted parking out of these hours. An on-site investigation revealed that sight distance was reduced significantly as a result of parked vehicles along this section.

Ethel Street functions as a collector road to the immediate area and attracts up to approximately 10,000 vehicles per day based on survey data undertaken in October 2014. Due to the relatively high influx of vehicle movements at this location, it is proposed to convert two (2) parking spaces into No Parking restrictions, between 10am to 10pm, everyday, to improve sight distance at this location (refer to Figure 1).

Parking demand in the area is high due to its close proximity to the Seaforth Local Centre. However, there is currently off-street parking available within the Balgowlah RSL Club car park, which provides 44 public spaces and operates between 8am to 6pm, 7 days. It is anticipated that the loss of two (2) on-street parking spaces should not significantly impact on parking amenities in the area due to the availability of off-street parking spaces.

DISCUSSION

The Committee noted that the substation located along the frontage of 42 Ethel Street further exacerbated the sight visibility issue for exiting vehicles. Councillor Burns suggested that the proposed time restrictions may need to be reconsidered if the affected property is for residential purposes. The property is currently not residential and so the proposed time restrictions are appropriate. The Committee agreed with the proposal, subject to consultation with the affected property.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council convert two (2) parking spaces into No Parking, between 10am to 10pm, everyday, along the frontage of 42 Ethel Street, Seaforth, subject to consultation with the affected property.

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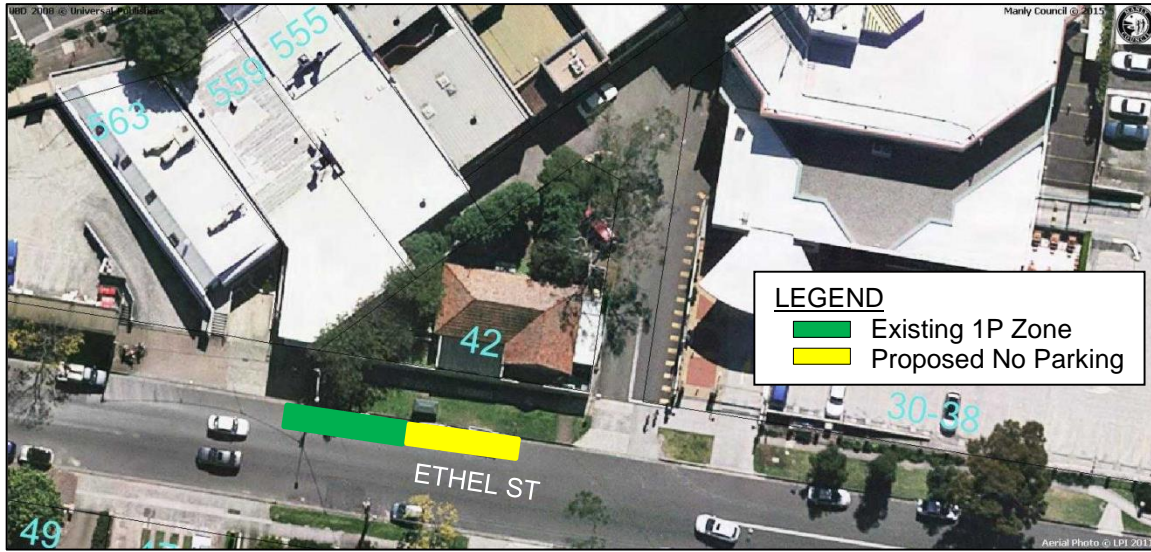


Figure 1: Ethel Street, Seaforth - Proposed installation of No Parking restrictions

ITEM 38/15 **HOP SKIP & JUMP BUS – TRAFFIC ISSUES (ITEM 38/15: 14/07/2015)**

SUMMARY

For Council to consider the following:

- Install No Parking restrictions along Stuart Street, near the intersection with Addison Road, Manly; and
- Install No Parking restrictions along Ross Street, Seaforth.

REPORT

Council has received concerns regarding vehicle manoeuvrability and access issues for the Hop Skip & Jump bus service at two (2) locations.

Location 1: Stuart Street / Addison Road, Manly

In the April 2014 MLTC, it was recommended:

- That Council installs approximately 10m of No Parking on the west side of Stuart Street, south of Addison Road, by removing two 2P 8am to 10pm Permit Holders Excepted parking spaces, subject to consultation with affected residents and the precinct forum.

The results of the consultation returned not in favour of the proposal and hence, was not implemented.

Currently, there is no specific zone allocated for the buses to stop at this location, other than the existing No Stopping Zone. According to the Australian Road Rules (Rule 167), a driver is not permitted to stop within a No Stopping Zone.

In order to comply with the rules and regulations, it is proposed to relocate the No Stopping sign from 16m to 10m from the tangent point. This would provide 6m of space for the buses to turn into, which is not sufficient as the length of bus is 7.7m. It is therefore necessary to remove one (1) parking space to provide a total length of 12m of No Parking for the buses to turn into for drop off and pick up purposes.

Given that the parking in the area is premium, it is proposed to install No Parking restrictions between 7am to 7pm, to allow for parking out of these hours. In order to provide adequate space for the Hop Skip and Jump bus service, it is necessary to remove one (1) parking space at this location. Consultation with the affected residents is therefore deemed not required in this instance, but rather, a notification letter should be sent.

Location 2: Ross Street, Seaforth

A Hail and Ride service is currently present along Ross Street. It has been reported that this is a popular location for residents and patrons to this service. There is currently a No Stopping Zone along the southern side of Ross Street. As mentioned above, drivers are not permitted to stop within this zone in accordance with the Australian Road Rules.

It is therefore proposed to convert this No Stopping Zone to a No Parking Zone (at all times) to allow for the Hop Skip and Jump bus service to stop within this zone for drop off and pick up purposes.

As this proposal does not result in the loss of any parking, consultation with the affected residents is not required.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the Hop Skip & Jump bus service and its positive impact for the community and general public. The Committee agreed that a formalised drop off / pick up area should be installed to accommodate the bus operating hours to improve access to the bus service. It was concluded that a submission be sent to the Mayor's Office for a press release to notify the public of Council's plan to improve access to the Hop Skip & Jump bus service.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- Install a No Parking Zone for the length of 12m outside of 70 Addison Road, fronting Stuart Street, Manly, between 7am to 7pm; and
- Convert the existing No Stopping Zone to a No Parking Zone at the rear of 12 Ponsonby Parade (Ross Street), Seaforth.

ANNEXURES



Figure 1: Location 1 – Stuart Street / Addison Road, Manly – Proposed No Parking Zone



Figure 2: Location 2 – Ross Street, Seaforth – Proposed No Parking Zone

ITEM 39/15 **WOODLAND STREET, BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS – NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS (ITEM 39/15: 14/07/2015)**

SUMMARY

For Council to consider installing No Stopping restrictions, adjacent to double centre BB lines, along Woodland Street, Balgowlah Heights.

REPORT

Council has received a request from a resident to install No Stopping restrictions, adjacent to the existing double centre BB lines, along Woodland Street.

It has been reported that vehicles have been parking adjacent to the double centre BB lines, which have subsequently resulted in motorists having to cross these double centre lines to navigate through the road segment. Vehicles are not permitted to park within 3m distance from the double centre lines, as per the Australian Road Rules (Rule 208).

The road width is approximately 6m and therefore is not sufficient to accommodate for any parked vehicles adjacent to the double centre lines. In order to prevent the occurrence of vehicles parking along this section, it is proposed to install yellow kerbside No Stopping restrictions adjacent to the existing double centre BB lines along Woodland Street (refer to Figure 1).

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the use of kerbside solid yellow lines in lieu of No Stopping signs. The Committee concluded that an awareness campaign would be of benefit to remind all road users of the meaning of yellow lines and when they can park in proximity to the double centre barrier lines.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council install No Stopping restrictions, adjacent to the double centre BB lines, along Woodland Street, Balgowlah Heights.

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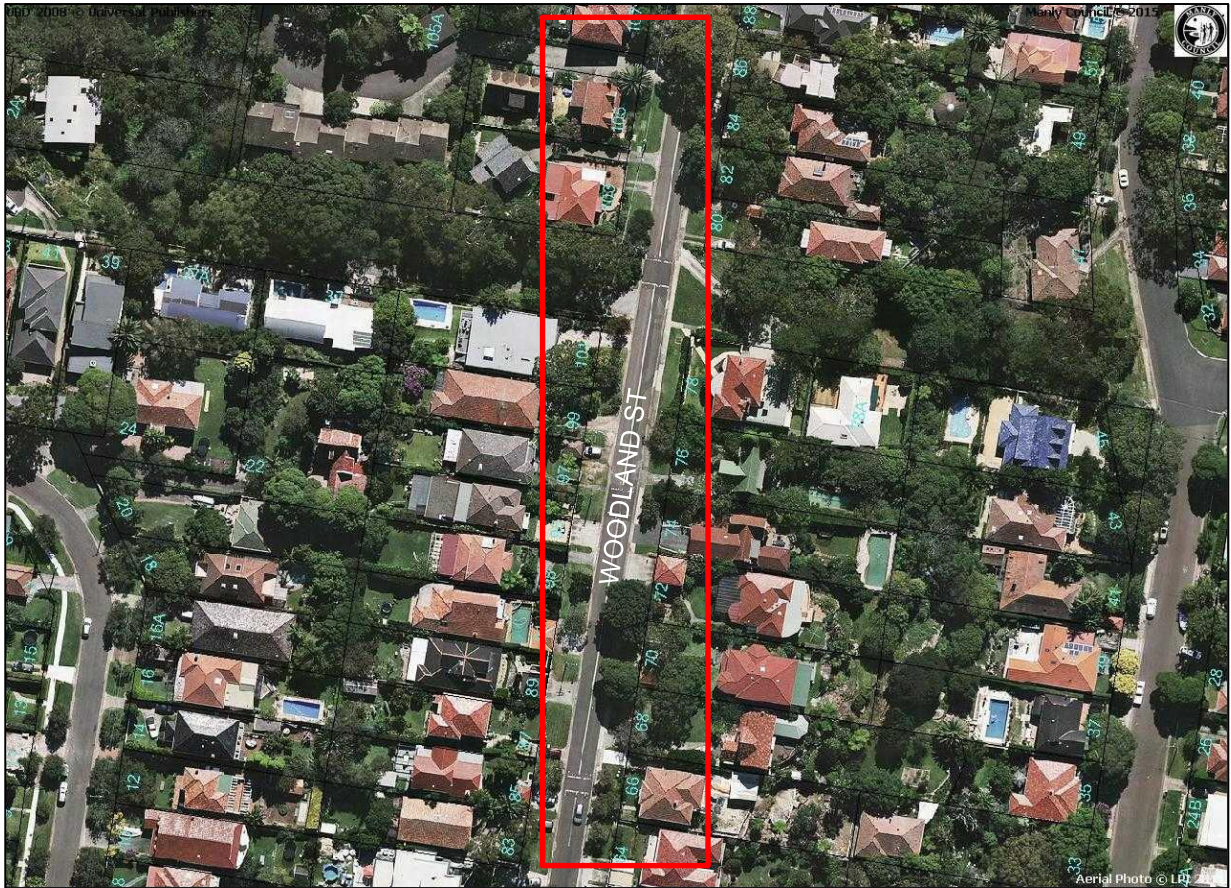


Figure 1: Woodland Street, Balgowlah Heights - Proposed installation of No Stopping restrictions

ITEM 40/15 HILLTOP CRESCENT, FAIRLIGHT – BUS ZONE (ITEM 40/15: 14/07/2015)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider installing Bus Zone signage along Hilltop Crescent, Fairlight, to formalise the existing bus stops.

REPORT

Council has received a request from concerned residents to formalise the existing bus stops near 24-26 Hilltop Crescent with the appropriate Bus Zone signage. Concerns have been raised regarding vehicles parking too close to the existing bus stops, which has negatively impacted on bus services in the area.

Parking in the area is in relatively high demand as a result of commuter parking. Drivers are not permitted to stop within 20m upon approach of a bus stop and within 10m from departure in accordance with the Australian Road Rules (Rule 195).

It is therefore proposed to install Bus Zone signage, 20m on approach and 10m on departure of the bus stop to formalise appropriate signage for the existing bus stops, as shown in Figures 1 and 2. As the proposal is further enforcing the current rules and regulations in relation to stopping at or near a bus stop, consultation with the affected properties is not required.

DISCUSSION

The Committee raised no objections to the proposal and advised that consultation with the Local Community Precinct Forum be undertaken, prior to the implementation of the Bus Zone signage. The STA noted that the proposal would be of significant benefit to the Sydney Buses for access purposes particularly along the northern side of Hilltop Crescent.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council install Bus Zone signage for the existing bus stops along Hilltop Crescent, Fairlight, subject to consultation with the Fairlight Precinct Forum.

ANNEXURES



Figure 1: Hilltop Crescent, Fairlight - Proposed Bus Zones

ITEM 41/15 SYDNEY ROAD, SEAFORTH – 15 MINUTE PARKING (ITEM 41/15: 14/07/2015)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider converting part of the 1 hour duration parking restrictions to 15 minute duration restriction along the frontage of 571 Sydney Road, Seaforth.

REPORT

Council has received a request from a concerned business owner to convert the existing 1 hour parking restrictions (1P) to 15 minute parking restrictions (1/4P), between the hours of 6am and 5pm, for three (3) parking spaces.

Parking demand in the area is high, due to its close proximity to commercial properties and local cafes within the Seaforth Local Centre. The proposal will assist provide a higher turnover of parking in the area, especially for businesses that possess a high turnover rate of customers such as the local bakeries and newsagency shops.

A bakery shop is located adjacent to the proposed location for these parking changes, as shown in Figure 1. The business operates between 6am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday, and 7am to 4pm Sunday. The proposal will also assist improve parking amenities during the operating hours of the adjacent business and neighbouring businesses in the local centre, particularly in the early morning.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the parking changes and concluded that the proposal would be subject to consultation with the affected and adjacent properties along Sydney Road. Concerns were raised regarding the difficulty in enforcing the 15 minute parking restrictions, where it was noted that Rangers could utilise the Automatic Number Plate Recognition system, “looper van”, to monitor the area.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council convert three (3) parking spaces from 1 hour duration parking restrictions to 15 minute duration parking restrictions, between the hours of 6am to 5pm, along the frontage of 571 Sydney Road, Seaforth, subject to consultation with the affected and adjacent properties.

ANNEXURES



Figure 1: Sydney Road, Seaforth – Proposed changes to parking

ITEM 42/15 **BUNGALOE AVENUE, BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS – BUS ZONE (ITEM 42/15: 14/07/2015)**

SUMMARY

For Council to consider installing Bus Zone signage along Bungaloe Avenue, Balgowlah Heights, to formalise the existing bus stops.

REPORT

Council has received a request from the State Transit Authority, Sydney Buses, to formalise the existing bus stops along Bungaloe Avenue between Lower Beach Street and New Street with the appropriate Bus Zone signage.

It has been reported that vehicles have been parking near the bus stop which has caused bus drivers to stop in areas where they cannot access the bus stops. This has made it difficult for regular wheel chair passengers to disembark the bus. It is therefore proposed to install Bus Zone signage, 20m on approach and 10m on departure of the bus stop to formalise appropriate signage for the existing bus stops, as shown in Figure 1.

DISCUSSION

The STA raised that the existing bus stops mainly service school children and elderly passengers and operate long hours until approximately 11pm at night. The Committee agreed that the Bus Zone signage should therefore operate on a full-time basis due to the long operating hours of the bus services along this route. It was concluded that consultation with the affected residents be undertaken, prior to the proposal proceeding. It was discussed that the consultation should make note that the breaches of parking near the bus stops has negatively affected access for the elderly, school children and disabled patrons in the area.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council install Bus Zone signage for the existing bus stops along Bungaloe Avenue, between Lower Beach Street and New Street, Balgowlah Heights, subject to consultation with the affected residents.

ANNEXURES



Figure 1: Bungalow Avenue, Balgowlah Heights – Proposed Bus Zones

ITEM 43/15 ROSEDALE AVENUE, FAIRLIGHT – NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS (ITEM 43/15: 14/07/2015)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider installing No Stopping restrictions for a length of 20m along Rosedale Avenue, from the intersection of Lauderdale Avenue.

REPORT

Council has received concerns from the Fairlight Precinct Forum regarding sight visibility issues entering into Rosedale Avenue for larger vehicles from Lauderdale Avenue.

There are currently double centre BB lines along this section of the road, where parking is prohibited along the eastern side as no vehicle is permitted to park within 3m from the double centre lines. Parking is, however, permitted on the western side as the road width is approximately 5m, which is sufficient space for a vehicle to park, whilst complying with the Australian Road Rules.

In order to improve vehicle manoeuvrability along this section, especially for larger vehicles, it is proposed to install yellow kerbside No Stopping restriction to prohibit all parking adjacent to the double centre lines, as shown in Figure 1. The proposal will result in the loss of two (2) standard parking spaces.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the proposal and RMS raised concerns regarding setting precedence with installing No Stopping restrictions adjacent to the double centre BB lines, as drivers may begin to expect No Stopping restrictions adjacent to the double centre lines to indicate that parking is not permitted along that section. However, the Committee raised no objections and agreed that the proposal would be subject to consultation with the affected residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council install No Stopping restrictions along the west side of Rosedale Avenue at the Lauderdale Avenue intersection, adjacent to the double centre BB lines, subject to consultation with the affected residents.

ANNEXURES



Figure 1: Rosedale Avenue, Fairlight – Proposed No Stopping restrictions

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The STA representative raised concerns regarding the notification process for work zone permits involving road closures as in some instances, the STA received no notification, which has negatively affected bus services in the area. The Traffic Manager advised that he will raise the matter with Council's Compliance Team to ensure that the appropriate consultation/notification process with the key stakeholders is undertaken for future permit applications. The Police also noted the matter.
2. Councillor Burns raised a concern received by a resident regarding the Pedestrian Crossing located along Roseberry Street, near the intersection with Balgowlah Road. It has been reported that the Pedestrian Crossing has negatively affected entry and exit vehicle movements at this location. The Traffic Manager advised he would review the matter.
3. The STA raised concerns regarding the angle parking along Kenneth Road. The Traffic Manager advised that the matter is already being monitored.

ITEM 6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9.30AM MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2015