



**MANLY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
HELD MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2013**

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PRESENT:

Councillors

Councillor Alan Le Surf Manly Council

Other Members

Mr John O'Conner Representative from the Member for Manly's Office

Other Representatives

Mr Wade Mitford State Transit Authority

Ms Kaye Russell Roads and Maritime Services

Mr Alex Coates Roads and Maritime Services

Council Staff

Mr Ben Hubbard Traffic Manager – Manly Council

Mrs Rezvan Saket Traffic Officer – Manly Council

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Apologies

Clr Jean Hay Mayor – Manly Council

Sgt John Fortunato Manly Police

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Manly Traffic Committee** met on the 9th September 2013 to consider the matters referred to and reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder.

- ITEM 1** **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
Cllr Alan Le Surf welcomed those present.

- ITEM 2** **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
See above

- ITEM 3** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None

- ITEM 4** **REPORTS**

- ITEM 5** **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- ITEM 6** **NEXT MEETING**

ITEM 48/13: SEAVIEW AND WEST STREET, BALGOWLAH – REQUEST FOR PARKING RESTRICTION (Item 48/13: 9/9/13)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider introducing parking restrictions in Seaview and West Street, Balgowlah between White Street and Sydney Road.

REPORT

Council has received a number of requests from residents and the Precinct Committee requesting that parking restrictions in Seaview Street and New Street be considered to prevent commuters parking all day.

The kerbside parking in Seaview and West Streets is being used by commuters during weekdays. These commuters park all day mostly in the section between White Street and Sydney Road, and catch the buses on Sydney Road.

Site visits show that approximately 60% of parking spaces in Seaview Street and 80% of parking spaces in New Street are occupied during the day time.

The introduction of a 4 hour parking restriction in these streets may benefit some local residents by removing commuters who generally require a longer duration. However, the restriction would be likely to cause the commuter vehicles to park on other streets and so migrate the parking issue into streets that currently do not have parking issues.

It is recommended that Council continue to monitor the kerbside parking in these streets as there is some kerbside parking available at most times of the day.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed this item and supported the proposed recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council continue to monitor the parking in Seaview Street and West Street.

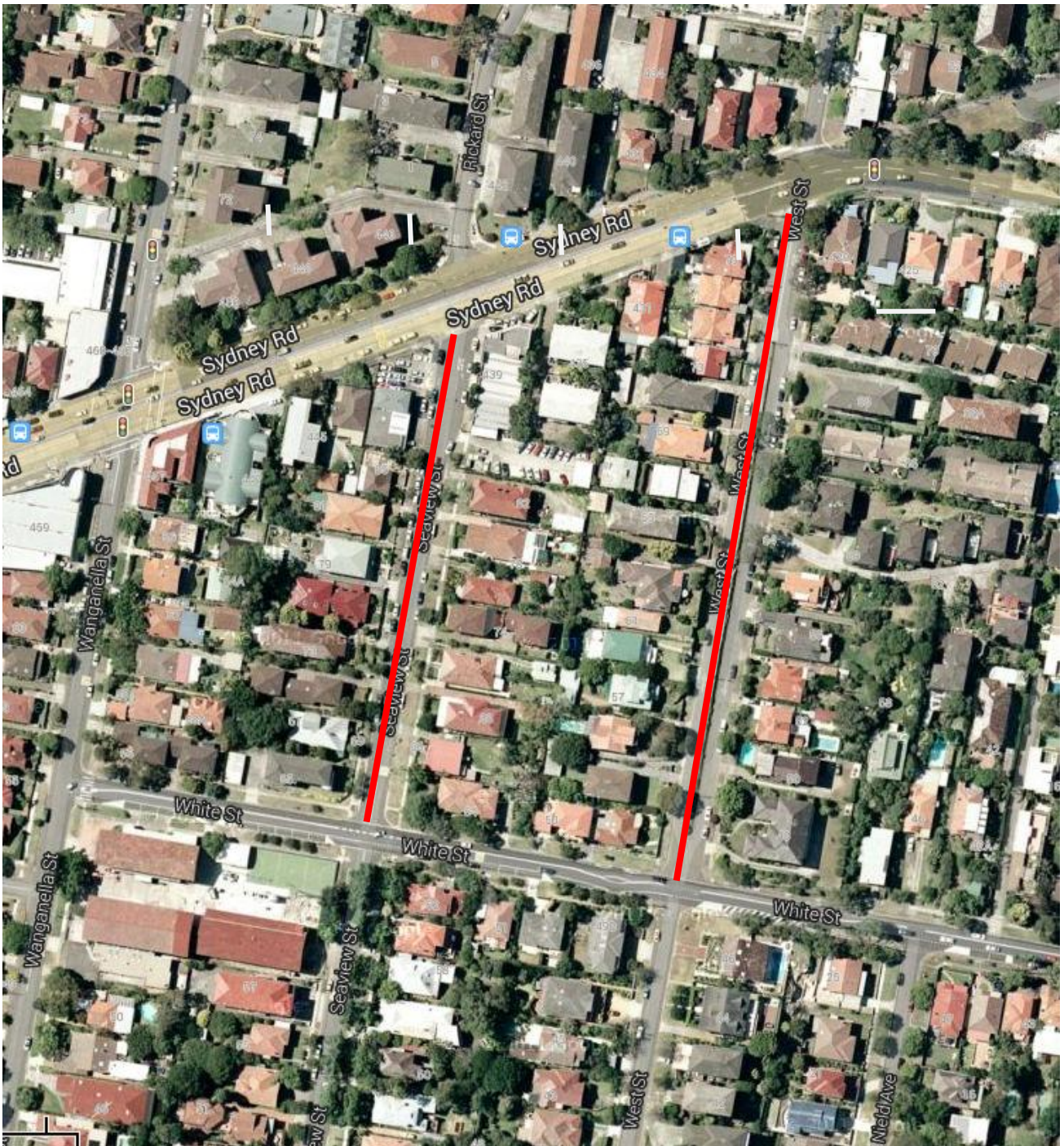


Figure 1: Parking restriction in Seaview and West Street, Balgowlah

ITEM 49/13: BURTON STREET, BALGOWLAH – PROPOSED EXTENSION OF NO STOPPING RESTRICTION (Item 49/13: 9/9/13)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider the extension of the No Stopping restriction during school pick-up hours on the northern side of Burton Street.

REPORT

Council has received a request from a resident to extend the existing “No Stopping 8am-9am, 3pm-4pm school days”, to the double barrier centre line in Burton Street, Balgowlah.

The concern has been raised that during school pick up and drop off hours, cars park on both sides of the road and make it hard to enter and exit the street.

Extending the existing No Stopping during pick up and drop off times restriction on the northern side of the street would address the concern and provide adequate room to get in and out the street easily.

The proposal would result in the loss of two car spaces during pick up and drop off hours.

DISCUSSION

The item was discussed and the Committee agreed with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council extend the existing “No Stopping 8am-9am, 3pm-4pm school days” restriction on the northern side of Burton Street to the end of the existing double barrier centre line, subject to consultation with affected residents.



Figure 1: Proposed extension of “No Stopping 8am-9am, 3pm-4pm, school days” restrictions – Burton Street, Balgowlah



Figure 2: Proposed extension of “No Stopping 8am-9am, 3pm-4pm, school days” restrictions – Burton Street, Balgowlah

ITEM 50/13: BALGOWLAH STREET, BALGOWLAH – PROPOSED NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS (Item 50/13: 9/9/13)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider introducing parking restrictions on the both sides of Balgowlah Road at the intersection of Hill Street.

REPORT

Council has received a request from a resident that a No Stopping restriction be introduced on Balgowlah Road at its intersection with Hill Street.

Balgowlah Road is a wide street at the intersection with Hill Street. However, parking spaces on the opposite side of Hill Street are usually occupied by trailers and boats. This makes the road narrow and restricts the traffic flow at this section. Since, there is a considerable traffic flow turning in and out of Hill Street, introduction of a No Stopping restriction on this section of Balgowlah Road would provide adequate space for both turning and straight traffic flow. Introducing No stopping at this location would also improve visibility of pedestrians at the pram ramps currently located between parked boats.

It is proposed that a “No Stopping” restriction be introduced for the length of 20m on the northern side, and 18m on the south-eastern side of intersection.

Note that there is a proposed design for implementing a refuge crossing at this location which would require the proposed No Stopping restriction.

The proposal would result in the loss of 3 car spaces just on the northern side of Balgowlah Road (figure 1). The section of road does not front any residential property so consultation with affected residents is not required.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the item. The bus representative expressed concerns that the existing bus stop on the southern side of Balgowlah Road would be affected by the proposed No Stopping restriction. He suggested that proposed No Stopping restriction on the southern side be replaced by Bus Zone restriction.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council introduce a 20m “No Stopping” restriction on the northern side, and install the regulatory Bus Zone signs on the southern side of Balgowlah Road.



Figure 1: Proposed “No Stopping” on Balgowlah Road at the intersection of Hill Street, Balgowlah

ITEM 51/13: WANGANELLA STREET, BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS – PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE BARRIER CENTRELINES (Item 51/13: 9/9/13)

SUMMARY

Council to consider implementing a Double Barrier Centreline (BB line) at the southern end of Wanganella Street at the intersection with New Street West.

REPORT

Council has received a request from North Harbour Precinct for implementation of a Double Barrier Centreline at the intersection of Wanganella Street and New Street West. Cars travelling west on New Street West and turning north into Wanganella Street are cutting the corner forcing motorists to slow down quickly so to avoid a head on collision.

Council has investigated the issue and it has been observed that some vehicles did turn sharply into Wanganella Street from New Street West. The implementation of the Double Barrier Centreline would address this issue.

It would result in a loss of one car space on the southeast corner of Wanganella Street (Figure 1). As this is a safety issue consultation with affected residents is not required.

DISCUSSION

The item was discussed by the Committee. The RMS representative suggested that residents of the property on the eastern side of Wanganella Street need to be informed about the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council install a Double Barrier Centreline (BB line), and notify the directly affected resident on the eastern side of Wanganella Street about the proposal.



Figure 1: Proposed BB line – Wanganella Street at the intersection with New Street, Balgowlah

ITEM 52 /13: FROMELLES AVENUE, SEAFORTH - REQUEST FOR PARKING RESTRICTION
(Item 52/13: 9/9/13)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider introducing a “No Parking” restriction opposite No.8 Fromelles Avenue, Seaforth.

REPORT

Council has received a request from a resident that a No Parking restriction be introduced opposite the driveway of No.8 Fromelles Avenue, Seaforth (Refer to figure 1 and 2).

The concern has been raised that the existing parking restrictions on Mountauban Avenue, causes cars to be parked on Fromelles Road. As a result of this, sometimes cars park on both sides and opposite the driveway to No.8 which makes exiting this property difficult.

It has been requested that the existing “No Parking 8am-9:30am, 2:30pm-4pm, School days” on Mountauban Avenue be extended opposite their driveway.

Site visits of Fromelles Avenue suggest that this parking issue is occasional and given that this is a local street further regulation of parking would be excessive. The traffic team will continue to monitor the parking in this location.

DISCUSSION

The item was discussed and the Committee agreed with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council does not introduce further restriction on Fromelles Avenue at this time.



Figure 1: Request for No Parking restriction – Fromelles Street, Seaforth



Figure 2: Request for No Parking restriction – Fromelles Street, Seaforth

ITEM 53/13: KANGAROO STREET, MANLY – PROPOSED NO PARKING RESTRICTION (Item 53/13: 9/9/13)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider introducing a “No Parking” restriction on the eastern side of Kangaroo Street, adjacent to the driveway of property No. 2 Kangaroo Street, Manly.

REPORT

Committee will recall that a proposal to introduce a “No Parking” restriction was discussed at the July Traffic Committee. Council has received a request from the property resident regarding obstructed visibility from the driveway of the property No. 2 Kangaroo Street.

The concern is that the property has an angled driveway located at the crest of a horizontal curve, so inter-visibility between ongoing traffic and a vehicle from the driveway is very poor (refer to Figure 1).

Currently, there are no restrictions, on either side of this road section. Since the driveway enters the road at the angle it is necessary to have clear space on either side of the driveway to provide sufficient visibility. Therefore, it is recommended to introduce a “No Parking” restriction on the eastern side of Kangaroo Street adjacent to the driveway of property No.2 Kangaroo Street (as shown on Figure.2).

The proposal would result in the loss of one parking space. However, it would provide a benefit by improving visibility, of and from the driveway, and provide a safer road environment for all road users.

A consultation was undertaken and 27 letters was delivered to the affected residents. In response, Council received 5 responses and all 5 were in favour of the proposal.

DISCUSSION

The item was discussed and the Committee supported the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council introduce a “No Parking” restriction on the eastern side of Kangaroo Street in vicinity of the property No.2 Kangaroo Street.



Figure 1: Site Location - Kangaroo Street, Manly

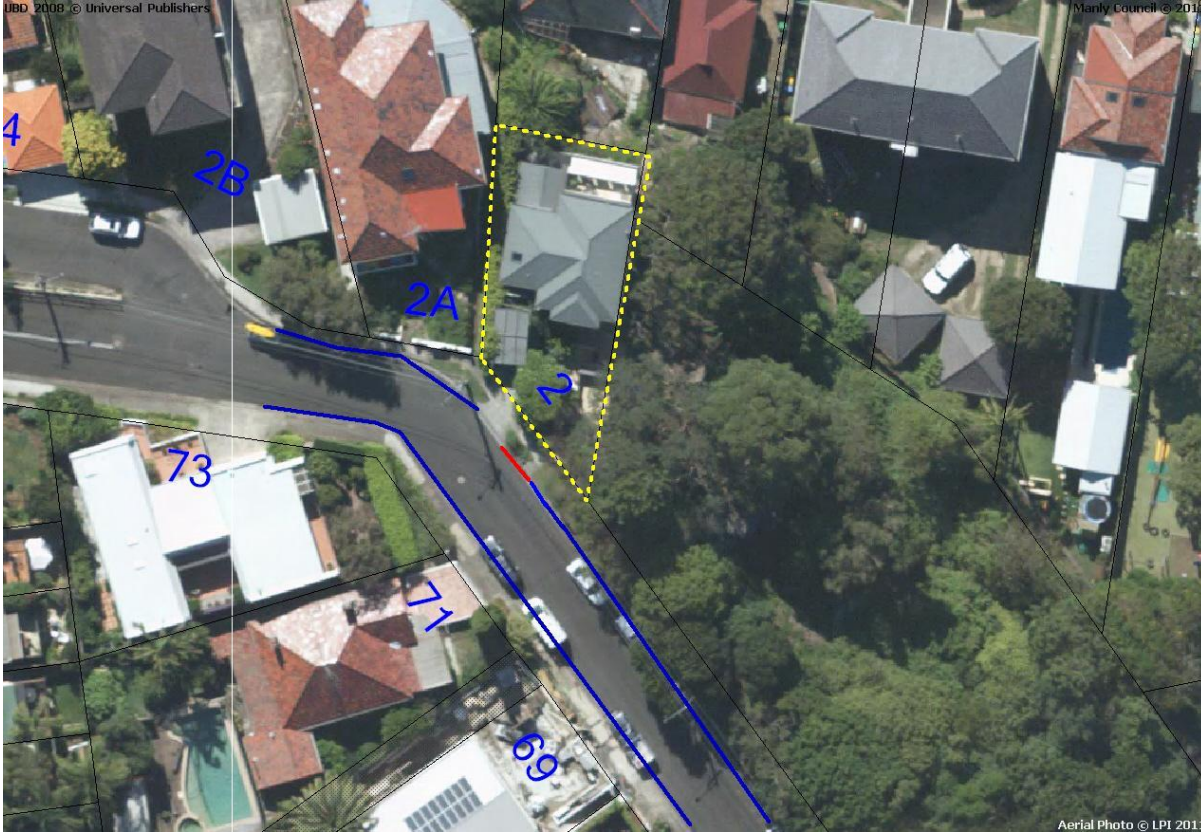


Figure 2: Proposed No Parking restriction- Kangaroo Street, Manly

ITEM 54/13: SEAFORTH CRESCENT, SEAFORTH – PROPOSED EXTENSION OF EXISTING NO PARKING RESTRICTION (Item 54/13: 9/9/13)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider the introduction of a No Parking restriction on the northern side of Seaforth Crescent Spur Road.

REPORT

Committee will recall that an item has been taken to the traffic Committee to extend the No Parking restriction on the north side of the Seaforth Crescent spur road resulting in the loss of 3 car spaces. The concern has been raised that cars parking on the unrestricted car spaces opposite No.85 to 91, make it difficult to get in and out of the driveways of these properties.

There are No Parking and No Stopping restrictions on both ends of this road, however, parking is permitted opposite the driveways of No.85 to 91 for 3 spaces. This section of road is narrow and steep. The introduction of a No Parking restriction would provide adequate room to access the driveways.

It is proposed that the existing No Parking restriction opposite No. 93 be extended to the existing No Stopping restriction, so that parking would be restricted all along the northern side of the Seaforth Crescent spur Road.

Council delivered 7 letters to the affected residents. In response, Council received 4 responses, 2 in support and 2 against the proposal. The two residents in favour have driveways facing the proposed restriction and the restriction would assist these residents access their properties. The two residents opposed live at the end of the street and their driveways are not affected by cars parked in this section of the road.

DISCUSSION

The item was discussed briefly and the Committee agreed with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council extend the existing No Parking restriction opposite No.93 to No.85.



Figure 1: Proposed extension of “No Parking” restrictions – Seaforth Crescent, Seaforth

ITEM 55/13 BENELONG STREET, SEAFORTH – PROPOSED CHANGES ON THE EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTION (Item 55/13: 9/9/13)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider introducing a No Parking restriction on Benelong Street to facilitate loading and unloading of materials for the school vegetable garden during school pick up times.

REPORT

Committee will recall that at the August 2013 MLTC, it has been recommended by Council that a section of Benelong Street, Seaforth be changed into a No Parking between 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm school days. (Refer to figure 1).

The Seaforth Public School has recently built a vegetable garden in a section of unused land within its site. The school has requested that the parking restrictions be changed to allow loading and unloading to occur on street via an existing access gate.

Currently the entire southern side of Benelong Street is restricted during school days with a No Stopping and a Bus Zones between 8.00am to 9.30am and between 2.30pm and 4.00pm (refer to Figure 1).

To allow for loading and unloading to occur it is proposed to convert a section of the No Stopping in front of the vegetable garden into No Parking between 8.00am and 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm school days. Outside the school hours parking is unrestricted.

Consultation has been undertaken with local residents and 1 response has been received from the resident that lives next door to the school garden. The resident feels that there is ample drop off and pick up space for the garden from the car park located south of the garden. This car park is owned by Seaforth Public School but is leased to the Seaforth Childcare Centre for their use.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the item and supported the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council install a section of No Parking between 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm school days.



Figure 1: Proposed No Parking 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm school days

LATE ITEM

ITEM 56/13: VICTORIA PARADE, MANLY – PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUS ZONE DAYS FOR MANLY VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL – (Item 56 /13: 9/9/13)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider extending the Bus Zone times on the west side of Victoria Parade next to Manly Village Public School.

DISCUSSION

Council has had a request from the out of school hours care (OOSH) at Manly Village Public School to extend the Bus Zone times on the west side of Victoria Parade adjacent to the school. Manly Council used to operate the out of school hours care at Manly Village, but this was outsourced in 2012 to the parent run P&C. Manly Village OOSH care has decided to offer much needed vacation care for children in the area to run during school holidays.

The vacation care offers several excursions and would like to utilise the bus parking on Victoria Parade for safe loading and unloading of children for the excursions. (See figure 1) They would like the hours for the bus parking to be extended as they usually do not pick up children for excursions until after 9:30am and they drop off as early as 2:30pm. They have requested that the hours be changes from 8am till 10:30am and 2:30pm till 4:00pm Monday to Friday. Currently the times are 8am till 9:30am and 3pm till 4pm.

Currently, the sign is reading Monday to Friday. Vacation care does not operate on public holidays, so it is recommended that “excluding public holidays” should be added underneath the Monday to Friday time frame. This area is in the Manly CBD and is in high demand, so to make the space available for use during public holidays would be beneficial to residents and others visiting the area.

As you will recall from the June MLTC item 35/13 meeting the OOSH asked for the signs to be changed from school days to Monday to Friday leaving the hours as 8.00am till 9.30am and 3.00pm till 4.00pm School Days. (See figure 2) They have since found that the hours do not cater for their needs and would like the extension to the hours.

DISCUSSION

The item was discussed, and the committee agreed with the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council change the Bus Zone hours on the west side of Victoria Parade to 8.00am till 10:30am and 2.30pm till 4.00pm Monday to Friday with the addition of “excluding public holidays.”



Figure 1: Current School Bus Zone Parking on Victoria Parade, Manly



Figure 2: Current sign. Proposal to change the hours from 8am – 10:30am and 2:30pm – 4pm

EMAIL ITEM

ITEM 57/13: KENNETH ROAD, BALGOWLAH - PPROPOSED ANGLED PARKING

SUMMARY

For Council to consider implementing 30 degree angled parking on Kenneth Road between the Swim Centre and Addiscombe Road.

REPORT

Council is undertaking a major redevelopment of the Boy Charlton Swim Centre, located between Balgowlah Road and Kenneth Road. To support this development it is proposed to introduce 30 degree angled parking on the southern side of Kenneth Road between the Swim Centre and Addiscombe Road. Implementing angled parking would increase the density of kerb side parking close to the swim centre. That is to say more vehicles will be able to park closer to the swim centre (refer to Figure 1 – Kenneth Road 30 degree angled parking).

No change is proposed to the current parking restrictions on this section of road (currently a mix of 6P Monday to Friday and 10P Monday to Friday).

The existing road is approximately 13m wide and provides two traffic lanes and two parking lanes. It is proposed to narrow the traffic lanes to 3.25m to provide sufficient space for the angled parking. Traffic lanes 3.25m wide are sufficient for all types of traffic including the largest sizes permitted on local roads.

Thirty degree angled parking has been proposed as this increases the number of parking spaces and provides sufficient width for turning in accord with Australian Standards.

The proposed parking change would retain bus zones in their current locations.

The parking on this section of Kenneth Road fronts the LM Graham Reserve and the Manly Golf Course. No residents would be directly affected by this change so consultation with affected residents is not required.

DISCUSSION

The item was reviewed by the Committee members. The Police representative raised a concern that Kenneth Road is one of the streets where police set up a Random Breath Test (RBT) station at the kerbside parking. The police asked if a provision could be made to allow them to conduct the test along this stretch of road.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that council implement 30 degree angled parking on the southern side of Kenneth Road between Addison Road and the Swim Centre. Also, it is recommended that Council and Police determine an alternative location for an RBT test station.

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Figure 1- Proposed 30 mangled parking on Kenneth Road, Balgowlah

ITEM 5: GENERAL BUSINESS

1. RAGLAN STREET, MANLY – PROPOSED DEDICATED BI-DIRECTIONAL CYCLE LANE

SUMMARY

For Council to consider implementing a dedicated on-road cycle lane in Raglan Street, Manly, between Belgrave Street and North Steyne.

REPORT

Council has considered implementing a two-way dedicated cycle lane on the southern side of Raglan Street between its intersection with Belgrave Street and North Steyne (refer to Figure.1).

As shown on the Figure.1, it is proposed that a width of 2.4m of Raglan Street to be assigned to the cycle lane to provide room for two-way movement. The safety of the cyclist will be considered in the detailed design.

The proposal will provide the safer cycle route in Raglan Street and improve the bicycle network in the Manly CBD. This would not have a considerable affect on kerbside parking on Raglan Street.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the item. The RMS representative raised a concern about the conflict of pedestrians and cars outside the Manly Paradise Motel and Apartment. It was recommended that consideration be given to this section of road to keep the cars separate from pedestrians, such as extending the kerb or installing some bollards in front of the hotel.

The traffic members agreed with the proposed cycle lane at this section of Raglan Street.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council implement the cycle lane on Raglan Street, between Belgrave Street and North Steyne.

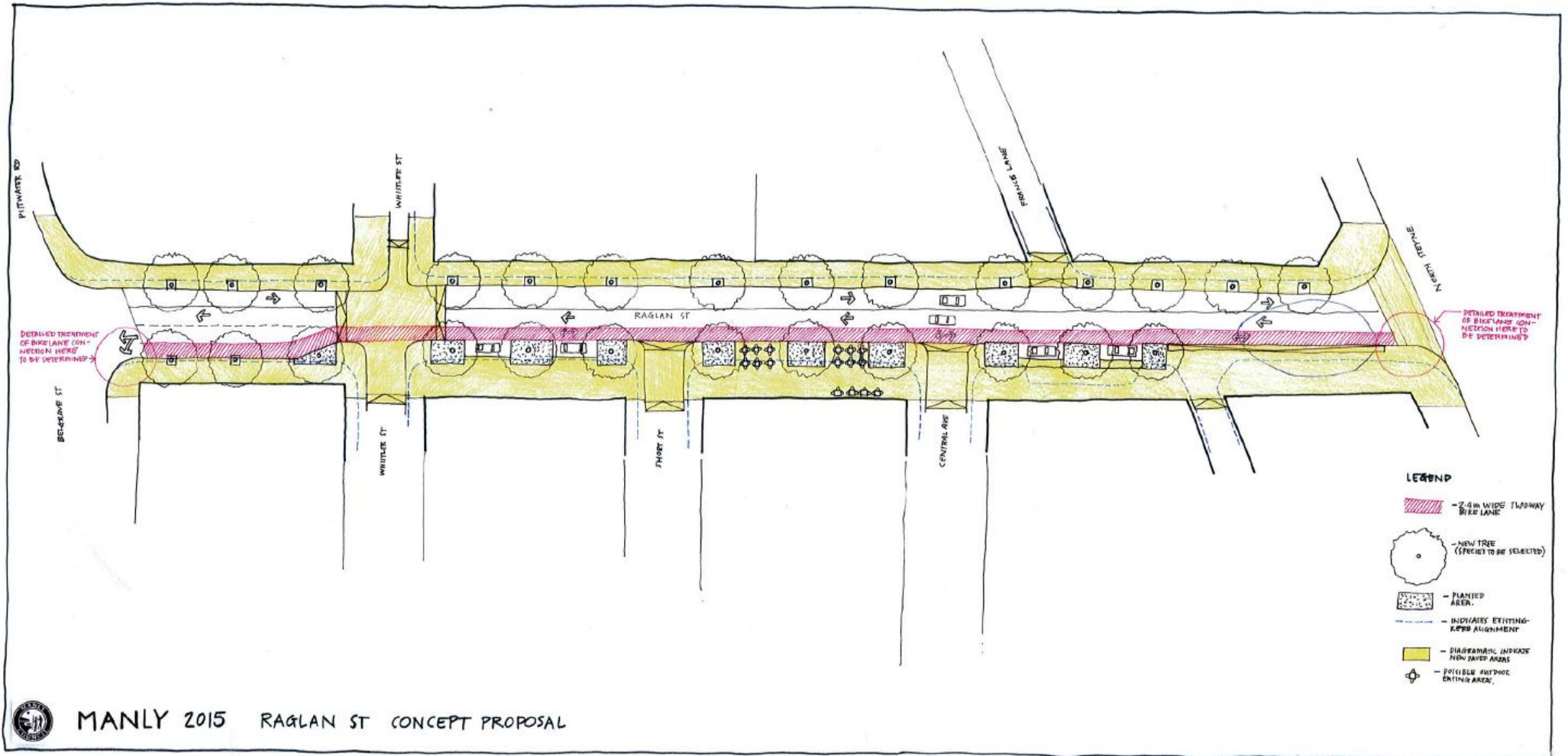


Figure 1: Proposed dedicated bi-directional cycle lane – Raglan St, Manly

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for the 14 October 2013.