



**MINUTES OF MEETING
MANLY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
HELD MONDAY, 10 AUGUST 2015**

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 (Chair)
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
Ms Amy Burrows	Roads and Maritime Services
Mr Wade Mitford	State Transit Authority
Sgt Nino Jelovic	Northern Beaches LAC
Snr Constable David Gilligan	Northern Beaches LAC
Mr John Martin	Community Member

Council Staff

Ben Hubbard	Manager Traffic & Transport – Civic & Urban Services
Ms Jessica Szeto	Traffic Officer – Civic & Urban Services

Apologies

Mayor Jean Hay	Manly Council
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Manly Traffic Committee** met on the Monday, 10 August 2015 to consider the matters referred to and reports having reaches the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder.



ITEM 1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Le Surf welcomed the Traffic Committee.

ITEM 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Mayor Jean Hay sent her apologies.

Mr John Martin left at the end of Item 44/15.

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: PECUNIARY NON-PECUNIARY

No pecuniary interests declared.

Mr John O'Connor declared non-pecuniary interest for Item 49/15 as he is a member of the Manly Golf Club.

ITEM 4 REPORTS

ITEM 44/15 SCALES PARADE / LEWIS STREET INTERSECTION, BALGOWLAH – KERB EXTENSION (ITEM 44/15: 10/08/2015)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider extending the kerb at the intersection of Scales Parade and Lewis Street, Balgowlah.

REPORT

Council has received a request from residents of Scales Parade to narrow the entry into Scales Parade as a means to slow down the vehicles and also reduce the number of vehicles using Scales Parade as a shortcut to Balgowlah Heights and Clontarf.

Currently, vehicles are using Scales Parade as a shortcut to other areas. This means that the local road is used as a through traffic road to get to the destination quickly.

The alignment of Scales Parade and Radio Avenue intersection with Hilder Road is less than optimal and encourages vehicles to speed through Scales Parade. The construction of a grass raised medium to narrow the entrance of Scales Parade at Lewis Street should act as a calming feature and encourage traffic to use Lewis Street to Hilder Road as an alternative to Scales Parade.

The lip line radius will be 8m as on the other side and this complies with movement requirements of local roads.

The proposal will improve sight visibility, safety of road users and be of significant benefit to the residents in Scales Parade.

The proposal has been shown in Figure 1 as attached.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the proposal raised by Scales Parade resident, Mr John Martin, that this road is often used as a rat run for vehicles travelling north, which has negatively impacted on the safety of pedestrians in the area, particularly for children playing outside. The Committee raised no objections and agreed that the proposal be subject to consultation with the affected residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council extends the kerb at the intersection of Scales Parade and Lewis Street, Balgowlah, subject to consultation with the affected residents.

ANNEXURES



Figure 1: Scales Parade / Lewis St intersection – Proposed kerb extension

ITEM 45/15 **NIELD AVENUE, BALGOWLAH – NO STOPPING (ITEM 45/15: 10/08/2015)**

SUMMARY

For Council to consider installing No Stopping near the intersection of Nield Avenue and White Street, Balgowlah.

REPORT

Council has received a request from a concerned resident requesting that No Stopping restrictions are installed at the Nield Avenue / White Street intersection, to improve vehicle manoeuvrability and safety. It has been reported that vehicles parked on White Street and Nield Avenue close to the intersection, negatively impact vehicle movements and the visibility for vehicles turning into Nield Avenue.

On White Street, stopping is not permitted from 16.9 metres east and 13.5 metres west of Nield Avenue as depicted in Figure 1. On Nield Avenue there are no 'No Stopping' signs installed.

Currently vehicles can be observed on Nield Avenue parking closer than the statutory no stopping distance of 10 metres from the intersection with White Street.

It is proposed to formalise the No Stopping restrictions at this intersection by installing signs, located 10m away from the intersection, as per the Australian Road Rules (Rule 170) as shown in Figure 2.

Consultation is not required in this instance as the changes formalise a statutory requirement.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the proposal and raised no objections. It was agreed that a notification letter be sent to the affected residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council installs No Stopping signs along Nield Avenue, 10m from the intersection with White Street to reinforce the statutory 10m No Stopping distance, subject to a notification letter to the affected residents.

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Figure 1: White Street / Nield Avenue intersection, Balgowlah – Street View

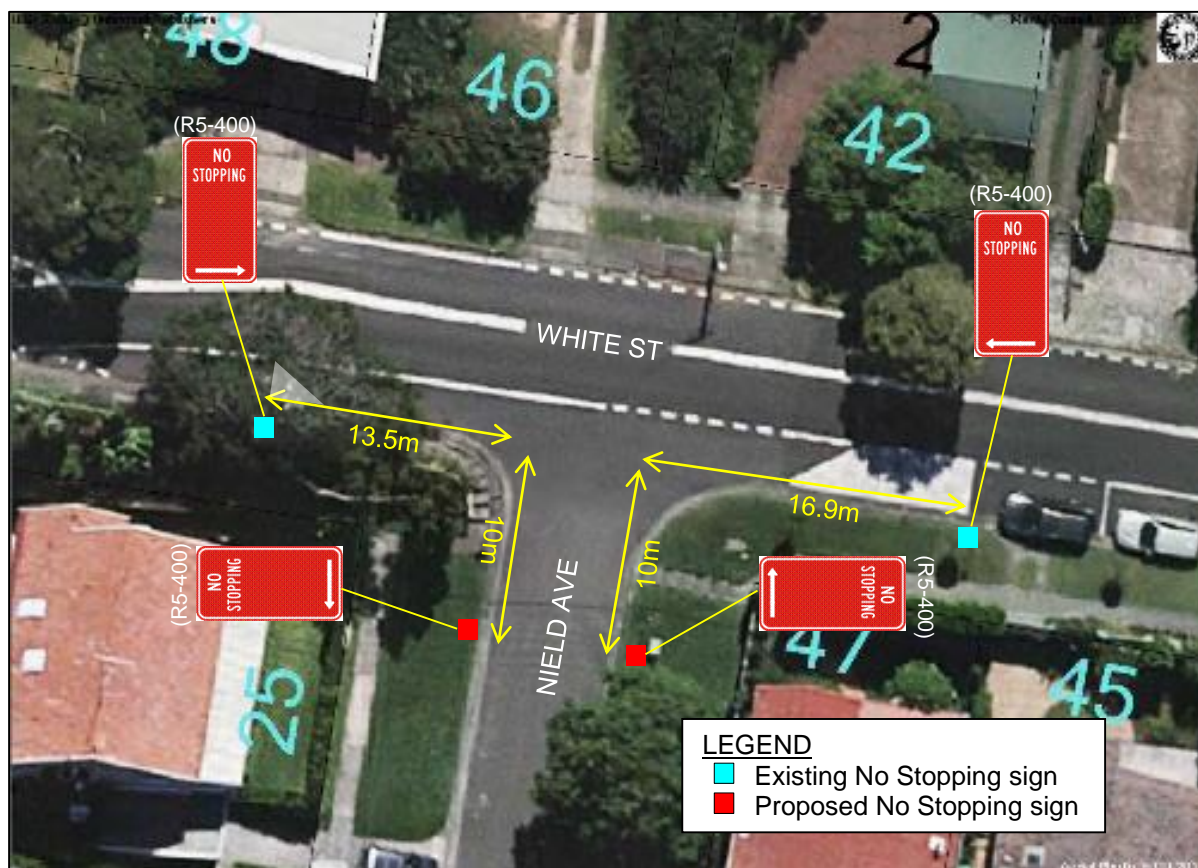


Figure 2: Nield Avenue, Balgowlah – Proposed No Stopping signs (Aerial View)

ITEM 46/15 **NEW STREET WEST AND BEATRICE STREET, BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS**
- CHANGES TO TIMED PARKING RESTRICTIONS (ITEM 46/15:
10/08/2015)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider changing the timed parking restrictions along New Street West and Beatrice Street, Balgowlah Heights, from 30 minute duration parking (½P) to 1 hour duration parking (1P).

REPORT

Council have received a request from a business owner to convert the existing 30 minute parking (½P restriction) to one hour parking (1P restriction).

Several of the local businesses have raised concern that the current 30 minute parking restriction is insufficient for the nature of the businesses at Balgowlah Heights shops. Balgowlah Heights shops contain a variety of local businesses ranging from cafes, bakeries, newsagencies, a pharmacy, deli shops, hair & beauty salons, clothing stores, gift & craft shops, a Post Office and a supermarket.

It has been reported that many patrons to these shops have received infringements for overstaying the 30 minute duration and that this is affecting local business.

It is therefore proposed to amend the current half hour parking restriction (½P between 8.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday and 8.30am-12.30pm Saturday) to allow for one hour parking (1P between 8.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday and 8.30am-12.30pm Saturday), as shown in Figure 1.

This proposed change may decrease the turnover and availability of parking in this area. It may also encourage greater use of this parking during the school time drop off and pick up times.

This change would need consultation with affected businesses and with the local community precinct forum.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the proposal. Councillor Burns raised concerns that the proposal would decrease parking turnover in the area which may negatively affect some of the local businesses such as the newsagency and pharmacy. It was agreed that consultation with the affected business owners and residents be undertaken and the results of this be brought back to a later Manly Local Traffic Committee Meeting for further review.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council change the duration parking to 1 hour between 8.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday and 8.30am-12.30pm Saturday for the sections of road currently restricted to 30 minutes at Balgowlah Height Shops. Consultation with the affected business owners and residents shall be undertaken and the results be tabled to a later Manly Local Traffic Committee Meeting for further review.

ANNEXURES



Figure 1: Balgowlah Heights Shopping Precinct – Proposed changes to timed parking restrictions

ITEM 47/15 **CALLICOMA ROAD, SEAFORTH – CHANGES TO PARKING ARRANGEMENTS (ITEM 47/15: 10/08/2015)**

SUMMARY

For Council to consider restricting parking to the north side of Callicoma Road, Seaforth.

REPORT

Council has received requests from residents that the parking on Callicoma Road, Seaforth be restricted to one side of the road. The road width of Callicoma Road varies from 5.8 metres to 7.5m. Callicoma Road is a two-way road and does not have adequate width to allow for the passage of traffic and parking on both sides of the road. This road is one of two roads providing access into the Castle Circuit area.

Currently there is a major redevelopment of the Dalwood Homes site located adjacent to Callicoma Road. This development work has resulted in a large increase in the demand for on-street parking.

To ensure that traffic can safely use Callicoma Road, it is proposed to restrict parking to the north side of the street only by introducing a No Parking restriction to connect the existing No stopping restriction within the road, as shown in Figure 1.

The impact of this restriction would be the loss of approximately 13 parking spaces on-street. However, it would improve access to the Castle Circuit area. The majority of properties on Callicoma Road have off-street parking so the impact of this proposed restriction would be mostly on commuters and the trades people.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the proposal and raised concerns that the arrangement of vehicles giving way to oncoming traffic to navigate the road segment is common for many local roads in Manly. It was concluded that the proposed No Parking restrictions be installed for the entire duration of the construction works at the Dalwood Homes and be removed upon completion.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council install temporary No Parking restrictions along the southern side of Callicoma Road between the existing No Stopping restrictions (refer to Figure 1) for the duration of the construction works at the Dalwood Homes, subject to consultation with the affected residents and properties.

ANNEXURES



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

ITEM 48/15 **CONDAMINE STREET, BALGOWLAH – NO PARKING (ITEM 48/15: 10/08/2015)**

SUMMARY

For Council to consider installing a No Parking restriction along Condamine Street, Balgowlah.

REPORT

Council has received a request from residents to improve the visibility for drivers exiting Clarence Street by extending the existing No Stopping restriction along Condamine Street near Clarence Street. Concerns have been raised that parked cars reduce the visibility between vehicles exiting Clarence Street and vehicles on Condamine Street. Currently, there are No Stopping signs posted along Condamine Street 10m from the intersection, with unrestricted parking available along both sides.

Parked vehicles and a dip on Condamine Street, as shown in Figure 1, reduce the sight distance for vehicles.

Condamine Street is approximately 7.6m wide and acts as a collector road for the immediate area with approximately 7,000 vehicles using the road per day (7 day average).

To provide greater sight distance and to improve safety at this intersection, it is proposed to install a No Parking restriction for a length of 35m, as shown in Figure 2. This would result in the loss of six (6) parking spaces. However, parking demand is not high and off-street parking is available for a majority of the residences along this section of the road.

DISCUSSION

The Committee raised no objections and agreed that the proposal be subject to consultation with the affected residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council install a No Parking Zone, for the length of 35m along the east side of Condamine Street, Balgowlah, subject to consultation with the affected residents.

ANNEXURES



Figure 1: Clarence Street, Balgowlah – Sight visibility onto Condamine Street

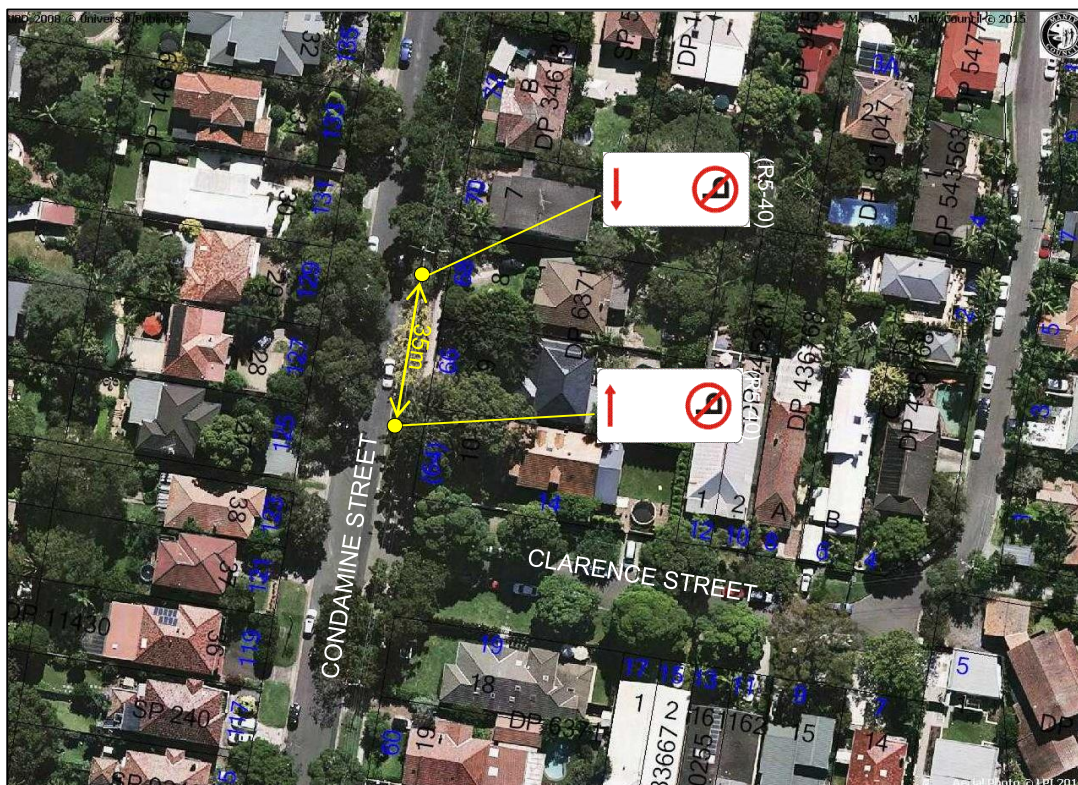


Figure 2: Condamine Street, Balgowlah – Proposed No Parking Zone

ITEM 49/15 BALGOWLAH ROAD, MANLY – INSTALL TIMED PARKING RESTRICTIONS (ITEM 49/15: 10/08/2015)

SUMMARY

For Council to consider installing 2 hour parking restrictions (2P) along the north side of Balgowlah Road, Manly.

REPORT

Council has received repeated requests from residents and the Golf Club for the introduction of a parking restriction on the northern side of Balgowlah Road. The north side of Balgowlah Road between Quirk Road and the Golf Club is unrestricted and is used by a number of boat and trailer owners as long term storage. This activity reduces the available parking stock for use by residents and visitors.

It is proposed to install a 2 hour parking restriction between 8am to 11am Monday to Friday, as shown in Figure 1. The impact of this parking restrictions would be to prevent any long term parking and so improve the amenities for the area.

DISCUSSION

The Committee discussed the proposal and raised concerns that the long term parking of boat and trailers may be displaced to other surrounding streets. The Committee concluded that a 4 hour parking restriction between 8am to 1pm Monday to Friday would be more appropriate to service the parking needs in the area. It was agreed that the proposal be subject to consultation with the affected residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council install a 4 hour parking restriction between 8am and 1pm Monday to Friday along the northern side of Balgowlah Road, subject to consultation with the affected residents.

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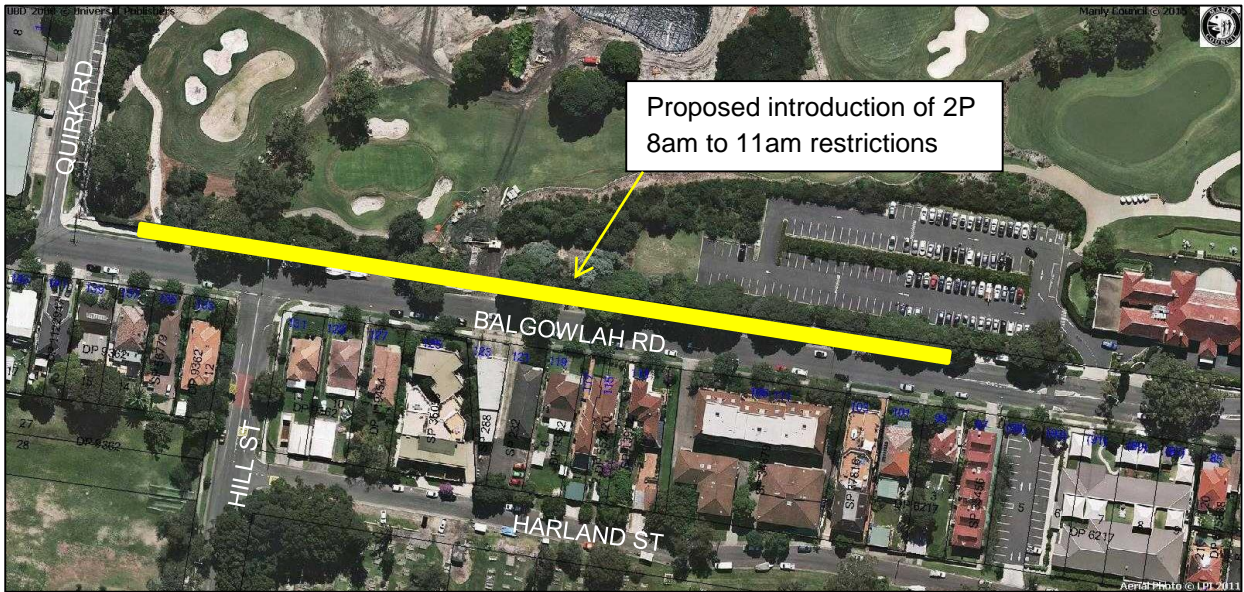


Figure 1: Balgowlah Road, Balgowlah – Proposed 2P restrictions

ITEM 50/15 **FAIRY BOWER ROAD, MANLY – PARKING BAY LINES (ITEM 50/15: 10/08/2015)**

SUMMARY

For Council to consider installing parking bay lines to formalise the parking along Fairy Bower Road, between Vivian Street and Bear Cottage, Manly.

REPORT

Council have received a request from a resident asking that the current parking arrangement on the west side of Fairy Bower Road, between Vivian Street and Bear Cottage be formalised with the introduction of 90 degree angled parking bays. Currently, vehicles are informally parking at 90 degree angles to the kerb along this section (refer to Figure 1).

It has been reported that the lack of bay marking often leads to poor parking discipline and cars taking up far more space than they would if bays were marked. Vehicles along this section can often take up two (2) parking spaces, which reduces available parking. The proposal would assist in guiding drivers to park within the parking bays and also maximise parking capacity along this section.

DISCUSSION

The Committee raised no objections and agreed that the proposal would maximise parking capacity along this section. It was concluded that the proposal be subject to consultation with the affected residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council formalise the parking along Fairy Bower Road, between Vivian Street and Bear Cottage, Manly, by introducing marked bays and 90 degree angled parking signs, subject to consultation with the affected residents.

ANNEXURES



Figure 1: Fairy Bower Road, Manly – Proposed installation of parking bay lines

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Councillor Le Surf raised a resident's request for the installation a pedestrian fence or safety barrier along the northern side of West Esplanade, Manly. Representatives of the Northern Beaches LAC have reviewed their Traffic Accident Database and reported no crashes or incidents over the past ten (10) years. The RMS have also reported no incidents over the past 10 years. The Traffic Manager advised that there is currently a 150mm high kerb, which is usually sufficient to prevent a vehicle driving onto the footpath in urban roads. The Committee discussed the request and concluded that the pedestrian fence or safety barrier was not warranted in this instance.
2. Mr John O'Connor asked about the Kangaroo Reserve closure. Councillor Burns advised that the closure of the reserve was installed to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, which was identified as a safety risk by the Sustainable Transport Committee. Councillor Le Surf advised that the laneway is a public reserve and therefore, consultation was not required.
3. Sgt Nino Jelovic reported that a Sydney Machina Social Club Event is set to take place on Sunday, 16 August 2015. The Traffic Manager advised that he would forward the details of the event to Council's Compliance Team for review.
4. Councillor Burns requested for an RMS contact in relation to extending the Bus Lane along to the Spit Bridge to Mosman. The Traffic Manager advised that he would forward the details to Councillor Burns.

ITEM 6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9.30AM MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2015