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Road: Amaroo Avenue Suburb: Mount Colah
Location: At the frontage of Mount Colah Uniting Church
File Ref: F2006/00053 LTC No: 10/2021
Electorate: Hornsby
Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/KyJae676KjzQp1RN9>
Subject: Proposed parking restrictions
Date of Circulation: 1 June 2021

REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

SUMMARY

This report details the traffic implications of proposed parking restrictions in Amaroo Avenue, Mount Colah, at the frontage of Mount Colah Uniting Church, to support services of the Church and address safety concerns at the exit driveway of the Church.

SUBJECT

Hornsby Council has received several safety concerns from members of the Church regarding lack of parking and operation of the exit driveway out of Mount Colah Uniting Church (the church). The parking along Amaroo Avenue is currently unrestricted and spaces near the church are generally occupied all day. Vehicles parking near the intersection with Pacific Highway (access road) have been observed to ignore the 10m rule which prohibits parking near intersections.

Following initial investigations, a proposal was developed and placed on public consultation for the following parking restrictions:

1. 'No Stopping' restriction to be installed along the northern side of Amaroo Avenue between Pacific Highway and 6m to the east of the exit driveway to the church.
2. 'No Parking, Wedding and Funeral Vehicles Excepted, 8AM-6PM' signs to be installed at the front of Mount Colah Uniting Church (25 metres long).

To address the issues raised by the church during consultation, it is proposed to install 3 hour parking along the church frontage instead of the 'No Parking, Wedding and Funeral Vehicles Excepted' as detailed below in consultation summary.

CONSULTATION

Public consultation for the proposal was undertaken over two weeks, between 8 April and 26 April 2021. 14 letters were posted to the residents of Amaroo Avenue and Mount Colah Uniting Church, key stakeholders including Transport for NSW, State Transit Authority, Transdev bus company, NSW Police Ku-Ring-Gai Local Area Command and placed on exhibition on Council's website. 5 responses were received, including a detailed submission from Mount Colah Uniting Church committee. Feedback received is summarised below. Copies of submissions are available upon request:

Comment from Mount Colah Uniting Church: After reviewing the initial proposal for 'No Parking, Wedding and Funeral Vehicles Excepted' Our strong preference is for 3 hour limited parking from the end of the 'No Stopping' zone to our entry driveway. This will better serve our church and benefit residents.

Response: The proposal has been amended to 3 hour parking restrictions 8am to 6pm, all days. The length of 3P area will be from new 'No Stopping' area to entry driveway of the Church.

CONSULTATION continued

Comment: No Parking restrictions for weddings and funerals limits the parking area for events that are sporadic. Council should not restrict this area for events that are few and far between.

Response: See response above. Comments have been addressed by the updated proposal.

Comment: Council should consider installing traffic calming measures that would significantly slow down all traffic.

Response: Review of crash history in Amaroo Avenue shows that the section of road near the church is operating safely. While Council would like to maintain the highest standard of safety for the public on every stretch of road within the Shire, the demand on its resources is such that only locations currently experiencing crashes can be considered for treatment and even then, only the worst locations are considered a high priority. To divert funds away from problem crash locations to treat locations where crashes might occur in the future will not reduce the road toll.

Comment: Concerned that the church specific 'No Parking, Wedding and Funeral Vehicles Excepted' will impact on residents who will have to park further away.

Response: The updated 3P restrictions will enable parking for all members of the community.

Comment: Support the proposal.

Response: Comment noted.

CONCLUSION

The submissions received during the exhibition period have been addressed in the report. The responses from the community show general support for the parking restrictions. However, the Church and most of the residents prefer a general time-limited parking restriction, rather than limit the parking spaces to Wedding and Funeral activities only. The proposal has been amended to address the Church comments.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Amaroo Avenue, Mount Colah – Proposed parking restrictions – Plan (1 page).

RECOMMENDATION THAT

1. 'No Stopping' restriction along the northern side of Amaroo Avenue between Pacific Highway and 6m to the east of the exit driveway to the church be approved.
 2. '3P, 8am to 6pm' restrictions (70 metres long) at the front of Mount Colah Uniting Church between the new 'No Stopping' zone and entry driveway be approved.
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Note for voting Local Traffic Committee members.

Under Transport for NSW 'Delegation of Functions to Regulate Traffic' (operation of local traffic committees) you are required to comment or indicate your acceptance or objection to the recommendation of this report. Your response must be submitted in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice. Please send your response via return email for the item, or email trafficbranch@hornsby.nsw.gov.au. For further information please contact Radek Zarzycki on 9847 6524. Upon receipt of your comments the matter will be referred to Council for action.

Radek Zarzycki
Chairman



Issued Date: Tuesday, 1 June 2021

Comments Close Date: Wednesday, 16 June 2021, at 5:00pm