

**Hornsby North Public School, Old Berowra Road, Hornsby – Proposed pedestrian crossing and traffic / parking management issues
MEETING MINUTES**

12 March 2024

Meeting started at 5:30pm

1. Welcome and introductions.

Present:

Councillor Nathan Tilbury	Hornsby Shire Council
Councillor Warren Waddell	Hornsby Shire Council
Matt Pinchbeck	Principal, Hornsby North Public School
Parents and Citizens (6 attendees)	Hornsby North Public School
Fiona Leatham	Director Infrastructure & Major Projects HSC
Radek Zarzycki	Senior Traffic Engineer HSC

Apologies:

Councillor Janelle McIntosh	Hornsby Shire Council
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2. Background

Council is aware of the growing student population of Hornsby North Public School and the associated traffic and parking concerns that have come with this. During peak times, the ability to provide pick up and drop off space for every vehicle trying to access the school entry and exit points is impossible due local network constraints.

Council needs to balance the needs of the school, residents and other road users. One aspect that makes set down and pick up challenging at Hornsby North PS is the lack of street frontage at each entry point to the school. Council has developed a proposal to install a raised pedestrian crossing in Old Berowra Road near the school entry to address long standing pedestrian safety issues, promote “Park and Walk” and active transport to school. The proposal was publicly exhibited with the community last year receiving majority support. In recent years, Council has constructed footpaths in nearby local roads to improve pedestrian access to the school.

This meeting has been organised to further discuss the proposal with the school and parents / carers. The meeting commenced at 5.30pm on Tuesday 12 March 2024 in the school hall.

3. General discussion

Council staff and Councillors gave a presentation outlining the current proposal to install a pedestrian crossing in Old Berowra Road. Council staff noted that the current proposal involves removal of the existing set down and pick up area in Old Berowra Road.

Council staff outlined Council’s preferred ‘Park and Walk’ strategy to increase more active transport, given that a significant number of students reside within walking distance. It was noted that parking facilities are available in Rofe Park with a convenient footway network connected to the school gate. Additionally, the local road network connected via Old Berowra Road provides a significant number of on-street parking spaces that can be utilised by parents to “Park and Walk” within a 3 to 5 min walk.

Council opened the meeting to general comments and suggestions from parents and carers present.

4. Issues/suggestions raised by parents and carers:

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- a) Removing set down and pick up in Old Berowra Road will increase the pressure on Cawthorne Street.
- b) Safety issues and illegal driving at the intersection of Old Berowra Road / Marlee Street (u-turns).
- c) Lack of pedestrian facilities on Old Berowra Road near Amor Street.
- d) Relocate the set down and pick up zone further down Old Berowra Road, (in front of residential properties).
- e) Construct two separate pedestrian crossings in Old Berowra Road, one near Amor Street and another near Marlee Street.
- f) Construct right turn lane / road widening in Galston Road on the approach to Cawthorne Street.
- g) Investigate location of proposed bus stop in Old Berowra Road.
- h) Provide more footpaths in local streets to connect with bus stops.

5. Next steps

Council will investigate the comments provided by the parents and carers and refer the matter along with outcome of earlier consultation to the Hornsby Local Traffic Committee for consideration and recommendation to Council.

Meeting closed 6:30 pm.

Please contact Traffic and Road Safety Branch on 9847 6616 if you require further information.

Yours faithfully



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YES NO

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