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Road: Various Roads and Reserves
Suburb: Brooklyn
Location: Brooklyn area
File Ref: F2004/08721-004 - Traffic Management - Brooklyn - Includes Access Road at Kangaroo Point
F2019/00117 - Place Management - Brooklyn

LTC No: 22/2023

Electorate: HORNSBY

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/ixPEMeZGfVKe8dua9>

Subject: Brooklyn Car Parking Management - Proposed parking signage

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REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

SUMMARY

This report details traffic and parking implications for proposed regulatory signage to prevent parking of trailers in Brooklyn streets and reserves.

SUBJECT

At the April 2023 General Meeting, Council considered General Manager's Report No. GM1/23 on "*Brooklyn car parking management - feedback from public exhibition*" and resolved (in part) to adopt the proposed car parking management staged roll out schedule, including trailer removal process from Brooklyn. Specifically, the adopted staged rollout plan identified the following in relation to trailer parking:

1. Council exclude trailer parking from McKell Park using the appropriate signage - including within the overflow parking area.
2. Council work with trailer owners over a 3-6 month period to facilitate this change and to allow trailer owners the opportunity to make long-term storage arrangements elsewhere.
3. Council sign post all car parks associated with public reserves outside of Brooklyn village (but within the suburb of Brooklyn) as "car only" parking to prioritise access for visitors to these reserves.
4. Council offer to remove unwanted trailers from Brooklyn, including McKell Park which may no longer be required by the owner. The unwanted trailers would be suitably disposed of by Council via auction or a metal recycling facility.
5. Offshore residents be encouraged to progress a trailer share scheme - as per their written submissions.
6. In the event that trailer parking continues to be an issue for on and off street parking locations within the village centre or elsewhere in Brooklyn, further consideration should be given to restricting parking in these areas - potentially by nominating them as car only parking locations. This matter should be assessed on a site by site basis with the community, using consistent criteria that considers safety, proximity to destinations, impacts on local residents and visitors, alternatives such as timed parking and impacts on surrounding streets of trailer relocation.

Trailers, primarily unattached boat trailers, but including other types of trailers, have been informally, but not illegally, parked in public reserves in Brooklyn for a number of years, noticeably increasing over the past decade. As competition for parking has increased, maximising the availability of car parking by removing the long-term storage of trailers in the village centre is seen as a logical first step in improving car parking capacity without building additional parking. Trailers can often sit unused for many months at a time. Council Rangers actively manage trailers where trailer registration has lapsed (or a complaint has been received) but other than this, trailers are currently able to park wherever a car would park - unless sign posted otherwise, as is currently the case in Parsley Bay where unattached trailers are not permitted to be parked.

Parking implications

In 2020 Council adopted the Car Parking Management Study. The study included a detailed investigation of parking in Brooklyn which found that there are 52 time-restricted and 580 unrestricted parking bays located within the Brooklyn Town Centre.

In April 2023 Council undertook an audit of unattached trailers parking in Brooklyn. This included local streets as well as off street areas. The audit found that 101 parking spaces are occupied in Brooklyn by trailers. Of these, 56 trailers were located in parks and reserves and 45 were parked in local streets.

A number of trailers were found to be not roadworthy and / or unregistered. Council's Ranger Services team has recently notified the owners of these trailers seeking their removal. A proportion of these trailers will either be made roadworthy and registered or impounded / scrapped. While it is not viable to sign post all streets in Brooklyn, roadworthy / registered trailers which are parked on street in other areas in Brooklyn will be managed and enforced under the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021.

SUBJECT continued**Proposed parking restrictions**

Following detailed investigations, a proposal was developed for the following parking restrictions:

1. Brooklyn Road, No 76X, near Brooklyn Fire Brigade - Installation of "Car Only Parking" signs along the southern side, 50m long.
2. Brooklyn Road, No 87X, near Brooklyn Park - Installation of "Car Only Parking" signs along the northern side, 105m long.
3. Baden Powell Avenue, near Brooklyn Park - Installation of "Car Only Parking" signs along the western side, two separate zones, 32m and 35m long.
4. Brooklyn Dairy - Cricket Field, 4 Brooklyn Road - Installation of "Restricted Parking Area - No Trailer Parking Permitted In This Area" and "End Restricted Area Parking Area" signs near entrance to park.
5. Brooklyn Cemetery, off Brooklyn Road - Installation of "Restricted Parking Area - No Trailer Parking Permitted In This Area" and "End Restricted Area Parking Area" signs near entrance to cemetery access road.
6. Rest Park, off Pacific Highway - Installation of "Restricted Parking Area - No Trailer Parking Permitted In This Area" and "End Restricted Area Parking Area" signs near entrance to park.
7. Kangaroo Point, off Brooklyn Road - Installation of "Restricted Parking Area - No Trailer Parking Permitted In This Area" and "End Restricted Area Parking Area" signs near entrance to park.
8. Upper McKell Park along Karoola Street - Installation of "No Trailer Parking Permitted In This Area, By Order of General Manager", pictorial signs at 5 locations throughout the park.

CONSULTATION

The proposed changes to parking in Brooklyn were placed on public exhibition for nine weeks throughout September and October 2022. It should be noted that the community dedicated significant time, effort and resources into preparing their submissions and in some cases conducted their own surveys and undertook consultation with their stakeholders.

504 submissions were received - 38 written submissions were received on the proposed changes and 466 online surveys were completed on Council's Your Say Hornsby webpage. Staff also met with nine individuals at their request during the exhibition period and attended fortnightly meetings with the Brooklyn Hawkesbury Parking Collaboration. The summary of public exhibition is attached.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Plan of proposed parking restrictions (8 pages)
- B. Trailer parking audit results
- C. Summary results of public exhibition

CONCLUSION

The "No Trailer Parking" signage will result in approximately 100 parking spaces being made available for use by visitors and residents of Brooklyn. Parking for cars with trailers (recreational use) will continue to be available at Parsley Bay boat ramp carpark. Based on wider community benefit, this signage is recommended to proceed.

RECOMMENDATION THAT

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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



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Comments Close Date: Friday, 22 September 2023 at 5:00pm