

## **Briefing note for the Administrator – Meeting with Newport Residents Association**

### **Issue**

Traffic safety and congestion in Seaview Avenue, between Foamcrest Avenue and Robertson Road (major traffic route from Bilgola Plateau)

### **Background**

A number of years ago Council investigated a proposal to introduce parking restrictions in Seaview Avenue (Foamcrest Avenue to Grandview Drive) to enhance traffic flow during the morning weekday peak traffic period, however the proposal was not supported by the residents of Seaview Avenue, on the basis of loss of on-street parking and so therefore this was not implemented.

### **Current status and/or Recommendation**

Council will undertake public consultation in 2016/2017 in respect to a proposal to implement AM clearway restrictions (7am to 10am) in Seaview Avenue (eastern side), between Foamcrest Avenue and Robertson Road. This would improve the morning peak traffic flow yet allow residents to park when traffic volumes are lower.

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### **Issue**

Traffic safety at Bardo Road/Seaview Avenue intersection and access to Barrenjoey Road

### **Background**

- Direct access to Barrenjoey Road for east-bound traffic in Bardo Road was restricted (with RMS authorisation) to improve road safety and traffic efficiency on the approach to the traffic signals and prioritise traffic from Seaview Avenue. This restriction also supported the objective of the Newport Main Street Masterplan to enhance access to parking areas in Foamcrest Avenue that serve the shopping precinct.
- At the time the Newport Masterplan was implemented, Council recognised that it would be desirable to improve the Barrenjoey Road intersections of Gladstone Street and Beaconsfield Street to provide increased safety and amenity for motorists from the west Newport area who wished to proceed south on Barrenjoey Road. Council sought and obtained RMS approval of concept plans with works to be fully funded by Council, for the upgrading of both these intersections (a seagull intersection arrangement for Gladstone Street and widening to two lanes at the traffic signals at Beaconsfield Street). The cost of the upgrades is approximately \$300,000 per intersection.

### **Current status and/or Recommendation**

- Council and the RMS do not support the removal of the current restriction on traffic in Bardo Road.

- Further development of concepts for intersection upgrades can be undertaken when funding is provided for the work in a future Council improvements program.
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## **Issue**

Articulated fuel tankers in local streets

## **Background**

Fuel for the Royal Motor Yacht Club (RMYC) located at 46 Prince Alfred Parade, is supplied by articulated fuel tankers. Residents have noted that the trucks turning off Barrenjoey Road use either of the two routes below:

- Gladstone Street, King Street, Bardo Road, Nooal Street and Irrubel Road or,
- Gladstone Street, King Street, and Irrubel Road

There are issues regarding both routes, as route 1 has a pedestrian refuge located in King Street at the intersection with Gladstone Street, and route 2 has a pedestrian refuge located in King Street at the intersection with Irrubel Road, where the facilities cause difficulties for manoeuvring of long vehicles and affecting traffic safety.

## **Current status and/or Recommendation**

- Heavy vehicles (including fuel tankers) are permitted to use local roads, even if the destination of the driver lies beyond a no trucks sign and there is no other route by which the driver's vehicle could reach that destination.
  - There are no existing load limited or length restricted roads to prevent trucks from using certain streets to access the RMYC.
  - Depending on the category of truck used, the Applicant may need to apply for route access on local roads through the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and seek approval from Council, however vehicles 19m or less in length do not require a Permit and have general access.
  - Any action can only be taken if deliveries and the refuelling operation at the Club are contrary to any condition of approval for the RMYC, and there are no available records which indicate any restrictions.
  - The Council preferred route would be Gladstone Street, Bishop Street, Bardo Road, Nooal Street and Irrubel Road as the existing road geometry is best suited for longer vehicle manoeuvres, with no additional obstructions such as pedestrian refuges along this route.
  - Council could consider installing signage to restrict long vehicles over 9m in length from using King Street.
  - Planners could also include in any future DA for the RMYC, limitations to the size of delivery trucks.
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## **Issue**

Enforcement of timed parking in the Foamcrest Avenue carpark (partly owned by Woolworths) with concerns with all-day parking

## **Background**

- The off street car parking area in Foamcrest Avenue is partly owned by Council with the central portion of the car park part of No.343 Barrenjoey Road.
- The car park is currently signposted near the entrance and in the southern section of the car park '3 HOURS PARKING MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 2 HOURS PARKING SAT/SUN & P/HOLS'. The access to the Foamcrest Avenue car park is shared between the Council section of the car park and the car park forming part of No.344 Barrenjoey Road.
- There are concerns of all day parking of the car parks which may be due to bus commuters or staff working in the area.
- Council provides Park & Ride Facilities to assist with commuter parking, with Newport Beach Carpark accepting Council parking stickers

## **Current status and/or Recommendation**

- Council's Senior Ranger has advised that the previous Environmental Compliance Manager (approximately 12 mths ago) was reviewing the signage in the car park to assist with enforcement due to the unusual arrangement of the car park. The Rangers do not currently enforce the time restrictions as this issue has not been resolved.
- Rangers are unable to enforce restrictions in the car park which is part of No.344 Barrenjoey unless there is an agreement with the owners.
- A review of how the car park is to be managed and appropriate signage is required to enable the Rangers to enforce future parking restrictions in the future.

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## **Issue**

Newport Oval enhancement

## **Background**

NRA requested fencing around the perimeter of the oval.

## **Current status and/or Recommendation**

Fencing not get the support of the sporting clubs that utilise the oval. NRA advised that the priority for the oval is drainage and lighting

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## **Issue**

Barrenjoey Road Streetscaping

## **Background**

The issues are it is not ideal to produce a garden bed as it would have to change the kerbing from the existing standard kerb to a high safety barrier kerb such as the Elshoz (same as the one that exist currently in the Newport commercial centre between Bardo and Bert Payne Park).

Additionally low shrubs are going to impact the sight line of drivers and that will create ongoing maintenance for our staff and incur the requirement for lane closure. RMS would need to approve this, and this is unlikely

### **Current status and/or Recommendation**

Nil

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### **Issue**

Provision of a bus shelter in Newport shopping area on east side of Barrenjoey Rd  
Background

### **Background**

A request has been made by Mr Norman Rich to install a bus shelter on the Eastern side of Barron Joey Road. This has been an ongoing issue for some time. Urban Infrastructure and Place Planning recently committed to detailed investigation and have conducted topographic surveys and consultation.

### **Current status and/or Recommendation**

The investigations to date have not identified a legitimate location for a bus shelter. A location was identified from a topo / furniture perspective in front of the Hong Kong Restaurant however, the restaurant strongly objects to the shelter in front and they have sent a letter to council to this affect.

There will be issues in any other spots given the lack of public domain further north. The other retail shops would object to a bus shelter in front of their shops and as an objective we should not support bus shelters in front of shops.

Investigations and consultation are therefore continuing