

Robertson Rd Newport as part of 'Plug & Play' Initiative (ex PoN 23032025)

Local Traffic Committee Meeting on March 4 2025 approved implementation of global traffic management plans (TMPs) for four locations across the peninsula, including Robertson Road Newport, as part of the NSW Government's Plug & Play activation of street spaces.

At Newport the TMP is centred on Robertson Road shopfronts. The TMP layout will make use of Robertson Road, from Barrenjoey Road to Foamcrest Avenue, which will be closed for each event. This location will offer a spacious and secure area for large crowds to enjoy the beautiful surroundings, cafes and a range of street-based events.

The global traffic management plan will facilitate the closure of Robertson Road, from Barrenjoey Road to Foamcrest Avenue, to accommodate events with up to 1,000 attendees between 11:30 am and 5:00 pm. During the event, 11 short-term on-street parking spaces will be affected, as well as properties 351, 353, 357 and the Australia Post carpark, which will be closed for the duration of the event. However, there are 517 on- and off-street parking spaces within 350m of the event site, and there is many walking, cycling and public transport options available for travel to Newport. The road closure will not impact any public bus routes.

The current speed limit of 50 km/h on most affected roads will be adequate for posting advance warning signs about the road closures and detour routes. The suggested detour route is:

- – Barrenjoey Road (eastbound)
- – Turn left at Coles Parade (northbound)
- – Turn left at Foamcrest Avenue (westbound) till the roundabout at Robertson Road.

With the activation of the TMP, event organisers will no longer be required to create a specific plan for each event, helping to reduce administrative barriers for community-run events.

This proposal will result in the following impact(s)and /or benefits to the provision of parking availability:

- Eleven 45-degree angled parking spaces (inclusive of one disabled parking space) and one loading bay on the west side of Robertson Road
- Australia Post - Newport Beach Post Shop car park to the east of Robertson Road
- 351 Barrenjoey Road – The Chelsea Tractor Scotch Eggs and British Street Food, Knap Store and residential properties
- 353 Barrenjoey Road – Bakers Delight, Dependable Butchery, and residential properties
- 357 Barrenjoey Road – Lavery Pathology, Beaches Lash, Newport Wansabai Thai Massage, TiViLi Beaty Spa, Perfect Fit-Fitness Studio and L'eto Bridal shop

Consultation

Council's Agenda states Notification will be undertaken to residents and/or businesses via a letterbox drop in the local area, through Council's website, a press release and social media post. The affected Bus Companies will be informed of the event so that bus services can operate around the road closure and its associated times.

Local Police and emergency services will be notified of events and temporary road closures.

The proposal will be installed within 12 months of approval.

The Recommendation was that the Traffic Committee supports the Approval of the Global Traffic Management Plan for events on Robertson Road Newport.

Also recommended for approval for all these Plug & Play spaces was the Implementation of the Global Traffic Management Plan for the next 5 years and noting that the matter would not be resubmitted to the Traffic Committee during this period unless there are significant changes to the event Traffic Management Plan.

If approved by TfNSW, these proposals will be funded from Permit Plug and Play (NSW Government) funding.