

Scotland Island Draft Traffic Management Plan

Stakeholder meeting notes

Venue: Fire Station – Scotland Island
Date: 9 December 2018
Time: 10am-11:40am

Attendees

Phillip Devon – Manager Transport
Network - Northern Beaches Council
David Munday Acting Manager-
Engineering and Delivery – Northern
Beaches Council
Lisa Trewin – Community Engagement
Officer - Northern Beaches Council
Councillor Ian White

Tony Solinas – NSW Water Police

Michael Hernjack – NSW Water Police

Approx 40 Scotland Island community
members

Discussion points

- Draft Traffic Management Plan
- Case Law – liability if Council continues without an adopted Traffic Management Plan for the area – now they are aware of an existing precedent in case law
- Approach – to work with the community to conditionally registerⁱ vehicles.
- Unregistered vehicles have no liability insurance
- Permit – will be required to. The cost is \$20 – and is only being applied to cover the staffing administrative costs associated with their issue
- The Traffic Management Plan is being exercised under [Section 116 of the Roads Act 1993](#). Council is required to exercise legislative delegation to resolve the issues of unregistered vehicle use on the island from a risk management perspective.
 - We don't want to have just full registered
 - We are looking to implement this change with the lease impact – so that it doesn't change the way you get around the Island.
 - Long-term, we looking to implement a shared zone – with a 10km an hour speed restriction on vehicles, whereby pedestrians will have right of way.

- We would like to do interim work around the liability issue
- Issues – condition of roads and safety
- Preserving the character of the island long term history and evolutionary
- Suggested by Councillor White – write letters to council requesting improvement in roads. Without resident requests, it's difficult to lobby for your needs.
- Timeline
- Way forward: we are seeking comment on the draft policy. Comments will be invited until February 2019.
- Council provide a six-month window where there will be an 'amnesty on the booking of non-conditionally registered vehicles for six months after the adoption of the Traffic Management Plan.
- Hardship funding may be available to those who will be financially disadvantaged by having to conditionally register their vehicle. This funding would be made available via state government funding.
- Resident concern raised in relation to yet another fee for a permit.
- The fees charged by Council provide funding to upgrade many public facilities
- Attendee mentioned that SIRA represents a segment of the Island community – however not all
- Community members support the fact that it's a matter of personal responsibility for peoples own safety.
- Registrations at the fire shed may need to be scheduled more than once a year.
- Resident raised concern that Tradesman would pass on the extra permit charge to residents on the island – making it even more expensive than it currently is. Or alternatively if a Bond was imposed, that many Tradesman would not have the cash flow to pay out the Bond required.
- Concern raised regarding the parking at wharves – already difficult and required to park nose in to ensure parking is optimised

Question	Response
Will there be a limit of permits	No
Will permits be required for Tradies?	Yes. Two options will be available. A permit at a higher cost (\$500) or alternatively request a Bond from the tradesman that will be refunded if there is no damage done whilst on the island.
What is a shared zone – what do you need to do for that?	<p>A shared zone permits pedestrians and vehicles to use the same area, however pedestrians have right of way.</p> <p>It is anticipated it will take five years for Council to complete the works to seal the roads and apply stencilling for the shared zones.</p>
<p>Please explain what 'bringing the roads up to standard means? Does this include kerb and guttering?</p> <p>Resident noted that Florence Terrace is a high traffic area.</p>	The roads will be assessed on a road by road basis – looking at high traffic areas. Kerb and guttering and drainage will be looked at in addition to the roads and drainage masterplan.
What's the legal status of the roads?	Same as now – Section 116 of the Roads Act – we can restrict or class – add
In the future – can another Council change the status?	<p>They are still legal roads</p> <p>Same mechanism as the roadway</p> <p>Vehicle size can be restricted but would require an additional consultation and approval beyond what is currently proposed.</p> <p>Registered in NSW you can drive on Scotland Island you will need a permit to access the roads on the island.</p>
What's the process for banning a vehicle?	It requires ministerial consent – approval from Council and the Transport Minister
What's the legal weight.	2.5 tonnes – Tare weight
If I own a vehicle that is beyond the weight mentioned in the Draft Traffic Management Plan, is it illegal?	No – but the need for this vehicle will to demonstrate why this is needed.
Could Council consider using the TARE weight – not the GVM weight?	Changed to Tare weight.
What is required to bring a golf buggy up to scratch to	To be compliant for conditional registration the golf buggy / or any complaint vehicle will need:

be conditionally registered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brake and turn lights • Reflectors • Headlights • Suitable rollover bar • Seatbelts
What are the requirements of the shared zone?	<p>Still needs the permits</p> <p>Required for speed limits and pedestrian right of way</p>
Do mobility scooters need to be registered?	No.
How long is a permit valid for?	12 months from the time of issue.
Shared Zone – what is the speed limit?	If approved by the Roads and Maritime Services.
What do buggies need?	<p>Brakes and safety glass.</p> <p>Rollover bar.</p> <p>Does not require automotive glass</p>
Motorbikes – do they comply	They are a registered vehicle.
Quadbikes – do they comply	Do not comply.
How much funding has been allocated for roads on Scotland Island this year	\$120,000 this year allocated capital works – funded by the special rate variation.
Is that budget allocated from our rates?	RMS B lock grant \$1.2 million per year for all of the Northern Beaches. Budget is also required for roads and maintenance.
Is the 'fire-trail' included? Request that in the process it is made practical as there are parking issues.	The fire trail – as it is today - is not a public road. -
Are you still proposing to do registrations at the fire shed?	Yes
If trucks come onto the Island – will they need a permit.	Yes. Council can issue them within a couple of days

Can the upgrades of the vehicles be done collectively?	Yes – Council will be investigating this.
Can Council ensure that all the facts are provided regarding the long-term outcomes / strategy? This would ensure that we, the community can make informed decisions based on all the facts presented.	Noted – to address this request during the community engagement phase. And feedback provided to the Community Engagement team for engagement projects ongoing.
Why is this being imposed on us now? Can't Council fix the roads first.	This is the first part of the larger plan to be implemented. As mentioned earlier – it's a matter of liability and we are aware of the issue and the safety and vehicle compliance issues need to be addressed.
What is the driving age for people who drive buggies? Will you need a full drivers licence?	The driving age is as prescribed by RMS – P Plate drivers – 17 years of age.
Can Council look at designated parking spaces at the wharves.	Yes. We are open to consultation on that.
How does this work? What's the process?	<p>Dec 18 – Feb 19 Engagement on the Draft Traffic Management Plan (TMP)</p> <p>Mar '19 – TMP endorsed</p> <p>April '19 - Preliminary inspections</p> <p>May '19 - Funding in place</p> <p>Mid-end '19 – implement Traffic Management Plan</p>
What happens with the vehicles that are not up to scratch	<p>Council will facilitate the removal of vehicles that are not able to meet the conditional registration requirements.</p> <p>As part of that process we will also send a crew over to clean out a number of vehicles have been left abandoned and in disrepair.</p>
What form needs to be filled out for the permit?	<p>The link to the form will be available on Council's website once the plan scheduled for implementation.</p> <p>http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/about/forms/45070938-safe-use-declaration.pdf</p> <p>http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/about/forms/45070939-conditional-reg.pdf</p>

Registration – if it meets conditions of conditional registration – where does that leave the owners of buggies that are unregistered?	Technically operating a vehicle on a public road.
Why are police currently not enforcing the law now?	Police will be conducting enforcement as resources become available.
When and how long will it take for Council to issue the permit?	Council can issue the permit on the spot. However some notice is advisable.
Why is the permit not part of our rates on the Island?	This permit is considered as 'over and above' permit.
What is considered as a heavy truck?	It's the old MR Licence.
What is the cost of registering a buggy?	Special category \$110 for the initial year \$ 59 every year after
Can I register my land cruiser as a conditionally registered vehicle?	No. The conditional registration is categorised by vehicle type. The land cruiser does not fall into that category.
Would you compensate the registration fee for normal vehicles like you are for buggies?	No.
Who enforces the permits? Would barge operators need to see the permits ?	No. Under compliance act – this needs to be enforced by the Police of Council Compliance officers.
Is Council going to get more staff to cope with the additional enforcement requirements	Yes. We are currently recruiting compliance enforcement staff.
What about the Bond? How much will that be?	The price for the Bond has not been set as yet.
Can Council provide residents with a vision for what's going to happen over the next 10 years? We would like additional funds for the Island.	Council is currently looking how we deliver the level of capital works on the island to meet the needs of this special community.

Reference Points:

RMS Conditional Registration: <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/conditional.html>

Establishing Conditional Registration – Fact Sheet

<https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/factsheet-new-conditional-registration-september-2018.pdf>

RMS Application

Council Permit Application

Meeting closed: 11:40am

ⁱ RMS Conditional Registration: <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/conditional.html>