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Dear La Perouse Precinct,

La Perouse Precinct Meeting 1st December 2014

Thank you for the minutes of this meeting of the La Perouse Precinct. The Council notes the contents of these minutes and I am able to provide you with the following information in response to the matters raised in the meeting.

November meeting follow-up

Residents thanked Council for trimming the shrubbery along Little Bay Road (on the left just before Bunnerong Road roundabout) that was a traffic hazard but noted that this is only a temporary relief, that a more permanent solution would be to remove the shrubs altogether.

I can advise the precinct that Council has recently undertaken the following works in regards to shrubs:

Cnr Bunnerong Road & Little Bay Rd - Four of the Callistemons plants located on the south eastern corner have been removed to improve vision for motorists; there are plans to remove a few more plants from this location and for the remaining plants to be trimmed.

Cnr Dampier & Eyre St - This corner contained a few noxious weeds that have been removed to improve vision for motorists

Cnr Franklin & Knowles Ave - It is noted that the vegetation on this corner does not constitute a problem for motorists; no action will be undertaken, apart from regular hedging that is conducted as maintenance of the adjacent park.

December meeting

The Chair suggested that the option of having access to Prince Henry Centre's basement car park be looked into, especially for times when the outdoor car park was full, and possibly to alleviate the limited parking in the beach area.

The precinct's suggestion regarding the underground car park was sent to Council's Manager Community Development for consideration and I can provide the following information.

The car park at the Prince Henry Centre is for the exclusive use of its customers and is closed to the general public for security reasons. There is, however, a designated outdoor car park on the grounds of the centre for the use of beachgoers and members of the public.

Residents are concerned about the inadequate parking around Little Bay and also at Phillip Bay at weekends when many visitors are attracted to the beach. Problems include parking across residents' driveways and footpaths, as well as rubbish on the beach and street. Residential parking permits were suggested as a possible option.

The Council's Manager Integrated Transport advises me that the objective of the Resident Parking Scheme is to provide residents who do not have any off-street parking for their cars with a better opportunity to park close to their home.

The Council must (by legislation) operate the Scheme under the rules as created by the Roads and Maritime Services of NSW (RMS). These rules do not allow the Council to issue a Resident Parking Permit to people who have a garage, or other off-street parking spaces (for their car).

As most of the dwellings in the Little Bay area have off street parking spaces (garages, carports, long driveways etc.) most residents would not be eligible to be issued with a parking permit and, therefore, the Resident Parking Scheme would not be expanded into this area.

However, any suspected illegal parking can be reported to Council's rangers on 1300 722 542, where you will be asked to leave your name and contact telephone number along with other relevant details.

Smoking on all beaches within Randwick City Council has now been banned. The question was raised about enforcing the bans and whether police could be called to the beach if necessary. Signs are to be installed.

The Council's Manager Health Building and Regulatory Services advises that the ban applies once suitable signage has been installed at a given area, which I understand has been attended to at most beaches.

The option to deal with situations where a person may be smoking on the beach depends on the location of the beach and the particular situation. As the ban is new, it is not necessarily appropriate to issue fines without

notice; we need to educate the public and beach users by a variety of means. Conspicuous signage, especially in the first year or two would be recommended in order to facilitate this education; Council is also considering an education campaign around this subject.

If a person is observed to be smoking on the beach, there are various ways that it may be dealt with. Firstly, other beach-users may inform the person of the ban; secondly, Council's lifeguards may politely ask the person to cease smoking. In addition, Council's Rangers may also be called on 1300 722 542 to attend.

Finally, the Police could be called to attend; although this would be viewed as a last resort as they may also be dealing with other more pressing issues at the time.

Over a period of time, Council is confident that the smoking ban will be a success through adequate education and public cooperation.

I have also noticed in the Precinct's minutes a mention of the community's concerns regarding overnight camping and can advise the following.

Staying overnight in most Sydney beachside car parks is prohibited and residents with a particular concern at a specific time are recommended to contact Council's Call Centre on 1300 722 542 and a Ranger will endeavour to attend as quickly as possible.

Council is, however, also mindful that it is not an offence for any person to sleep in a vehicle and such action is a road safety recommendation of Police and RMS with the 'Stop, Revive, Survive' campaign which is promoted to decrease incidents relating to fatigued drivers.

Yours faithfully,



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