

WAVERLEY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

10.00 AM, THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2020

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AGENDA

PART 1 – MATTERS PROPOSING THAT COUNCIL EXERCISE ITS DELEGATED FUNCTIONS

NOTE: The matters listed under this part of the agenda propose that Council either does or does not exercise the traffic related functions delegated to it by TfNSW. The recommendations made by the Committee under this part of the agenda will be submitted to Council for adoption.

TC/CV	ELECTORAT	ES OF COOGEE AND VAUCLUSE
TC/CV.02/2	0.04	Bondi and Bronte Beach Car Parks (A20/0245)
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REPORT TC/CV.02/20.04

Subject: Bondi and Bronte Beach Car Parks

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1. Introduction/Background

On 21 March 2020, Council made the decision to close its beaches to comply with the NSW Government's Public Health Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, these Orders direct that the occupier or operator of premises in NSW must not, for premises comprised of an outdoor space, allow 500 or more persons to enter or stay on the premises at the same time. Given the number of people that attend Waverley Council's beaches this limitation is not able to be met, hence the closure of all three beaches.

The situation has been changing rapidly since beaches were closed. New Public Health Orders have been introduced which continue to stop people gathering but also prohibit anyone leaving their place of residence without a reasonable excuse i.e. work, exercise etc. In working closely with the Police, they have clarified that swimming and surfing for exercise are allowable under the Orders. Over the past few weeks, there has been an increasing number of people entering the water to exercise and a significant increase in requests from community to allow access to the water.

In response, Council resolved to implement a processes that allow access to the water with the beaches remaining closed from 28 April 2020. A beach management plan has been developed and resources will be deployed to manage numbers across the beaches. However, in the current environment it is difficult to predict the behavior of the public and additional mitigations around parking restrictions are included in the beach management plan to help control numbers. These include some, or a combination of, the following:

- 1. 1P parking restrictions at Queen Elizabeth Drive and Park Drive at Bondi Beach, Bronte Cutting and Bronte Beach
- 2. 1P parking restrictions at Queen Elizabeth Drive and Park Drive at Bondi Beach, Bronte Cutting and Bronte Beach beach permit holder excepted
- 3. Parking only for Beach Parking permits holders

2. Technical Analysis

Nil.

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3. Financial Information for Council's Consideration

Nil.

4. Attachments

Nil.

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