



SUBMISSION BY THE BRUNSWICK HEADS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC. ON TIMED PARKING - MON 25 JAN 2021

We appreciate the opportunity for our subcommittees and Executive Committee to provide input into the discussion and consideration of timed parking in the new expanded zones. We have been actively involved in working with the Council to suggest any changes which we believe will optimise our village's parking management, as the village and its businesses evolve over time.

Are the TPS recommendations to which Council refers, those proposed by TPS in 2019? It is our understanding from working with Council staff several years ago that the TPS recommendations followed a formula when breaking down the time zones and also looked at which zones were at capacity. They also used the **actual time spent** in each of the time zone, rather than how much time **was required** as an indicator of future need.

The Chamber is very concerned with the proposal to change most of the all-day parking to 4P, and also with the sudden loss of 69 of our 2P spaces to 1P two years ago, as advised by TPS without any consultation with our businesses. Fortunately, Council listened and the all-day parking was not changed at that time. However the change of so many of our 2P spaces to 1P had an immediate and long-lasting adverse effect on hospitality and especially retail traders. We have been waiting for the opportunity to for at least some of the 1P spaces to be returned to 2P in key areas.

We believe several **principles** need to be considered in any proposed changes to the current times parking layout. Our experience shows that any changes need to consider the following:

1. Available parking spaces
2. Availability of public transport
3. Customer demand for parking spaces at different times of the day/week/year
4. Employee demand for parking spaces at different times of the day/week/year
5. Time limits that adequately reflect the business type and location
6. The rise and fall of popularity of precincts
7. The beach/recreation areas and its relationship to the CBD
8. Flow on impacts of a change in one area on adjacent areas

1. AVAILABLE PARKING SPACES

There are 662 parking spaces from Tweed St the river/Simpson's Ck and another 296 east of Simpson's Ck. However, there are no dedicated all-day parking areas servicing Brunswick Heads.

2. AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

There is no public transport to speak of, other than school buses. Blanch's run occasional services to Mullumbimby, but no directly into Byron Bay. There are only 2 shuttle bus services to Gold Coast Airport and none to Ballina Airport.

3. CUSTOMER DEMAND FOR PARKING

- The most central or convenient parking spaces will always be the most popular and record 100% occupancy, especially at peak times of the year.
- During the Covid -19 pandemic, most businesses had to make significant changes to their operating hours to survive. The town was dead after about 2pm. Even during this summer, many have still opted to close on a couple of the "quieter" days of the week – Mondays & Tuesdays and many are still only open from Thursdays to Sundays.
- Demand for parking varies between times of the day, days of the week (With Mon-Wed quieter than other days), months of the year (patchy according to the busy and quiet months of the year), and between weekends (eg for events or celebrations of special days). Market days occur only one Sat per month, so 4P can apply near Memorial Park, with all-day P Sunday-Friday.
- All-day parking should not be reduced to 4P until some dedicated all-day parking for visitors is provided.

4. EMPLOYEE DEMAND FOR PARKING

- The Chamber conducted a comprehensive survey of businesses in 2019 and gathered data on how many of the employees required all day parking, and where they currently park. The most popular places to park while at work are Fawcett St, Mullumbimbi St, Fingal St and Booyun St between Park and Tweed Sts, plus South Beach Lane ie in the ring beyond the timed zones.
- Up-to-date data needs to be collected from businesses on how many staff bring their cars into town and require on-street parking, **before any changes are made.**
- That there are no public transport alternatives and no designated all-day parking areas for workers, **must be factored in.** The all-day parking currently used by employees cannot be reduced to 4P until adequate staff parking is provided that won't have a flow on impact on residents west of Tweed St.
- The TPS recommendation to change ALL the all day parking to 4P or less will have severe ramifications on where our workers will park. Several businesses, especially those with a majority of female employees are very concerned for their staff's safety, especially if they have to walk 15 minutes to the west side of Tweed St at dusk and in the dark.
- There are also issues of loss of trade if sole traders (and just under 25% of businesses are sole traders) have to close up their shops to move their cars from a parking space with a 4P limit.

5. TIME LIMITS THAT ADEQUATELY REFLECT THE BUSINESS TYPE AND LOCATION

Council/TPS surveys have recorded times customers that actually park, and the averages. However, there is no data on how long customers **need** to patronise the various business. The Brunswick Heads Chamber's local knowledge, however, offers the following insights:

- Customers usually need more than one hour to enjoy a dine-in lunch or dinner.
- Our hospitality owners in the CBD told us that trade for meals dropped when the 2 hour time limits were reduced to only one hour two years ago. We have asking for this to be rectified since.
- Retail shoppers need more than an hour if they wish to combine a cuppa with clothes, gift or other retailers shopping. Retailers in the CBD reported a significant drop in trade when the 2 hour time limits were reduced to only one hour. We have been asking for many of the 2P that were lost to 1P to be restored back to 2P for the sake of customers and business owners.
- Some businesses only require short times eg the Post Office, bank (although now gone), take away coffee, photocopying etc – and on this basis, the Chamber advised where some additional 15 minute parking zones were required for good turnover. They have been working well.
- Appointments such as massages, acupuncture & beauty therapies need more than an hour. Ladies hair appointments can take up to 3 hours, hence the 3P zone near the hairdressing hub.
- Brunswick Heads is well-known as a destination for family days out – where you can have a picnic, swim, fly a kite, kick a ball, patronise the local cafes and browse the shops. The Chamber wants to encourage such days out. There are no dedicated all-day car parks for these visitors and no alternative mode of transport to and from Brunswick Heads.

6. THE RISE AND FALL OF POPULARITY OF PRECINCTS

In 2019 the Chamber recommended that the all-day parking spaces outside the supermarket precinct be changed to 2P to increase the turnover of spaces. Since then, the west side of Tweed St between Balun Lane and Booyun St has emerged as a very popular precinct. (Outside Clem's Cargo, Old Maids and Saint Marie's). Zone 1 may therefore need to be subdivided into 1A and 1B, & the parking in the southern 1B zone could be changed to 2P to increase turnover if an issue. However, before any such change is made, more consultation with specific businesses is needed.

7. THE BEACH/RECREATION AREAS AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE CBD

- We believe that it is time to provide a **variety of options** for parking times in the "beach" area, across the bridge. Because of the popularity of Torakina Park and beach we suggest that Zone 29 (only 4 spaces) be allocated to 15 minute for "Drop off/pick up", so that picnic & beach gear & families can be unloaded. The driver can then find longer term parking elsewhere.
- We suggest that the beach area be divided into zones (as for the CBD) and that timed parking and all-day zones be allocated in areas according to need/demand. We have suggested a possible breakdown of these times parking limits. We understand that all-day parking is required for surf carnivals. Until such time as a dedicated long-term car park is provided for day visitors, we believe that adequate all-day parking must also be provided for the family day-trippers. Without these spaces, full-day visitors will need to use the 4P space in the morning and go searching for another 4P space to extend their time into the afternoon. The Chamber doesn't wasn't visitors to decide to leave without having patronised the cafes and retail stores.

8. FLOW ON IMPACTS OF A CHANGE IN ONE ZONE ON THE ADJACENT ZONE

- The flow-on effects of reducing time limits in one zone on the adjacent zones need to be **carefully considered** before changes are made. A balance needs to be struck between increasing the parking turnover and the detrimental impacts that change could make on the amenity for others: e.g.
 - Issues of displacement by those seeking all-day parking from Mullumbimbi and Fingal Sts to Tweed St, which will in turn affect the businesses on Tweed St.
 - Issues of displacement by those seeking all-day parking from Mullumbimbi and Fingal Sts of all-day parking to the west of Tweed St, in front of resident's homes.
 - Additional traffic flow and issues of displacement by those wanting all-day parking at the beach as they search for all-day parking spaces west of Tweed St.

Tabulated proposed changes in timed parking allocation for the township and the beach

TOWN	CURRENT	TPS	CHAMBER	NET CHAMB	BEACH	CURRENT	TPS	CHAMBER	NET CHAMB
All day	385	145	316	-69	All day	297		105	-192
4P	15	216	60	45	4P	0	297	132	132
3P	31	0	31	0	3P	0		56	56
2P	150	208	194	44	2P	0		0	0
1P	81	93	61	-20	1P	0		0	0
15 min					15 min			4	4
TOTAL	662	662	662	0	TOTAL	297	297	297	0

In summary, we need about 20x1P spaces changed back to 2P, all-day employee parking retained & a range of options for in the beach precinct. We request a meeting with staff, to discuss the draft plan & our suggestions in more detail, as other alternatives are possible provided the principles outlined are fulfilled. We also need the opportunity to discuss Council's proposed draft with our businesses, who have been very preoccupied over Christmas. Particularly on our suggestion to add 2P to a section of Tweed St.

Sincerely

CURRENT TIMES & ZONES / CHAMBER INITIAL PROPOSALS JAN 2021

Zone	Current Time limits	No parks per zone	Chamber Recommendation	Time limits	No per z	Rationale (See points above)
01 - Tweed Street (Booyun St - Fawcett St)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	30	1A Tweed St (Balun La–Fawcett)	All day M-S	16	
			1B Tweed St (Balun Ln-Booyun St)	2P M-S 9-5	14	Point #6
02 - Fawcett St (Tweed St - Mona Ln)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	8	Reduce to 4P	4P Sat 9-5	8	Point #4 + Increased demand Sat market days only, all-day sun-F
03 - Mona Ln (Fawcett St - Tweed St)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	15	3A Mona La to Fawcett St	4P Sat 9-5	3	Point #4 + Increased demand Sat market days only, all-day sun-F
			3B Fawcett St to Park St - retain	All day M-S	12	Point #4
04 - Fawcett St (Mona Ln - Park St)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	30	Retain as all day - Don't drop to 4P	All day M-S	30	Point #4
05 - Park St (Fawcett St - Balun Ln)	2P MON-SUN 9-5	28	5A Retain Fawcett to Mullum 2P	2P M-S 9-5	23	Must retain all 2P as retailers/meals have been affected by 1P
			5B Agree to drop from 2P to 1P	1P M-S 9-5	5	Only of 19 spaces in Z 23 changed to 2P (inner ring 1P, outer 2P
06 - Park St (Balun Ln - Fingal St)	1P MON-SUN 9-5	4	Note bus stop takes ½ Z6 - retain	1P M-S 9-5	4	Fix diagram to show bus stop & 15 min zone
07 - Park St (Fingal St - Booyun St)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	17	Can drop from all day to 4P not 2P	4P M-F	17	Too big a drop from all day to 2P - School vols need 4hrs M-F
08 - Booyun St C/P(Park St - Dead End)	4P MON-SUN 9-5	15	Agree no change	4P M-S	15	
09 - Park St (Booyun St - Fingal St)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	17	Can drop from all day to 4P	4P M-S	17	Too big a drop from all day to 2P
10 - Park St (Fingal St - Fawcett St)	2P MON-SUN 9-5	27	Agree no change	2P M-S	27	
11 - Fawcett St (Park St - Tweed ST)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	36	Retain as all day – Don't drop to 4P	All Day M-S	36	Needed by employees - where will they park? See point #4
12 - Tweed Street (Fawcett St - Fingal St)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	16	Agree no change	All day M-S	16	
13 - Tweed Street (Fingal St - Booyun St)	2P MON-SUN 9-5	11	Agree no change	2P M-S	11	Could drop to 1P here to trade for increasing 1P on Terrace to 2P
14 - Booyun St - (Tweed St - Park St)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	34	Agree no change	All day M-S	34	
15 - Booyun St - (Park St - Tweed St)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	31	Agree no change	All day M-S	31	
16 - Fingal St (Tweed St - Park St)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	45	16A Retain all day to Physio,	All day M-S	35	Needed by employees - Note Map error
			16B Agree 2P NCTrophies to Park St	2P M-S	10	Cluster of shops, Return the few current 1P to 2P
17 - Fingal St (Park St - The Terrace)	1P MON-SUN 9-5	42	Agree no change	1P M-S	42	Should note no. of 15 min & loading zones on map
18 - Fingal St (The Terrace - Tweed St)	2P MON-SUN 9-5	36	Agree no change	2P M-S	36	
19 - Fingal St (Park St - Tweed St)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	44	Retain as all day	All day M-S	44	Needed by employees - where will they park? See point #4
20 - Mullumbimbi St (Tweed St - Park St)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	19	Retain as all day	All day M-S	19	Needed by employees - where will they park? See point #4
21 - Mullumbimbi St (Tweed St - Park St)	3P MON-SUN 9-5	31	Retain as 3P	3P M-S	31	Needed for hair appt cluster (or change to 4P not 2P)
22 - Mullumbimbi St (Park St - The Terrace)	2P MON-SUN 9-5	14	Agree no change	2P M-S	14	
23 - The Terrace (Mullumbimbi St - Fingal St)	1P MON-SUN 9-5	19	Must change from 1P back up to 2P	2P M-S	19	Serious impact on retailers/meals of previous drop fr 2P to 1P
24 - The Terrace (Fingal St - Mullumbimbi St)	2P MON-SUN 9-5	4	Agree to drop to 1P if Zone 23 incr	2P M-S	4	See notes + Map error – there are no spaces south of Balun La
25 - Mullumbimbi St (The Terrace - Park St)	1P MON-SUN 9-5	16	Agree no change	1P M-S	16	
26 - Mullumbimbi St (Park St - Tweed St)	2P MON-SUN 9-5	7	Agree no change	2P M-S	7	
27 - Mullumbimbi St (Park St - Tweed St)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	19	Retain as all day	All day M-S	19	Needed by employees - where will they park? See point #4
28 - Mullumbimbi St (Car Park)	2P MON-SUN 9-5	23	Agree no change	2P M-S	23	
29 - South Beach Rd (The Terrace - Torakina)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	4	Change to 15 min for drop offs	15 Min M-S	4	For quick turnover drop offs beach gear- Need range of times **
30 - South Beach Rd (Torakina - Dead End)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	98	Agree to drop to 4P	4P M-S	98	To double the turnover & enough time for swim
31 - South Beach Rd (Dead End-Sth Beach Ln)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	27	Retain as all day	All day M-S	27	Needed for all day family picnics & beach **
32 - South Beach Ln (Sth Beach Rd-Dead End)	ALL DAY MON-SUN	34	Agree to drop to 4P	4P M-S	34	Zones 29 to TC/P can be reworked to ensure several options
BC/P—Torakina beach car park	ALL DAY MON-SUN	29	Change to 3P or 4P for short swims	3P M-S	29	See above
SC/P—Surf club car park	ALL DAY MON-SUN	54	Retain as all day parking	All day M-S	54	Day long surf carnivals & beach days
TC/P—Tennis court car park	ALL DAY MON-SUN	27	Agree to drop to 3P or 4P	3P M-S	27	Enough time for tennis match & see above
FC/P—Fingal Street car park	ALL DAY MON-SUN	12	Agree no change	All day M-S	12	
LC/P—Library car park	ALL DAY MON-SUN	12	Agree no change	All day M-S	12	



Blank Parking Arrangement

Legend:



Dear Katie

I have been asked to reply to your parking survey on behalf of the Brunswick Surf Club.

Proposal 2 with four hour parking along the beachfront and at the tennis courts and in front of the surf club is the one that would suit the surf club the best, however, before you consider introducing new parking times into Brunswick Heads could you please take into consideration the situation of the Brunswick Surf Club, we need at least 8-10 all day parking spots for our patrol members. When the new surf club is constructed there will be 8-10 parking spots along the front of the clubhouse. Our preference is for these to be signposted for "Club Members Only"

Our patrols are made up of eight to ten community volunteers and sometimes more are needed if something special is on at the beach. Patrols run from 9:30am to 3:30pm on Saturdays, with a half hour at each end to set up and wash down, that is a **seven hour commitment on a Saturday** and with an 8:30am to 4:30pm patrol and a half an hour at each end again, that is a **nine hour commitment on a Sunday**. Public holidays and holidays over the Christmas, New Year period are also long patrol days.

For the last patrol season our club members put in 5,436 volunteer hours on the beach. They performed 14 rescues where they were required to enter the water, 42 first aid activities, which were all either major or minor marine stings and 1,920 beach interventions. On 12 occasions ambulances were required to attend the beach to attend injured surfers. This 5,436 hours does not include the thousands of hours put in by Nippers and nipper parents, or the out of hours training that takes place at the club throughout the year.


My point is that none of this, fits into a neat four hour timeframe and all of it is community members giving up their time to do things for others in the community ie. to make our beach a better and safer place to swim and to make our junior members surf safe, and confident in the water.

Could you please let me know, so that I can inform the members of the Surf Club, how you are going to take our special needs into consideration.

Just to make the point again, our preference is for 4 hour parking along the beachfront, for beachgoers and all day parking in the parking spots in front of the surf club for club members.

Thank you for your consideration of our needs

I look forward to hearing back from you.


Chairperson Brunswick Surf Club Rebuilding Committee
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Dear Katie Hughes (Project Engineer, Byron Shire Council),

I am writing to you in relation to the 'Brunswick Heads Parking Limit Review'.

As principal of Brunswick Heads Public School, I speak on behalf of the students, staff and parents of our school community and want to express my great concern in the proposed changes.

From our perspective:

- Brunswick Heads PS does not have a designated parking area or onsite parking for our staff of approximately 30 teaching and school administrative and support staff.
- By removing the 'All day' parking along Park Street, which runs along the western side of our school, which provides parking for a number of staff each day, you will effectively be creating safety concerns for our team. Already, we must navigate uneven surfaces in moving into and out of our school grounds, regularly moving large items or to take student work home.
- Our team, including school administrative and support staff, also provide educational and wellbeing support for approximately 230 students, which requires us to be here for extended hours to ensure the health and safety of all students. Parking around our school also inhibits the quick access of emergency service vehicles in accessing our school, as well as the need for executive staff to access their own vehicles quickly when responding to a student who has absconded, or alternatively an emergency at an off-site location.
- The lack of a loading zone also means that there is nowhere for us, or businesses to to offload heavy loads.
- By moving the 'All day' parking to the outer limits of the town centre, the staff of local businesses will also be forced to park in the proposed 'All day' parking on Booyun St, and with cafes and other businesses opening before our school, our team will be forced to walk huge distances to get to our place of work. At times, our staff also work late into the evenings to complete professional learning activities or meetings, this means traversing large distances to parked cars without adequate lighting and across uneven surfaces.
- Parents play a vital role in the positive partnerships with teachers in supporting their children's education. If parking around the school is non-existent this would discourage parents from taking part in their child's learning.
- We are blessed by the support of a large number of volunteers in our beautiful school, the majority of whom are over the age of 60. If these volunteers were required to park a large distance from the school and then walk, we feel that this would negatively impact on their ability to continue to volunteer.

We would like to see one of these options being implemented to ensure our staff are able to best support the educational needs and safety of our students:



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1. That the section along Park St remain as 'all day' parking and the back section of Booyun St, in front of the CWA building remains as a 'four hour' parking zone.
2. That school staff are provided with 'Parking permits' to allow them to park in the Park St and Booyun St section in front of the CWA building and the southern end of our school.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you prior to this moving forward and would be very happy to discuss this with you at a mutually beneficial time.

Notes below from previous Staff feedback for the 2019 Paid Parking review:

Brunswick Heads Public School Staff Input for Brunswick Heads Parking Review

Process

All staff were consulted, provided with a copy of existing and proposed parking supply and management maps. Staff brainstormed issues that may affect our school. A summary of these considerations is listed below. We felt it was inappropriate to make a comment on our opinions of paid parking or add any issues that were general town related issues. Staff were encouraged to make individual personal submissions to express these views.

Teachers

1. Need for drop off and pick up Zone , additional safety concern is people crossing double lines to u-turn in front of school
2. Staff parking – within and outside school hours, and in holidays, perhaps in front of the bus zone??
3. Disabled parking – ensure no standing Zone on current Park St Entry but also the ones council was going to put in, bus zone would need to be moved
4. Review bus zone and student crossing, entry for riding in CWA carpark
5. Adequate parking and time for school events such as fortnightly assembly, grandparent day etc (difficult now and our numbers and expected to gradually rise by 120 students)
6. Adequate free and long enough parking for volunteers (canteen all day, reading helpers), our sessions are 2 hours so they would need 3 hour spots
7. Current place where teachers park would become popular with employees from other shops, people wanting longer parks which creates less space for teachers and parents
8. We have concerns that parent helpers will no longer come in as it is an extra hassle parking legally
9. Need for loading zone for deliveries etc





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10. No parking/bus zone needs to be extended eg sport bus 1:40 , excursion buses etc
11. Review of use of CWA carpark

P and C

1. The need for a **drop-off 'kiss and go' spot** for safe drop-offs for kids who are old enough for this without those cars needing to take up an on-street park.

2. The need to **change the current 'No Standing' restriction during school drop-off and pick-up times on Park Street**. (On the school side, this means between the bus zone and the CWA/School carpark. On the other side, it is between the flats next to the Health Foods Shop and Booyun St). It seems that this restriction is a hang-over from when there was an official school crossing here. Even though the poles are still there, this hasn't been an official crossing for years. People park here all the time, it is quite safe to do so, and this is where a school visitor was fined over \$500 recently after a school assembly.

3. The need to have **sufficient 3+ hour parking near the school for:**

a. **Volunteers (parents and others)**. A school session is 2 hours so there needs to be more than 2 hour parking within easy reach of the school.

b. **Sense of school community** - eg: being able to do an afternoon pickup followed by gelati or a river swim without worrying about overstaying the time limit.

c. **Assemblies and event days**. Having parents and others easily able to attend assembly is an important part of our school community. Event days similarly.

4. The need for a **disabled parking space** on Fingal Street near the school - I think this is already in planning but hasn't been mentioned so far in the consultation. This is partly for current families (though school have made other arrangements for them) but also to allow grandparents/other visitors easy access.

5. If paid parking is introduced, a recognition that the **cost of a local permit** will negatively impact on lower-income school families, particularly in light of rising housing costs (rents, house prices, council rates). Our school has already lost valued students and families because of rising costs of living in the area.

6. Request assistance from Council to **formalise parking arrangements within CWA dirt parking lot off of Park Street**. With parking restrictions occurring closer to town, areas such as this will likely become an overflow, or site for extended camper parking.

Previous discussions with Andrew Pearce, Traffic Engineer at Byron Shire Council in 2019, are included as meeting notes for a background:



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Principal: Trisha Parker

Hi Mel,

It was good to meet with you this morning. Below is a summary of my notes from the meeting. If I have missed anything or if you want to add additional ideas, feel free to reply and let me know.

Brunswick Heads Public School has, approximately:

20 aid staff

>40 volunteers helping on site during the week who are not related to the kids (i.e. gardeners, RI, etc)

>230 kids currently

Planning to grow to approximately 400 students in about 10 years.

Dept. of Education has researched current and projected demographics' for Brunswick Heads

Below is a summary of the schools wish list of key issues / projects:

- Installation of 15 minute parking on Tweed near the office access point
- Want to make it easy for parents to engage with the school and their kids. Therefore, provide a long time limit / no time limit parking as close as possible to the school and in sufficient numbers.
- Access to all day parking adjacent to the school for a couple staff spaces. This is a WHS issue.
- Bus Zone needs fixing
- Kiss n drop zone – possible in the Booyun St car park area.
- Provide all day staff parking in the Booyun St dead end combined with the Kiss n Go.
- A Loading zone next to the school. Possibly combined with the mobility access space.
- The Disability access point is only via the bus stop. Need to redesign this area to remove the conflict with the Bus Zone and ensure good disability access.
- Possibly consider Stacked parking on Park St with one row of all day staff parking and another row of possibly time limited parking.
- Improve safety surrounding the Tweed St pedestrian crossing.

Cheers,

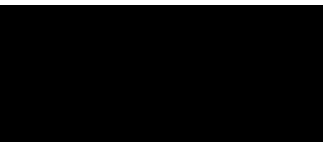
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Kind regards,



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Hi Kathie,

I'm currently out of Brunswick and am having difficulty accessing the 3 options.

Therefore I am only going to concentrate on

- (a) Tweed Street north of Mona Lane
- (b) Mona Lane adjoining Memorial Park
- (c) Fawcett Street adjoining Memorial Park
- (d) Park Street to Mullumbimbi Street adjoining Banner Park

Problem

NIGHT TIME for (a) to (d): Illegal camping - this is worsening and depending on the nature of person, can impact badly on adjoining residents e.g. reports to police at 2.00am because of noise - data source the Andrews household near Broadview. Enforcement on noise complaint is directly dependent on police discretion. I will leave it to you to imagine the toileting issue with illegal camping in this area.

SOLUTION: No parking between 11.00pm to 5.00am - This will give rangers leverage for enforcement

DAYTIME for (a) to (d): Illegal campers are driving into Brunswick from surrounding areas and taking up the parking places for the entire day, particularly along the boundary of Memorial Park in Fawcett Street and to a lesser extent at the the other locals.

Would suggest either 3 to 4 hour parking here as some people are parking to take advantage of the estuarine beach, canoeing to Mullumbimbi and 3 to 4 hours may be sufficient time for this purpose. Problem will occur on Xmas Day and Boxing Day when the park is in the greatest use. Timed parking would definitely help the turnover of vehicles on market days.

Hope the above helps,

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Subject: FW: Brunswick Heads Parking Limit Review
Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2021 3:52:04 PM
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Regarding the current BrunsCBD plan:

1. the CURRENT parking map is not correct. There is NO Parking outside the shops on the corner designated # 24 up to the lane – only opposite those shops where there is angled parking;
2. I believe the business owners need to be consulted as times are dependent on their **opening hours**, particularly for food businesses. One hour may be adequate for a coffee in the early hours, but is too short for a meal during the day;
3. I trust all emergency services have been approached by the consultants.
4. The question of **disability bus stops** (& other bus routes/stops) has not been considered.
5. No mention of parking meters.

Ideas:

1. Council must consider the need for a designated parking area for overnight vans etc. I agree that there must be a way to track repeat offenders, whether they be homeless or having a holiday. Fines are not deterring them.
2. Public transport together with possible private shuttle buses or other means of transport need to be considered especially in peak holiday times. Presumably the Bruns Hotel owners/operators have been consulted regarding 1hr parking outside the hotel?
3. Does Council have land available to set up car parking for longer hours with shuttles transporting beachgoers?
4. To what extent will the renovated Surf Club parking needs impact beach goers & how will parking be signed or monitored – members only? Meters/Fees?
5. **Laneways** should all be designated ONE-way – for example, Balun lane has some bays to pull over during non-peak times but causes issues for residents trying to drive into their garages; other lanes can be flooded (lately Veterans Lane, others have).
6. Once crossing the bridge from the beach, traffic would flow better if it was made one-way along The Terrace rather than up Mullumbimbi St past pub, & middle of the road extra parking may be possible as in Lismore.

I wish I had more time to address these issues. Parking is a very complex & ever-changing situation in Bruns but it is essential that all parties are consulted, by those who understand & experience the problems. I hope the submission date is extended.

I was not able to open the larger attached document.

Sincerely

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Subject: Brunswick Heads Parking Limit Review
Date: Tue, 9 Feb 2021 03:16:05 +0000
From: Hughes, Katie <kahughes@byron.nsw.gov.au>

To: Brunswick Heads Progress Association <brunswickheadsprogressassoc@gmail.com>

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Should you have further advice please provide feedback on the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for management of parking within the Brunswick Heads CBD and beach carparks.

Please return the marked up plans and any comments by 24th February 2021.

Thank you in advance for assisting us in this project.

Regards,

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From: [Brunswick Heads Progress Association](#)
To: [Hughes, Katie](#)
Subject: BHPA submission on Brunswick Heads Parking Limit Review
Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2021 8:58:53 PM

Hi Katie,

There will likely be three people on Friday 12th March 1-2pm for a discussion with Council.

Brunswick Heads Progress Association makes the following submission:

Brunswick Heads Parking Limit Review 2021

BHPA supports the parking arrangements based on the TPS consultants report with the following additions:

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On 22/02/2021 11:52 am, Hughes, Katie wrote:

Hi,

Just a reminder that feedback is due by this Wednesday 24th February 2021.

Please advise if representatives of the association are available for a meeting at council on Friday 12th March 1-2pm to discuss?

Please advise the number of representatives that will attend so we can ensure the venue is large enough for adequate social distancing.

Regards,

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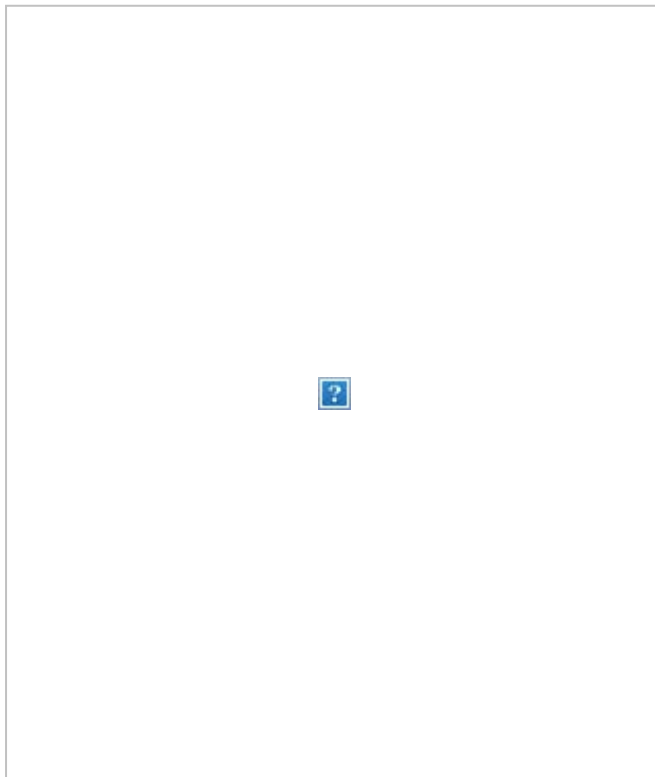


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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Hughes, Katie](#)
Subject: Community Alliance for Byron Shire (CABS) submission on Brunswick Heads Parking Limit Review
Date: Thursday, 25 February 2021 12:18:45 AM
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The Community Alliance for Byron Shire fully supports and endorses the submission made by the Brunswick Heads Progress Association but would like to go one step further.

Byron Shire Council should declare a Brunswick Heads Restricted Parking Area from the Brunswick Heads North Roundabout off the Pacific Highway to the Brunswick Heads South off ramp from the Pacific Highway.



When entering Brunswick Heads from the Pacific Highway, or from Gulgán Road or from Brunswick Valley Way there is only two entrances into Brunswick Heads (excluding the Ferry Reserve area).

Byron Shire Council should negotiate with Transport for NSW to establish:

- (1) A Brunswick Heads Restricted Parking Area under the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) (Road Rules) Regulation 1999* (STMR) and;
- (2) Establish a Brunswick Heads Special Tow Away Area under Part 5.4 of the *Road Transport Act 2013* and by order published in the Government Gazette. Vehicles may be towed or impounded under Part 7.6 of the *Road Transport Act*, Clauses 39 and 43 of the *Road Transport (general) Regulations 2013* or under the Section 16 of the *Impounding Act 1993*

Large signage should be erected at the two entry points to Brunswick Heads on Harbour Way and Tweed Street stating something like.

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE BRUNSWICK HEADS RESTRICTED PARKING AREA AND TOW AWAY AREA.

PARKING IS PROHIBITED ON ROADS, STREETS, CAR PARKS AND RESERVES BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11PM AND 5AM - SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK

ANY VEHICLES FOUND PARKED IN BRUNSWICK HEADS DURING THESE TIMES WITHOUT A VALID PERMIT OR REASON WILL BE SUBJECT TO FINES OR MAY BE TOWED AWAY OR IMPOUNDED AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE.

The Roads, Streets , Reserves and Car parks of Brunswick Heads are being over-run with free campers staying in their cars, vans, buses, trucks and, caravans and trailers. On Street parking in Residential areas is also causing problems due to over flow parking from caravan parks, camping grounds, hotels, apartments and short term holiday letting and unauthorised dwellings in garages, studios, sheds, caravans and tents.

Parking in the Brunswick Heads Business Zones is being managed by Permissive Timed Parking. Parking in the towns Residential Zones is not being managed at all and the best way to correct this is by declaring a Restricted Parking Area. Free residential parking permits will be provided to authorised dwellings based on their number of authorised bedrooms. Permits for non-residential workers, additional residential permits for dwellings over the provided number of free permits, visitor permits and service permits will all be available for purchase at rates set by Council.

Brunswick Heads is almost completely surrounded by Nature Reserves, Crown Land, the Cape Byron Marine Park and the Pacific Highway. It has only two entrances. These circumstances make it particularly well suited to the establishment of a Restricted Parking Area. The one real impediment is that all authorised parking must be in marked parking bays. This would require the delineation of hundreds of marked parking bays throughout the residential and recreational areas of Brunswick Heads. However , CABS believes that this would well be worth the positive benefits. If successful similar Restricted Parking Areas could be established at Broken Head, Tyagarah, Suffolk Park, Sunrise, Lily Pily, Belongil, Wategos, Byron Bay, New Brighton, South Golden Beach and Mullumbimby

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