

President Brooklyn Community Association
President Dangar Island League
Secretary Brooklyn Mooring Co-operative

Dear Community Associations,

Car Parking Management in Brooklyn (updated)

Thank you for your ongoing contribution to the discussion around car parking management in Brooklyn and in particular your attendance at a meeting with Councillors held on Tuesday 9 July 2024 at Council Chambers.

This meeting took place as a result of Council's May 2024 resolution relating to Report No. GM14/24. Specifically, this meeting sought to determine if agreement could be reached by the community association representatives on the future management of car parking in Brooklyn. Per Council's resolution on the matter, any changes to car parking management agreed to by all community associations could be implemented. If agreement could not be reached, the matter was to be referred to Council for a decision.

Present at the meeting were community representatives from Dangar Island League (Stephen Boyle and Terry Stewart), Brooklyn Mooring Cooperative (Trevor Kanaley) and Brooklyn Community Association (Cindy Corkery and Caelia Collins). Councillors present were the Mayor – Cllr Ruddock, Cllr McIntosh, Cllr Waddell and Cllr Salitra. Councillor Ball attended online. Staff present were myself, Julie Ryland, David Johnston and Julia Morton.

In summary, Council notes indicate that community representatives agreed to the following changes to car parking management in Brooklyn:

1. Installation of 4P parking (6am to 6pm) along the northern/river side of Lower McKell Park - retaining the current 30 minute and accessible parking spaces.
2. The southern side of Lower McKell Park is to remain as unrestricted parking – with time restrictions in this location to be reviewed in 12 months' time in conjunction with investigations to improve access and a tenured parking area in Upper McKell Park overflow area.
3. The 14 timed 4P car parking spaces in the Dangar Road/Wharf/Triangle car park to have the time restrictions removed creating a town centre car park without timed parking restrictions.
4. Council to investigate options to create new parking spaces at river level.
5. Council to progress the installation of two new 15-minute parking spaces (8:30am – 6pm) on Bridge Street in the village centre following community consultation and approval by the Local Traffic Committee.
6. Install a timing restriction (likely 4P) in the existing accessible car parking space outside the Community Health Centre on Dangar Road. It is noted that this inclusion was agreed after the meeting with Councillors (in writing) by the Brooklyn Community Association and the Dangar Island League.

7. New timing restrictions to commence Monday 2 September 2024, subject to Local Traffic Committee approval for the 15 minute spaces and the timed accessible car parking space.
8. In the next 12 months Council to progress investigations associated with a tenured resident car park in Upper McKell Park – including investigations into improved access.

Other items noted included:

1. Further discussion is required regarding the community demand for mooring facilities (both commuter and recreational) in Parsley Bay.
2. Further discussion is required with respect to how to fund detailed investigations into new infrastructure and capital works. Early discussion included consideration of a levy potentially being placed on river residents, paid parking and grant seeking opportunities.

In addition to the above, it is noted that Council has resolved via Report No.GM14/24, amongst other things, the following:

3. A further report to be provided to Council within 12 months which considers the implementation of appropriate time restrictions in McKell Park. In addition to the above, that reporting should give consideration to:

a) Progress of an interim licence/lease between a suitably constituted community based group with Crown lands and consideration of any works required to achieve a functioning carpark in areas highlighted by the Department as potential sites.

b) Further consideration of other possible sites.

c) Updated attempts to advocate to Transport for NSW to unlock transport land and to provide improved services to Hawkesbury River Station including commuter and regular user parking for train and ferry customers and support the use of the train as a means for all to access Brooklyn.

d) Progress on a draft plan of management for McKell Park.

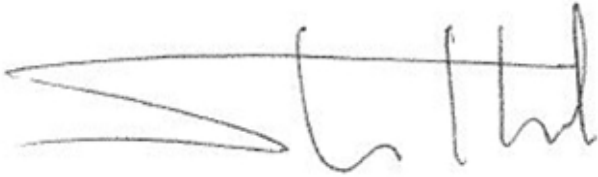
4. Following resolution of the above, Council recommence the place planning process for Brooklyn and brief the incoming Council on planning undertaken to date including the progress on this approach to addressing the resident parking issues.

As a result of this agreed position on car parking management over the next 12 months in Brooklyn, Council officers will now proceed with work on updating the Plan of Management for McKell Park – which will include draft concepts for the Brooklyn Place Plan. This approach is designed to ensure that the area covered by the Plan of Management works in an integrated fashion with other land tenures in the village centre.

Council will also update the Your Say website regarding the agreed position regarding the next steps on car parking management such that all community members who have engaged with the issue will be advised of the outcome and the implementation timeframe.

Thank you for your collaboration in reaching an agreed position. I trust that these negotiations have been undertaken in good faith. If the agreed position of the group has not been accurately summarised above, please advise Council at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

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Steven Head
General Manager

Attachment: Map – Agreed Outcomes - Lower McKell Park and Dangar Road Carpark Brooklyn

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Dangar Road Carpark, Brooklyn

Image: Nearmap



Lower McKell Park, Brooklyn

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