



## HORNSBY SHIRE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

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Road: Mary Street

Suburb: Beecroft

Location: outside Beecroft Public School

File Ref: F2004/09978

**LTC No: 34/2024**

**Electorate: EPPING**

Google Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/W3duo8g2bFtMzMNa8>

Subject: Proposed Installation of Marked Pedestrian Crossing at existing Children's Crossing

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REFERRAL OF TRAFFIC MATTER FOR COMMENT OR OBJECTION, IF ANY

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### **SUMMARY**

This report details the traffic and parking implications for the proposed upgrade of an existing Children's Crossing by the installation of a Marked Pedestrian Crossing in Mary Street, Beecroft, to improve pedestrian safety near Beecroft Public School (P/S Beecroft, 90-96 Beecroft Road).

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**SUBJECT**

Council has received a request from NSW Police (Sergeant Traffic Supervisor Ryde Police Area Command) concerning the operation of the Children's Crossing in Mary Street in Beecroft. Police are concerned with drivers failing to give way to pedestrians at the crossing. Many drivers are unaware of the rules surrounding the use of Children's Crossings in NSW. Police have requested that the crossing be upgraded to a Marked Zebra Crossing to address safety issues identified.

Council is proposing to install a Marked Pedestrian Crossing to replace the current Children's Crossing near Beecroft Public School in Mary Street. The installation of a Marked Pedestrian Crossing will provide a safe crossing location for pedestrians.

Key features of the proposal are:

1. Removal of existing signage related to the Children's Crossing, and installation of line markings and signage related to a full-time pedestrian crossing.
2. Replacement of existing part time 'No Stopping' restrictions in Mary Street with full time 'No Stopping' near the crossing. The 'No Stopping' zone on the approach to the crossing will be extended to 24m to comply with the Australian Standards for protection of pedestrians.

6 parking spaces will be lost near the crossing to comply with the Australian Standards for protection of pedestrians.

3. Existing raised threshold and kerb ramps to remain.
4. Existing part-time 'No Parking' zones (set-down and pick-up) to remain unchanged.

Plans of the proposal are attached.

**Pedestrian Crossing Warrants - New crossing guidelines**

In the past, the installation of Marked Pedestrian Crossings on local roads was controlled by a Transport for NSW (TfNSW) crossing warrant system. TfNSW has now recognised that the warrants were difficult to achieve on local roads. In September 2022, TfNSW released new Pedestrian Crossing Guidelines. As an alternative to the TfNSW warrants, councils may use the following pedestrian demand calculation:

- In each of two separate one-hour periods in a typical day, the pedestrian flow per hour (P) crossing the road is, or is expected to be, equal to or greater than 20.
- Children and elderly or mobility impaired pedestrians count as two pedestrians.

Site observations of the pedestrian movements in Mary Street confirmed that the location meets the TfNSW guidelines.

## CONSULTATION

Public Consultation has been conducted in July 2024.

Council invited comments on the proposal from residents, tenants and Beecroft Public School. Twenty (20) letters were sent. The letter was also emailed to three (3) email addresses for the school.

Council also invited comments on the initial proposal from eight (8) authorities and transport providers by email.

The proposal was also placed On Exhibition on Council's website for 14 days.

During the Public Consultation period, nineteen (19) submissions were received by Council.

A *Public Consultation Summary* of the submissions and Council responses are attached to this report. Copies of the submissions are available upon request.

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## CONCLUSION

The submissions from residents and service providers have been addressed in the attached *Public Consultation Summary*.

Council receives regular complaints from crossing supervisors and pedestrians in relation to drivers failing to stop at Children's Crossings due to lack of understanding of the 'Children's Crossing' rules. The changes to the crossing warrant system allows Council to upgrade these crossings to full-time Marked Zebra Crossings which are widely recognised and to which drivers adhere.

NSW Police raised concerns about the visibility and enforcement issues on the current crossing, leading to a request for its upgrade. Council is actively working to upgrade all children's crossings near local schools to full-time marked pedestrian crossings in the Hornsby LGA. This initiative aims to enhance safety, improve driver awareness, and reinforce adherence to road rules concerning pedestrian crossings.

To reduce the impact on parking, Council has investigated the provision of kerb blisters at the crossing which would allow for the full-time 'No Stopping' zone on the approach to the crossing to be reduced from 24m to approximately 10m. Regrettably, due to high cost of construction of the kerb blisters this will have to be considered in future traffic facilities program or external funding opportunities.

It is recommended that, to address the immediate safety issues identified by NSW Police, the crossing be upgraded as per **Stage 1**, and then **Stage 2** (kerb blisters and reduction of 'No Stopping' zone) be implemented when funding becomes available.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan of the proposal LTC 34/2024 (**Stage 1**) Upgrade of crossing with signage and delineation
2. Plan of the proposal LTC 34/2024 (**Stage 2**) Upgrade of crossing with kerb blisters
3. Public Consultation Summary

**RECOMMENDATION THAT**

1. Installation of a Marked Pedestrian Crossing in Mary Street, Beecroft near Beecroft Public School along with associated signs and markings be approved as per plan No LTC 34/2024 **Stage 1**.
2. Installation of kerb blisters at the pedestrian crossing in Mary Street, Beecroft near Beecroft Public School along with associated signs and markings be approved as per plan No LTC 34/2024 **Stage 2**.

**These works will be implemented when funding becomes available in the future traffic facilities budget or via external grant funding.**

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**Note for voting Local Traffic Committee members.**

Under Transport for NSW 'Delegation of Functions to Regulate Traffic' (operation of local traffic committees) you are required to comment or indicate your acceptance or objection to the recommendation of this report.

Your response must be submitted in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice.

Please send your response via return email for the item, or email [trafficbranch@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:trafficbranch@hornsby.nsw.gov.au)

For further information please contact Radek Zarzycki on 9847 6524.

Upon receipt of your comments the matter will be referred to Council for action.

Radek Zarzycki  
Chairman



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Comments Close Date: Monday, 16 December 2024, at 5:00pm