
**Port Stephens
Local Traffic Committee Minutes**

**Meeting held in the Port Stephens Council Committee room and via Zoom on
Tuesday 6th May, 2025 at 9:30am**

Present:

Ruby Porter – representing Kate Washington MP, Cr Ben Niland, Cr Giacomo Arnott
– representing Tim Crackanthorp MP, Mark Morrison – TfNSW, Anthony Biscan –
Port Stephens Coaches, John Maretich, Andrew Behrens, Jenna Dowell, Joe
Gleeson (Chairperson) - Port Stephens Council

Apologies:

Mayor Leah Anderson, NSW Police, CDC Hunter Valley Buses, Busways

A. Listed matters

10_05/25 Longworth Road, Karuah - Request for parking restrictions

11_05/25 Topaz Avenue, Medowie - Request for parking restrictions

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Item: 10_05/25

Longworth Road, Karuah - Request for parking restrictions

Requested by: PSC

File: 6-2024-55-2

Background:

Subdivision works at Karuah require installation of parking restrictions to ensure access to the stormwater retention basin for maintenance purposes.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules – Rule 168 – No parking signs

RMS signs database – R5-40

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Committee's recommendation:

Approve installation of 'No parking' in Longworth Road, Karuah, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Engagement level

Level 1 – Inform

Action: Provide stakeholders with information to assist understanding of the changes and the Local Traffic Committee recommendation once endorsed

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	



Legend



= No parking

Item: 11_05/25

Topaz Avenue, Medowie – Request for parking restrictions

Requested by: A local resident

File: 421817

Background:

A local resident has requested a review of parking at the rear gate of Blueheath Retirement Village in Topaz Avenue, Medowie. The resident reports issues with the width of the road and difficulties for vehicles turning in the 'no through road', especially when other vehicles are already parked there. Vehicles have damaged trees, pipes and reversed into their car in the driveway whilst trying to manoeuvre. Vehicles have also been observed mounting the kerb onto the footpath.

Comment:

It was observed on inspections that the pavement width is approximately 8m, making U-turn manoeuvres difficult, especially if vehicles were parked on both sides of the road. There is also an access gate to the park which would be blocked when vehicles are parked there. 'No Parking' signage could assist in maintaining space for safer turning and for maintenance access to the park.

Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:

NSW Road Rules – Rule 168 – No parking signs

RMS signs database – R5-40

Traffic control devices installed under Part 5.3 Div. 2 Road Transport Act 2013

Committee's recommendation:

Install 15m of 'No parking' in Topaz Avenue, Medowie, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Engagement level

Level 1 – Inform

Action: Provide stakeholders with information to assist understanding of the changes and the Local Traffic Committee recommendation once endorsed

Support for the recommendation:

1	Unanimous	✓
2	Majority	
3	Split Vote	
4	Minority Support	
5	Unanimous decline	

