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**Port Stephens  
Local Traffic Committee Minutes**

**Meeting held in the Port Stephens Council Committee room and via Zoom on  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025 at 9:30am**

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Present:

Cr Ben Niland, Ruby Porter representing Kate Washington MP, Cr Giacomo Arnott representing Tim Crakanthorp MP, Jamie Smoother – TfNSW, Anthony Biscan – Port Stephens Coaches, John Maretich, Andrew Behrens, Joe Gleeson (Chairperson), Kristy Nunan, Bryn Cotterill, Anna Brown - Port Stephens Council

Apologies:

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

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**A. Matters arising**

**11\_03/19      Thurlow Avenue, Nelson Bay - Request for parking restrictions**

**B. Listed matters**

**15\_07/25      Geer Street, Raymond Terrace – Changes to parking at Irrawang Public School**

## Business arising

**Item: 11\_03/19**

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### **Thurlow Avenue, Nelson Bay - Request for parking restrictions**

**Requested by:** Cr Niland

**File:**

**Background:**

The Port Stephens Local Traffic Committee previously recommended installation of barrier line and 'No Stopping' restrictions at the bend in Thurlow Avenue, adjacent to properties No's 35-39.

Since that time, Council has received a number of requests for the 'No Stopping' restrictions to be extended to cover the extent of the barrier line, as vehicles currently have to cross the barrier line when vehicles are parked adjacent to it.

**Comment:**

On-street parking is in high demand, especially in peak holiday periods

**Committee's recommendation:**

Extend the 'No Stopping' restrictions in Thurlow Avenue, Nelson Bay, 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

## A. Listed matters

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**Item:** 15\_07/25

### **Geer Street, Raymond Terrace – Changes to parking at Irrawang Public School**

**Requested by:** Irrawang Public School

**File:**

**Background:**

Irrawang Public School has approached Council to assist in improving safety and efficiency for the before and after school pick-up and drop-off.

The current arrangement has been in place at the school since 2011 and concerns have been raised about vehicles having to 3-point turn in the area adjacent to the school gate. This increases the chances of conflict between vehicles and pedestrians and increases traffic congestion. The current proposal seeks to deter vehicles from parking in this area at school zone times which will allow vehicles to u-turn safely and exit, after dropping off or picking up.

**Legislation, Standards, Guidelines and Delegation:**

NSW Road Rules – Rule167 – No Stopping signs, Rule168 – No Parking signs

TfNSW signs database – R5-400, R5-41

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

**Discussion:**

Cr Arnott raised concerns that some Local Traffic Committee members had not been involved in site inspections. He requested that this matter be deferred to allow for an on-site meeting to observe current traffic and pedestrian behaviour.

**Committee's recommendation:**

That this matter be deferred and an on-site meeting arranged to allow Traffic Committee members to view the afternoon pick-up at the school.

#### 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	-	Existing parking restrictions
	=	'No Stopping'
	=	'No Parking' 8-9.30am and 2.30-4pm, School days
	=	'No Stopping' 8-9.30am and 2.30-4pm, School days





Legend	-	Proposed changes
		= 'No Stopping'
		= 'No Stopping' 8-9.30am and 2.30-4pm, School days
		= 'No Parking' (Kiss and drop) 8-9.30am and 2.30-4pm, School days