
**Port Stephens
Local Transport Forum Minutes**

**Meeting held at Port Stephens Council and via Teams on
Tuesday 4th August, 2026 at 2:00pm**

Present:

Caitlin Macinante representing Kate Washington MP, Cr Nathan Errington, Sen Const Rod Minter – NSW Police, Christine Murray, Kim Hardinge – TfNSW, William Ridley – CDC Hunter Valley Buses, Alison Schneeberger – Port Stephens Coaches, Stacey Oldfield – Linked Community Services, Anna Brown (Chairperson) – Port Stephens Council

Apologies:

Mayor Leah Anderson, Cr Ben Niland, Tim Crakanthorp MP, Busways, Andrew Behrens, Joe Gleeson – Port Stephens Council

A. Matters arising

608_07/26 South Street, Medowie – Community concern regarding parking from Catherine McAuley College

B. Listed matters

13_08/26 Rocky Point Road, Fingal Bay – Installation of ‘No Stopping’

14_08/26 Marlin Street, Corlette – Installation of ‘No Stopping’ at the Bagnall Beach Road intersection

15_08/26 Vardon Road, Fern Bay – Installation of ‘No Stopping’

A: Matters arising

Item: 608_07/26

South Street, Medowie – Community concern regarding parking from Catherine McAuley College

Requested by: Kate Washington MP

Background:

Medowie residents have contacted the office of Kate Washington MP, member for Port Stephens, regarding impacts of parking related to Catherine McAuley College.

Part of the concern relates to traffic flow being impacted in the morning peak times, when vehicles park in the part-time bus zone, prior to the traffic signals.

Other concerns relate to students parking in front of residences further along South Street.

The existing part-time bus zone and 'No Parking' zone were installed prior to the development of the College, to facilitate a school bus interchange for students travelling to Newcastle and other areas.

Update:

TfNSW advises that the Network Operations team have looked at the phasing of the traffic signals at the intersection of Medowie Road and South Street, at Catherine McAuley Catholic College.

Some changes have been made to the phasing at the traffic lights.

The Network Operations team would appreciate any feedback from the bus company and/or other motorists if they have noticed any improvement exiting the school and the opposite side street.

Discussion:

Caitlin from Kate Washington's Office raised community concerns regarding the communication of planning of transportation for the opening of the new K-6 school. The general congestion and movement on site remain a concern. This will be raised again in future, regarding what is being planned.

The CDC representative shared that timetables and bus movement is being planned in earnest, both for Catherine McAuley College and for the new Medowie High School.

There will be a transition period of a couple of years where services will still run between Medowie and Raymond Terrace to transport students to existing schools.

Existing resources will be utilised and amended to support student movement within Medowie.

B: Listed matters

Item: 13_08/26

Rocky Point Road, Fingal Bay – Installation of ‘No Stopping’

Requested by: PSC

File: 472885-2026

Background:

Council recently completed shoulder-widening in Rocky Point Road, as well as re-marking of the barrier line and the addition of edge lines. This now safely allows parking along the northern side of the road, except for the section closest to Marine Drive. ‘No Stopping’ restrictions are required in this section to ensure safe distance between the kerb and the barrier line.

Proposal to the Forum:

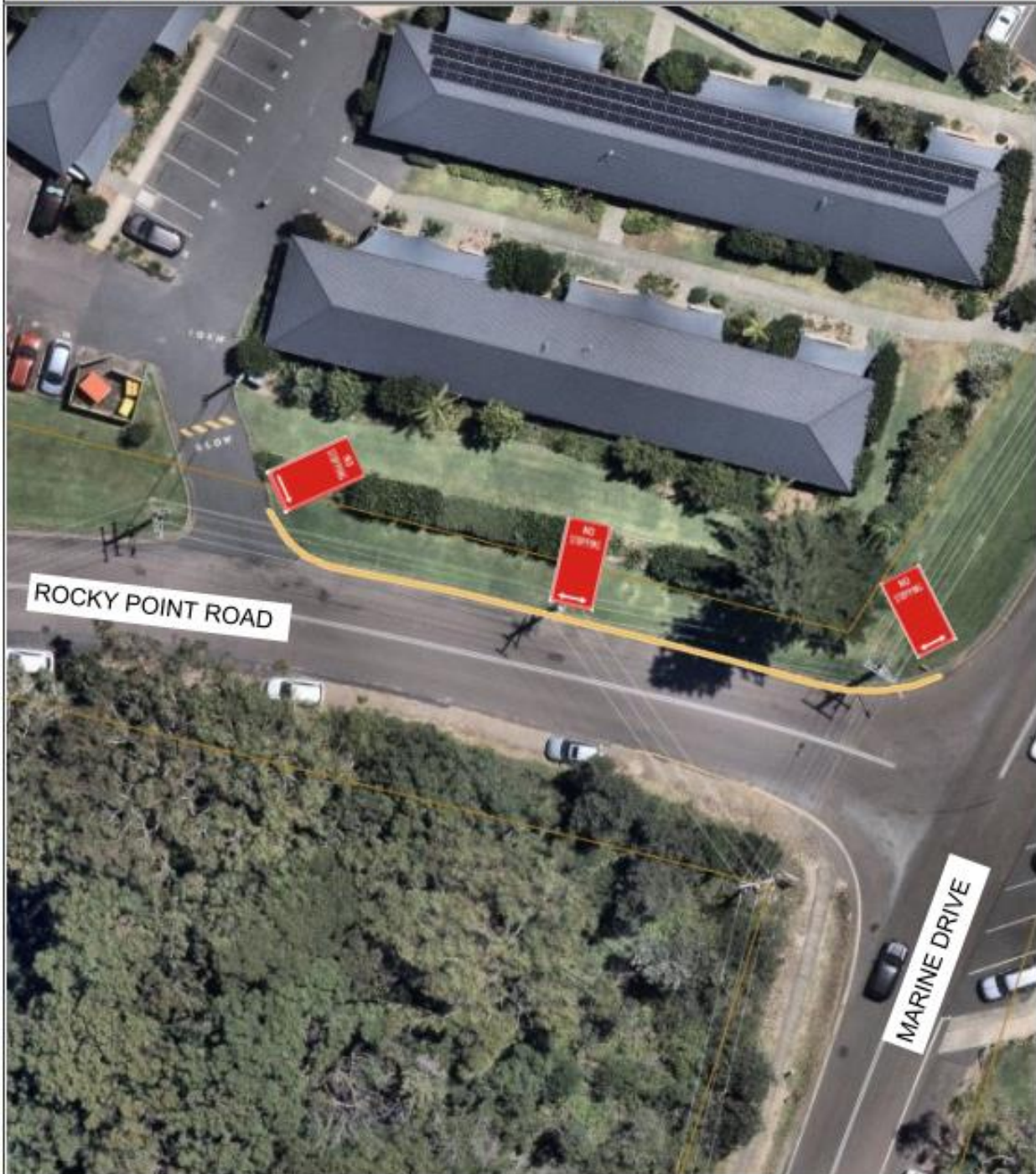
Extend the ‘No Stopping’ restrictions in Rocky Point Road, as shown on the attached sketch, Annexure A.

Engagement level

Level 1 – Inform

Action: Provide stakeholders with information to assist understanding of the changes and the Local Transport Forum proposal once endorsed

Discussion:



Legend

— = No Stopping

Item: 14_08/26

Marlin Street, Corlette – Installation of ‘No Stopping’ at the Bagnall Beach Road intersection

Requested by: A resident

File: 472436-2026

Background:

A local resident has raised safety concerns regarding sight distance restrictions for drivers turning out of Marlin Street, into Bagnall Beach Road. When large vehicles are parked close to the intersection, it is difficult to see vehicles coming up the hill from the roundabout.

Proposal to the Forum:

Install ‘No Stopping’ restrictions 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 Transport Forum proposal once endorsed

Discussion:



Legend

— = No Stopping

Item: 15_08/26

Vardon Road, Fern Bay – Installation of ‘No Stopping’

Requested by: Newcastle Golf Club

File: 472456-2026

Background:

Newcastle Golf Club has contacted Council to request a ‘No Stopping’ sign be installed on Vardon Road, adjacent to the Newcastle Golf Club driveway. The stated aim is to increase sight distance for drivers exiting the driveway and to assist with child safety from the nearby Fern Bay public school.

Proposal to the Forum:

Install ‘No Stopping’ restrictions, to cover the adjoining driveway and to extend 12m to the east of the Golf Club driveway, 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 Transport Forum proposal once endorsed

Discussion:



Legend

— = No Stopping