

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC SUPPLEMENTARY

AGENDA - A

An Ordinary Meeting of City of Parramatta Council will be held in PHIVE (COUNCIL CHAMBER) AT 5 PARRAMATTA SQUARE, PARRAMATTA on Monday, 8 May 2023 at 6:30PM.

Gail Connolly
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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After the conclusion of the Council Meeting, and if time permits, Councillors will be provided an opportunity to ask questions of staff.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM NUMBER	14.1
SUBJECT	Proposal to Rename the Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal (Wharf)
REFERENCE	F2022/03176 - D08949722
FROM	Councillor Paul Noack

MOTION

That Council calls on the newly elected NSW Government and the Hon Jo Haylen MP, Minister for Transport to rename the Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal (Wharf), the Wentworth Point Wharf.

BACKGROUND

1. There is currently a process in place for the Jewel and Sanctuary Building to change from Sydney Olympic Park to Wentworth Point.
2. The population of Wentworth Point has increased dramatically since the Wharf was first named.

Paul Noack
Councillor

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PROPERTY & PLACE RESPONSE

3. On 24 May 2021, City of Parramatta Council resolved to write to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to seek TfNSW's endorsement (as the asset owner) to commence public consultation regarding a renaming process for changing the name of 'Sydney Olympic Park' ferry terminal to 'Wentworth Point' ferry terminal. A copy of Council's letter to TfNSW is provided at Attachment 1.
4. Council officers are supportive of this NoM. Council officers are of the view that renaming the ferry wharf to 'Wentworth Point' would provide a level of naming consistency, provide an integrated identity for the suburb of Wentworth Point which relies heavily on foreshore access, reduce way-finding confusion, and reflect the true nature of this area 21 years on from the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. In addition, Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal is now in much closer proximity to Wentworth Point as a high-density residential suburb, than to Sydney Olympic Park as a destination.
5. The Geographical Names Board (GNB) has advised Council that the current name, in full, is 'Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal', though the on-site signage refers to 'Sydney Olympic Park'.
6. The GNB also confirmed that TfNSW is the owner of the asset and is the relevant authority required to approve any name change of the 'Sydney Olympic Park' ferry wharf.
7. On 29 June 2021 Council wrote to the Secretary, Transport for NSW requesting that TfNSW, as asset owner, progress with the name change.

8. On 14 July 2021 Council received a letter from the Executive Director - Community and Place at TfNSW. The operative sections of that letter are that TfNSW acknowledged "... the reasons outlined by the City of Parramatta Council to rename Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal" but "... a renaming process carries a significant cost to update customer-facing information, collateral and digital channels across the transport network." TfNSW noted that it would. "... *investigate the potential renaming of the Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal as part of future planning in the area to ensure it assists customers with location and navigation.*" A copy of the incoming letter from TfNSW is provided at Attachment 2.
9. Should Council resolve in accordance with this motion, Council officers will write again to TfNSW urging the newly elected NSW Government to expedite the renaming of Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal to Wentworth Point Wharf.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS



10. Should Council resolve in accordance with this motion, there are no financial and minimal resource implications associated with implementing the decision.

Paul Noack
Councillor

Bryan Hynes
Executive Director Property & Place

Gail Connolly
Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

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| 1 |  | Outgoing Letter to the Secretary, Transport for NSW | 2 Pages |
| 2 |  | Response from Transport for NSW to City of Parramatta | 1 Page |



Our Reference: D08047433
Contact: Bruce Mills, GM Place Services
Telephone: 0458 213 138

Mr Rob Sharp
Secretary, Transport for NSW
Transport for NSW
231 Elizabeth Street
Sydney NSW 2000

29 June 2021

Dear Mr Sharp

Proposed renaming of 'Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal' to 'Wentworth Point Ferry Terminal' - Parramatta LGA

On 24 May 2021, City of Parramatta Council resolved to write to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to seek TfNSW's endorsement (as the asset owner) to commence public consultation regarding a renaming process for changing the name of 'Sydney Olympic Park' ferry terminal to 'Wentworth Point' ferry terminal.

Renaming the ferry wharf to 'Wentworth Point' would provide a level of naming consistency, provide an integrated identity for the suburb of Wentworth Point which relies heavily on foreshore access, reduce way-finding confusion, and reflect the true nature of this area 21 years on from the 'Best Games Ever' 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) has advised Council that the name, in full, is 'Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal', though the on-site signage refers to 'Sydney Olympic Park'.

The GNB also confirmed that TfNSW are the owners of the asset and the authority required to approve any name change of the 'Sydney Olympic Park' ferry wharf. The GNB would require TfNSW's endorsement to commence public consultation for a renaming process.

The 'Sydney Olympic Park' ferry terminal falls within the suburb of Wentworth Point. City of Parramatta recognises the substantial population growth at Wentworth Point. Wentworth Point is identified in Council's 'Community Strategic Plan 2018-2038' as one of Council's "Major Precincts" and in Council's 'Community Infrastructure Strategy' (CIS) as a "High-Growth Precinct".

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Sydney Olympic Park ferry terminal is now in much closer proximity to Wentworth Point as a high-density residential suburb of 9,000 residents (to grow to 28,000 residents by 2036) than to Sydney Olympic Park as a destination.

In addition, City of Parramatta Council was recently approached by Sekisui House (developer of the 'Sanctuary' site in Sydney Olympic Park) with a request to amend the Wentworth Point suburb boundary to include the 'Sanctuary' development area. This development area is located at the northern tip of Wentworth Point adjacent to Hill Road (refer to **Attachment 1**) and remains named as being in the Sydney Olympic Park suburb area. Council has provided 'in principle' support for this boundary change given the fact that the location of the residential development is much more proximate to Wentworth Point than to Sydney Olympic Park. The 'Sydney Olympic Park' ferry wharf also falls into this area.

Section 9.3 of the GNB Place naming policy states that *"Changes are discouraged unless the change has been deemed to be in the public interest or for safety reasons."* Council believes that for the reasons outlined in this letter, there is a strong public interest justification for renaming the asset to 'Wentworth Point' ferry wharf.

Council formally requests TfNSW's endorsement to commence the renaming process with the GNB.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Council's Group Manager Place Services, Bruce Mills on bmills@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au or 0458 213 138.

Yours Sincerely,

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Bryan Hynes
Executive Director, Property and Place
City of Parramatta

CC:
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Executive Director
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Transport
for NSW

14 July 2021

Mr Bryan Hynes
Executive Director Property and Place
City of Parramatta
PO Box 32
Parramatta NSW 2124

OTS21/04671

Dear Mr Hynes

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed renaming of Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal. The Secretary has requested that I respond directly to you.

The future of the Central River City, encompassing Greater Parramatta and the Olympic Peninsula (GPOP), will be transformed as new city-shaping transport investment, urban renewal, and other services and infrastructure is delivered. As part of the planning and investment across GPOP, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) will work closely with key stakeholders to deliver place-based outcomes that are supported by well-connected and integrated transport options, including the planning for Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail.

TfNSW acknowledges the reasons outlined by the City of Parramatta Council to rename Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal. It should be noted that a renaming process carries a significant cost to update customer-facing information, collateral and digital channels across the transport network.

As the asset owner and naming authority, TfNSW will investigate the potential renaming of the Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal as part of future planning in the area to ensure it assists customers with location and navigation. TfNSW will consult appropriately with key stakeholders, including the City of Parramatta Council, during the renaming process.

If you have any further questions, Mr Rhys Haynes, Director Engagement and Communication, Parramatta, would be pleased to take your call on 0437 908 444. I hope this has been of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Issa'.

Steve Issa
Executive Director Community and Place
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NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM NUMBER	14.2
SUBJECT	Sydney Olympic Park – Proposed Statue to Recognise Cathy Freeman OAM
REFERENCE	F2022/03176 - D08955012
FROM	Councillor Paul Noack

MOTION

- (a) **That** Council support the installation of a statue of Catherine (Cathy) Freeman OAM in a suitable public place at Sydney Olympic Park, such as outside the Olympic Stadium or the Showgrounds Stadium.
- (b) **That** the Lord Mayor write to the Hon Chris Minns MP, Premier of NSW, the Hon John Graham MLC, Minister for the Arts, the Hon David Harris MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, the Hon Stephen Kamper MP, Minister for Sports and the Hon Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, requesting that the NSW government commission and install a suitable statue to recognise the sporting and cultural contribution that Cathy Freeman has made to the nation.
- (c) **Further, that** the Chief Executive Officer write to all State and Federal Members within the City of Parramatta calling on them to support Council's request for the statue.

BACKGROUND

- 1. I placed this matter before a Councillor strategy meeting over 12 months ago.
- 2. I was also approached by AFL Legend Kevin Sheedy who originally proposed this idea, and expressed his willingness to be involved.
- 3. The NSW Government has just recently named a section of the Olympic Stadium dedicated to Cathy Freeman OAM.
- 4. Grounds outside the MCG have many statues commemorated sporting icons, but we have none in Sydney Olympic Park.
- 5. Cathy Freeman OAM is an Australian icon and the statue would generate interest both locally and internationally.

Paul Noack
Councillor

CHIEF OF STAFF RESPONSE

- 6. Should Council resolve in accordance with this motion, Council officers will prepare correspondence requesting that the NSW Government commission and install a suitable statue at Sydney Olympic Park recognising the contribution that Cathy Freeman OAM has made to the nation.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7. Should Council resolve in accordance with this motion, there are no financial and minimal resource implications associated with implementing the decision.

Paul Noack
Councillor

Justin Mulder
Chief of Staff

Gail Connolly
Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM NUMBER	14.3
SUBJECT	Proposal for Dog Owners' Education Campaign - Off Leash Dog Parks
REFERENCE	F2022/03176 - D08955168
FROM	Councillor Georgina Valjak

MOTION

- (a) **That** Council acknowledge the recent increase in media reports regarding dog attacks across various jurisdictions, and that it is important that local residents and owners be aware of the action to be taken in the event that an incident occurs in the City.
- (b) **That** the Chief Executive Officer prepare a report to Council that investigates the following matters:
- i. The current process for notifying Council of a dog attack in the City's off leash dog parks;
 - ii. The establishment of an education campaign and updating of the Dog Park section of the City of Parramatta website, social media and relevant publications with information on how to report a dog incident and the roles of owners, victims and the Council;
 - iii. The current trends and number of attacks within off leash dog parks across the LGA and actions taken by Council officers; and
 - iv. The installation of appropriate signage to assist residents in notifying Council in any instance of a dog attack occurring in an off leash dog park.
- (c) **Further, that** the Chief Executive Officer arrange for low-cost temporary signage to be installed at all off-leash dog parks to assist residents in notifying Council in any instance of a dog attack occurring, in the interim period until such time as the report is submitted to Council.

BACKGROUND

1. Council currently has a number of off leash dog parks including:
 - i. Barnett Park Winston Hills
 - ii. Burlington Memorial Park Northmead
 - iii. Cowells Lane Reserve Ermington
 - iv. Dan Mahoney Reserve North Parramatta
 - v. Deakin Park Silverwater
 - vi. Don Moore Reserve North Rocks
 - vii. George Kendall Riverside Park Ermington
 - viii. John Wearne Reserve Carlingford
 - ix. McCoy Park (Basin Only) Toongabbie
 - x. Pierre De Coubertin Park Newington

2. Council rangers actively work with the community to promote the principles of responsible dog ownership whilst using public park facilities.
3. However it is the responsibility of all park users and dog owners to look after their dogs responsibly with clear signage on how to look after dogs responsibly in public.
4. It is noted that in accordance with the Companion Animals Act (NSW), dog owners who fail to comply with leash requirements may be issued a fine of up to \$1,100.
5. Residents are able to report dog incidents to Council for further action but there is some confusion around responsibility for dog attacks and a perception that Council takes no action.

Georgina Valjak
Councillor

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS & OPERATIONS RESPONSE

6. Currently, all members of the community are able to report a dog attack through Council's in hours/out of hours phone number and the details of the incident will be allocated to a Ranger for appropriate investigation and action. (As Council is required to protect the privacy of persons the subject of the allegations, and to not prejudice any potential future legal action), officers are unable to make public the details of the investigation).
7. Should Council resolve in accordance with the motion, Council officers will prepare a report utilising existing resources before end July 2023.
8. Should Council resolve in accordance with the motion, the provision of signage using corflute material can be arranged at low cost (approximately \$200) at Council's designated off leash dog parks. The cost to produce the signage can be undertaken within existing park maintenance resources.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

9. Should Council resolve in accordance with the motion, there are minimal financial and resource implications for the erection of interim signage which can be sourced from within existing budgets. The costs associated with any education campaign will be provided to Council as part of a future report.

Georgina Valjak
Councillor

John Warburton
Executive Director, City Assets & Operations

Gail Connolly
Chief Executive Officer

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NUMBER	15.1
SUBJECT	Questions Taken on Notice - 24 April 2023 Council Meeting
REFERENCE	F2022/03176 - D08958659
REPORT OF	Governance Manager

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 APRIL 2023

Item	Subject	Councillor	Question
6.1	Urgent Matter - Little India (Resolution number 4249)	Noack	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What actions have been taken to invite Prime Minister of India, the Honorable Narendra Modi, to visit Little India in Parramatta and has the letter been sent out, when was it sent out? 2. Can the correspondence be sent to Councillors?
13.1	Minutes of the Parramatta Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 March 2023	Green	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Lord Mayor provide copies of the letters sent on or about 21 June 2022 to the Minister for Transport and the former Local State Member for Parramatta, the Hon Dr Geoffrey Lee in relation to the Mobility Parking Scheme review? 2. Did the Lord Mayor receive any response? If so, could the response be made available to all Councillors.
13.1	Minutes of the Parramatta Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 March 2023	Garrard	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where are the 91 mobility parking scheme carparks and could staff provide a map? 2. How many mobility parking schemes permits has City of Parramatta issued? 3. Did we consult with the Parramatta Business Chamber of Commerce?

13.1	Minutes of the Parramatta Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 March 2023	Davies	Since the Federal election has Council advised those new federal members of their ability to have a representative on the Traffic Committee?
13.4	Heritage Grants	Esber	In relation to Bago Street, what was the heritage component for the stormwater and sewerage works?

BACKGROUND

- Paragraph 9.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice states:

"Where a councillor or council employee to whom a question is put is unable to respond to the question at the meeting at which it is put, they may take it on notice and report the response to the next meeting of the Council."

STAFF RESPONSE

Item 6.1 – Confirmation of Minutes (Urgent Matter - Little India (Resolution number 4249))

During the approval of the Confirmation of Minutes (Urgent Matter - Little India (Resolution number 4249), Councillor Noack asked the following questions:

- What actions have been taken to invite the Prime Minister of India, the Honorable Narendra Modi, to visit Little India in Parramatta and has the letter been sent out, when was it sent out?*
- Can the correspondence to invite the Prime Minister of India, the Honorable Narendra Modi be sent to Councillors?*

Chief of Staff response:

- Following receipt of protocol advice, an invitation to visit the City of Parramatta from the Lord Mayor, Councillor Donna Davis to His Excellency, The Prime Minister of India, Mr Narendra Modi was sent to the Indian High Commission on Monday 24 April 2023.*
- A copy of the correspondence was emailed to all Councillors on Thursday 4 May 2023, **Attachment 1**.*

Item 13.1 - Minutes of the Parramatta Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 March 2023.

During discussion on Minutes of the Parramatta Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 March 2023, Councillor Green asked the following questions:

- Can the Lord Mayor provide copies of the letters sent on or about 21 June 2022 to the Minister for Transport and the former Local State Member for Parramatta, the Hon Dr Geoffrey Lee in relation to the Mobility Parking Scheme review?*

2. *Did the Lord Mayor receive any response? If so, could the response be made available to all Councillors?*

Chief of Staff response:

Please find attached copies of the letters:

1. *Sent to the former Minister for Roads, Shadow Minister for Roads and Local State Member for Parramatta in relation to the Mobility Parking Scheme review, **Attachment 2, 3 and 4.***
2. *Responses received from the former Minister for Metropolitan Roads, the Hon. Natalie Ward MLC and the former Member for Parramatta, the Hon. Dr Geoffrey Lee, **Attachment 5 and 6.***

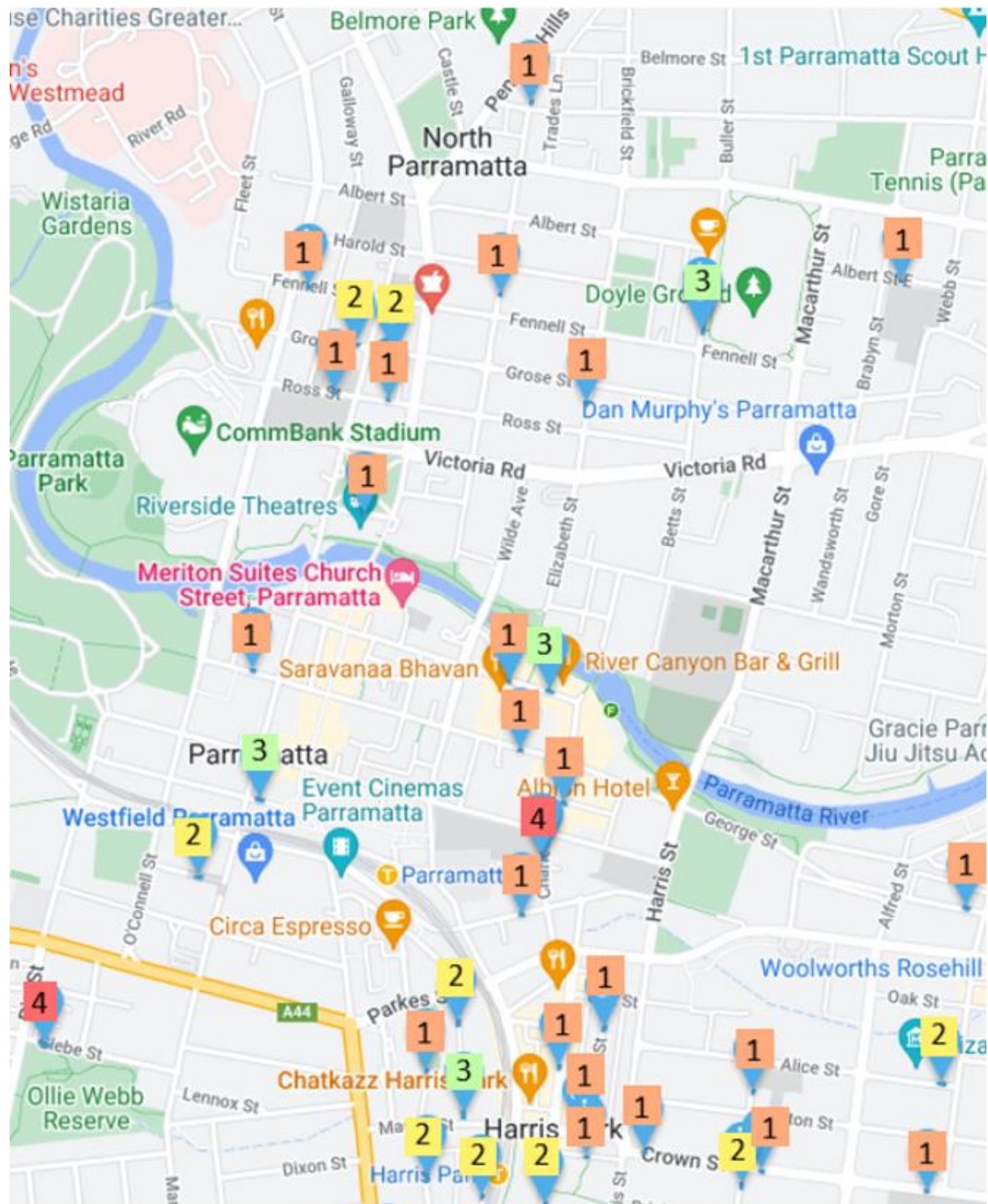
Item 13.1 - Minutes of the Parramatta Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 March 2023.

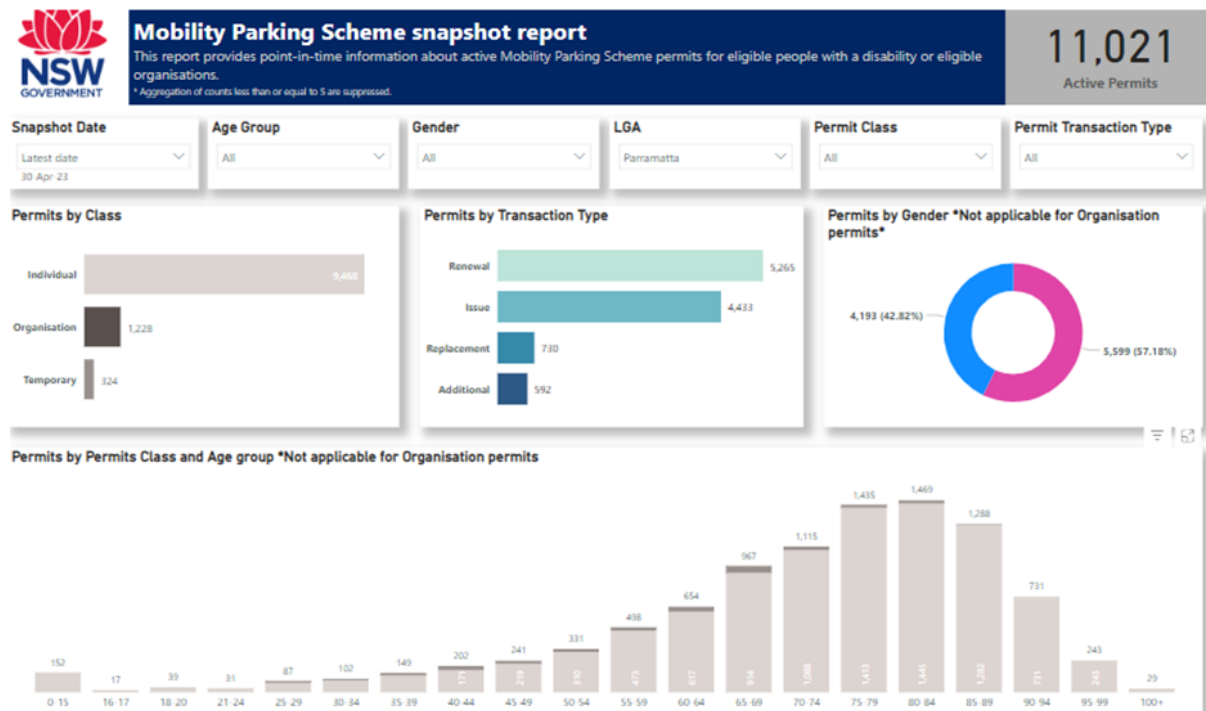
During discussion on Minutes of the Parramatta Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 March 2023, Councillor Garrard asked the following questions:

1. *Where are the 91 mobility parking scheme car parks and could staff provide a map?*
2. *How many mobility parking schemes permits has City of Parramatta issued?*
3. *Did we consult with the Parramatta Business Chamber of Commerce?*

Executive Director City Planning and Design response:

1. *Please find below a map of the disabled parking spaces as per Spotparking. This is a screenshot from an interactive map and the boxes with the number of parking spaces are a manual overlay.*
2. *Council does not issue mobility parking permits, as these are issued by Transport for NSW. However, there are 11,021 active mobility parking permits issued to residents within the Parramatta LGA. Further data is provided in the screenshot below from Transport for NSW.*
3. *Council consulted with the Parramatta Chamber of Commerce on the proposed changes to parking. No reply was received.*





Item 13.1 - Minutes of the Parramatta Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 March 2023.

During discussion on Item 13.1 Minutes of the Parramatta Traffic Committee meeting held on 15 March 2023, the Lord Mayor asked the following question:

Since the Federal election has Council advised those new Federal Members of their ability to have a representative on the Traffic Committee?

Executive Director City Planning and Design response:

Council has not yet advised Federal MPs of their ability to have a representative on the Local Traffic Committee. However, arrangements have now been made to send new invitations. It should be noted that, unlike State MPs, Federal MPs are not able to vote on agenda items (in accordance with Transport for NSW requirements).

Item 13.4 – Heritage Grant.

During discussion on Item 13.4 – Heritage, Councillor Esber asked the following question:

In relation to Bago Street, what would be the heritage component for stormwater and sewerage work underground?







Executive Director City Planning and Design response:

This application involved various inspections and works to repair ageing stormwater and sewer pipes. A large component of work included the renewal of the main sewer pipe between the main sewer connection and the inspection shaft within the property boundary. Also work was undertaken to clear the blocked water fountain on the property.

Stormwater and sewer lines are considered to be an integral and functional part of the dwelling and contributes to the integrity of this heritage property. The fountain is an integral part of the heritage landscaping and streetscape. Work required to repair a fault in the stormwater and sewer lines and to clear a blockage in the water fountain are eligible for a grant.

Gail Connolly
Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

1 	Item 6.1 Invitation from the Lord Mayor to His Excellency, The Prime Minister of India Mr Narendra Modi	3 Pages
2 	Item 13.1 Outgoing LM correspondence to Minister for Roads	2 Pages
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4 	Item 13.1 Outgoing LM correspondence to Local State Member for Parramatta	2 Pages
5 	Item 13.1 Response from the former Minister for Metropolitan Roads	1 Page
6 	Item 13.1 Response from former Local State Member for Parramatta	1 Page

From: [Justin Mulder](#)
To: [Parra Councillors](#)
Subject: Invitation from the Lord Mayor to His Excellency, The Prime Minister of India Mr Narendra Modi
Date: Thursday, 4 May 2023 10:31:00 AM
Attachments: [Outgoing LM DRAFT Correspondence to The Honourable Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India.pdf](#)
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Dear Councillors

Please find attached a copy of the invitation from the Lord Mayor to His Excellency, The Prime Minister of India Mr Narendra Modi.

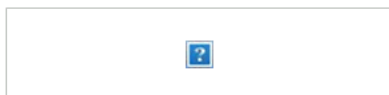
This invitation was sent to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for review and then to the Indian High Commission on Monday 24 May 2023.

Kind regards
-Justin

Justin Mulder
Chief of Staff | Executive Office

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Cr Donna Davis
Lord Mayor

Ref: LORDMAYOR/2023/00512

21 April 2023

His Excellency Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India

Dear Mr Prime Minister

On behalf of the people of the City of Parramatta it is my pleasure to invite you to visit our City during your stay in Sydney in late May 2023, following the G7 Summit in Tokyo.

The City of Parramatta, particularly the suburb of Harris Park, is the epicentre of the Indian diaspora in New South Wales. It is renowned as a thriving, dynamic, multicultural hub, home to authentic Indian eateries and a variety of Indian themed shops selling colourful saris, glittering jewellery, and spices.

We invite you to be part of the declaration that the precinct of Wigram Street, Marion Street and Station Street in Harris Park be known colloquially as 'Little India'.

We also invite you to unveil a ceremonial stone commemorating the establishment of the 'Little India' precinct which will be placed in an important location at the Gateway to the precinct.

As the people of our great nations hold a strong bond of friendship anchored in our shared values of democracy, plurality and freedom, the Indian-Australian community looks forward to your second visit to Australia building on the legacy of your first valuable visit in 2014.

I wish you every success during your visit to Australia and look forward to joining with all Australians and the Parramatta community in welcoming you to our City in May this year.

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Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Council's Chief Executive Officer, Gail Connolly on 0408 686 967 or gconnolly@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Cr Donna Davis
Lord Mayor
City of Parramatta Council



Cr Donna Davis
Lord Mayor

Ref: LORDMAYOR/2022/00913

4 September 2022

Hon David Elliott MP
Minister for Roads
52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister *David*

Review of the Mobility Parking Scheme (Permits) for NSW

I seek your assistance in requesting a review of the Mobility Parking Scheme (Permits) for NSW to help provide a fairer and more equitable permit scheme that ensures both the availability of parking spaces for approved permit holders, as well as supporting local Councils in effectively managing parking and traffic management plans.

The current scheme allows MPS holders that display a valid MPS permit in their vehicles, to park all-day in those zones marked as one-hour parking, or more. Whilst this allowance seems to support MPS holders, Council is of the opinion that the condition is problematic and creates access issues for valid permit holders. This means that short-term parking is invariably not available to them – and indeed non permit holders – as these spaces are being occupied all day by vehicles displaying a MPS permit.

Valid MPS holders who wish to park for short periods of time to attend an appointment, are not able to find available parking in the CBD, as commonly these spaces are taken up all day by permit holders who appear to be parking in those locations to attend their places of employment.

Whilst Council rightly needs to support permit holders and ensure access to the city, this practice makes it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to provide available one-hour parking to all road users and visitors to the city. Furthermore, this practice significantly hinders economic development as Council cannot ensure turn-over and manage our parking spaces effectively. Council is of the view that the lack of ability to effectively manage available one-hour parking has an adverse effect, particularly on small businesses.

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2.

Council recently recorded numbers of vehicles that were present with a valid MPS permit daily, in 18 streets in the Parramatta CBD during a two-week window. These streets had a mix of 30-minute parking and one-hour parking. The number of permits seen in 30-minute parking areas were negligible, however the number of permits seen in the one-hour parking equated to nearly 1800 permits.

Council's recent review of permits clearly indicates that up to 100 vehicles per day are parked within a one-hour zone in the Parramatta CBD and these vehicles are able (and likely) to park all day. This strongly suggests a lack of balance in meeting the needs of MPS permit holders and the needs of the community in providing available parking in our city.

I should note that Council has anecdotal evidence that there is significant misuse of the scheme with able bodied drivers apparently having access to a permit and that this underpins the large numbers of MPS marked vehicles long stay parking in the Parramatta CBD.

Council would like a review of the NSW Mobility Parking Scheme to ensure:

- it meets the needs of users finding accessible parking to manage their day-to-day needs, and
- it meets the needs of Councils who are expected to manage available parking in the CBD's for their visitors, residents, and businesses alike.

Council recognises that the Australian Disability Parking Scheme has established nationally consistent eligibility criteria and national minimum parking concessions to help reduce the barriers for permit holders when travelling interstate. However, State and Territory Governments are responsible for the management of the ADPS and therefore concessions can vary from state to state. For example, Tasmania and Victoria both have conditions that simply double the available time for the user i.e., allowing two hours in a one-hour zone.

On this basis, Council requests that a formal review should include a comparison of the parking concessions for the MPS for each state. This should seek comprehensive feedback from major metropolitan Councils within each state/scheme to determine the effectiveness, limitations and issues in managing parking availability in relation to the relevant exemptions. This will assist in determining the effectiveness of the scheme in NSW and identify potential changes needed which will ensure a fair but effective scheme for both users and non-users.

I would appreciate your consideration of this important issue and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



Cr Donna Davis
Lord Mayor
City of Parramatta Council



Ref: LORDMAYOR/2022/00913

Cr Donna Davis
Lord Mayor

4 September 2022

Hon John Graham MLC
Shadow Minister for Roads
NSW Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Graham *John*

Review of the Mobility Parking Scheme (Permits) for NSW

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4 September 2022

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Dear Cr Davis

MOBILITY PARKING SCHEME

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Transport about the Mobility Parking Scheme. Your correspondence was referred to me as it falls within my portfolio responsibilities. I note that you also wrote to the Member for Parramatta and I request that you accept this as a response to both approaches.

While there are no immediate plans to review the NSW Mobility Parking Scheme, these matters will be considered as part of any future reviews. This includes as part of broader consultation on the next *Transport for NSW Disability Inclusion Action Plan*.

Transport for NSW advises it is working with enforcement officers to improve options for enforcement of Mobility Parking Scheme permits. I note that Transport for NSW regularly issues local councils with a list of permits that have been revoked or cancelled to assist them with enforcement activities.

Improvements are also being made to the Scheme's application process to minimise fraudulent applications and ensure permits are only issued to applicants that meet the eligibility criteria. If you have any further questions, Ms Liani Stockdale, Concessions, Passes & Schemes Policy Lead at Transport for NSW, would be pleased to take your call on (02) 9983 3826.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'N' followed by a wavy line.

The Hon. Natalie Ward MLC

Minister for Metropolitan Roads

Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence

cc: The Hon. Dr Geoff Lee MP, Member for Parramatta. Your Ref: SC/GL092022.

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Dear Lord Mayor *Donna*

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your enquiry about a review of the Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) in NSW.

I have written on your behalf to the office of the Hon Natalie Ward MLC, Minister for Metropolitan Roads, Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence and asked that they consider the issues you have raised, particularly in relation to the extended time allowance for MPS permit holders, and provide a response on the outcome.

Please be advised that a reply may take several weeks to complete.

Once again, I thank you for contacting my office regarding your concerns.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Lee
Dr Geoff Lee MP
State Member for Parramatta

16 September 2022

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