

ITEM 21

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR TANIA BROWN - WOLLONGONG FORESHORE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Councillor Tania Brown has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“Recognising the work already undertaken by Wollongong City Council, in the yet to be released ‘Wollongong Foreshore Parking Strategy’, I formally move that –

- 1 Staff review this impending strategy and advise whether there are any pop-up parking opportunities that could be brought forward to alleviate pressure on the foreshore precincts of the city over Summer 2020/21, noting the particularly high traffic volume areas of Austinmer, Bulli, Thirroul, Stanwell Park, Port Kembla and the city precinct comprising Stuart Park, North Wollongong Beach, City Beach and Wollongong Harbour.
- 2 Given that Council contributes financially to the Gong Shuttle, that we increase promotion of this service as a convenient way to avoid parking congestion and gain easy access to the city beaches.
- 3 Staff investigate the ability to quarantine a small number of parking spaces for Surf Life Saving volunteers, close to the two city surf clubs, to enable our volunteers ready access to the Club facilities.”

Background provided by Councillor Tania Brown:

Following COVID-19 and the restrictions on international travel, we have seen a surge in visitors to our prime foreshore locations, and it is anticipated that this will continue into the peak summer period, despite social distancing requirements. Historically we have seen this has had an impact on parking availability and caused traffic congestion in high volume areas.

Wollongong City Council has been working on a foreshore parking strategy that is due to be completed by December 2020.

The increased parking and traffic congestion has impacted the two central surf clubs with volunteers late for duty due to their inability to secure parking within a reasonable distance.