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Dear Resident,

Traffic Management Plan for Scotland Island – Implementation Arrangements

Under the Adopted Scotland Island Traffic Management Plan, all vehicles will be required to be registered and insured (CTP) and have a Scotland Island Access Permit. This will apply to all light vehicles and commercial vehicles such as trucks as well as motor bikes and motor scooters.

Conditional Registration now available

The Traffic Management Plan will also enable buggies and light utility vehicles to obtain conditional registration and insurance, subject to them meeting the relevant safety standards. Previously, all such vehicles were ineligible to apply for conditional registration and were therefore unregistered and uninsured and possibly subject to enforcement under the road rules.

Council staff have arranged for authorised inspectors to be available to undertake the preliminary inspection of buggies and light utility vehicles on Saturday 27 February 2021 and Saturday 6 March 2021.

- Link to safety requirements:
https://www.scotlandisland.org.au/newsletters/Feb_2021_files/Offshore_Golf_buggy_and_Ultralight.pdf
- Link to application form:
<https://files.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/pdf-forms/scotland-island-access-permit/4140-scotland-island-access-permit-feb21.pdf>
- Link to make a booking:
<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/ScotlandIslandPreliminaryInspectionsBuggiesandLightUtilities@northernbeaches.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

All Vehicles Require an Access Permit

Owners of currently registered light vehicles, trucks, motor bikes and motor scooters need to complete the application form for an access permit and either attend the Scotland Island Rural Fire Station on the two Saturdays to pick up their permit or send a completed application form with a scanned copy of the registration to Council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au for processing. No inspection fee will apply for currently registered vehicles.

What happens at inspection?

Vehicles present for inspection for compliance with the safety requirements for conditional registration will fall into one of the following categories:

- Fully compliant – Customer will be issued with an Access Permit and documentation for them to obtain Conditional Registration Plates from Service NSW at Warriewood Customer Service Centre (Full inspection fee of \$80 will apply).
- Not fully compliant – Customer will be issued with an Interim Access Permit and has until the July 2021 reinspection day (registered vehicle) to retrofit the required items and have the vehicle reinspected (Full inspection fee of \$80 will still apply).
- Non-compliant – Customer will be advised that the vehicle has been assessed as unsafe to drive and is not approved to use on Scotland Island as of the date inspection (The customer has the option to surrender the vehicle and the inspection fee will be waived, with Council also removing surrendered vehicles from Scotland Island at no charge).

Note that vehicles with defective brakes or no rollover protection or that have rust which compromises structural integrity or have other significant safety defects, will be declared non-compliant and will be banned from being driven on public roads.

What about unregistered vehicles not submitted for inspection?

All vehicles not submitted for inspection will be deemed non-compliant and will be banned from being driven on public roads.

After these initial inspections, any vehicle seeking conditional registration will need to be fully compliant and no further Interim Access Permits will be issued.

Follow-up inspection arrangements

Vehicles previously submitted for inspection which were found to be not fully compliant and were issued with an Interim Access Permit will need to be reinspected after retrofitting the required items in July 2021.

What happens after the Access Permits are issued?

After completion of the initial inspections all vehicles parked on public road or road related area without a valid Access Permit may be subject to parking fines by Northern Beaches Council Rangers. Please note that vehicles may also receive parking violations for failing to leave 3 meters clearance (needed for emergency vehicle access) when parked on public roads.

Police may also start enforcement proceedings as it is an offence to “Drive or park an unregistered vehicle on a road or road related area” – Penalty of \$697 for light vehicles and \$1,472 for Heavy Vehicles (Source – RMS Website as of January 2021).

Please note that trailers will not be issued with Access Permits and will no longer be able to be left parked on public roads even if they are registered. Trailers, boats, etc

must be parked on private property. They may be used if attached to a vehicle with a permit, however if the combined length is more than 7.5 metres, they are only permitted to park on a public road for 1 hour under the legislation.

Accessible parking permit holder are to advise the Council Staff on site when applying for the Access Permit at the application stage and this will be added into Councils systems to allow the vehicle to park in accessible parking areas on Scotland Island in the future.

What about Quadbikes?

The new regulations maintain the ban on quadbikes and they remain ineligible for conditional registration. However, Council is giving owners up to 12 months to remove them from Scotland Island and will be issued with an Interim Access Permit for that period only. This applies quad bikes that are already on Scotland Island and are deemed safe for use or subject to existing conditional registration issued for on-road use.

What about buggies and light utility vehicles brought onto Scotland Island after the inspections in February and March 2021?

All vehicles brought onto Scotland Island after 27 February 2021 need to be fully compliant with the requirements for conditional registration as defined in the safety requirement specification.

Should you require any further information or assistance in this matter, please contact my office on 02 8495 6808.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. Devon". The signature is cursive and fluid.

Phil Devon
Manager Transport Network
Northern Beaches Council