History of Golf Buggy Conditional Registration Scheme, Northern Beaches Council and Roads and Maritime Services

April 10, 2012: Rob Stokes MP forwards copy of letter received from Duncan Gay, then Minister for Roads and Ports re conditional registration on SI. In summary it says: “RMS is not able to offer conditional registration for these vehicles (ie, quad bikes, golf buggies and light farm vehicles).

February 4, 2015: Conditional Registration of Vehicles meeting attended by SIRA committee members, Council representatives, RMS policy officer and representatives from Transport NSW.

July 28, 2015 Email from Jean Chummun, Policy Officer, RMS, to Cass Gye: It says a brief has been submitted to the Minister proposing RMS specifically consider a “more relaxed approach” to the use of golf buggies on islands such as SI, Lord Howe and gated communities. If the Minister approves the brief, RMS will review current policy. On receiving advice RMS will contact Northern Beaches (Pittwater) Council and SIRA.

November 11, 2016: Letter to Duncan Gay re Scotland Island Conditional Registration from Bill Gye, SIRA President. It points out that with the arrival of numerous golf buggies on the island (45 approx) there is an urgency to address this matter. They should be registered and have the necessary third party liability insurance. “With 359 properties on the island there is a real risk to families should any incident occur.” Jean Chummum’s email was attached.

2017: The use of electric vehicles is permitted on Lord Howe Island as part of its switch to renewable energy. Registration will cost around $60 annually with a 25km/h max speed limit. Our understanding is RMS is going to put out a brief to add Scotland Island to the same scheme, hopefully in the next couple of months

[www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/vehicle-sheets/golf buggy-lhi.html](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/vehicle-sheets/golf%20buggy-lhi.html)

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community wide survey 1 - Roads and Drainage Infrastructure and use

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Survey 2 – Support RE: Traffic Management Plan

Outcomes Included

* Support for a traffic management plan
* Agreement for a 10 km speed modified to

History of roads, drainage and traffic management

Intro - Buggies are one part of a Sis Traffic Management Plan that is being developed in cooperation with Council for pedestrians and vehicles. For further information see.

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 There followed 12 months of study by the Roads, Paths and Drainage Task Force that culminated in a community wide survey (144 respondents of 263 hand delivered surveys, a 54% return). The survey report (2000) should, perhaps, be suggested background reading for all residents. The professionalism demonstrated in the process facilitated a new respect within Council and provided a solid foundation for additional grant funding and management plans. Outcomes included

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November 2016: Roads & Drainage Report, SIRA AGM: Refers to a Council draft management plan as seeing the introduction of a 20km speed zone Island-wide and recommends that conditional registration be made available.

January 22, 2017: First SIRA committee holds general discussion on the increasing number of golf buggies and their use on the Island, with emphasis on making the community aware of the issues such as abandoned and unroadworthy buggies, conditional registration, third party insurance, under-age drivers, inappropriate parking, as well as seeking opinions as to how to formalise a solution proposal.

February 1, 2017: David Munday, Northern Beaches Council Project Manager informs Hubert that the RMS has come back to him re conditional licensing of light vehicles on Scotland Island in line with the scheme now operating on Lord Howe Island.