

## Scotland Island – Revised TMP

### Information Session - meeting notes

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Venue: Rural Fire Shed – Scotland Island  
Date: Saturday 15 June  
Time: 10am – 12 noon

Commencing at \_\_ 10.05am \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Attendees

Northern Beaches Staff:	Acting Senior Sergeant Rob Trussell, Broken Bay Water Police
Craig Sawyer, Executive Manager Transport and Assets	
Phil Devon, Manager Transport Network	Approx 40 residents
Lisa Trewin – Community Engagement Officer	

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#### Discussion points

The engagement process in December 2018

- Explain the changes we've applied post engagement

Cost of permit and service options – fees and charges need to be adopted by Council as a separate process. This is purely a cost recovery initiative (approx \$40)

Two options – vehicle permit service provider regular. And a bond system.

RMS required if we increased the 4.5gvm the speed needs to be reduced to 10km

Q: Is there flexibility on this?

A: Yes around the island could be 20km – but internal speed 10km

Liability issue is the primary reason for implementing this TMP. Personal liability / huge risk. This TMP provides CTP cover as part of the registration fee.

Current engagement closes on 18 June.

We will tally engagement response and take to the July traffic committee at this point.

Mr Stokes' office has advised we can't walk away from this.

Conditional registration – can't have and or...?

You have to have conditional registered vehicles or road registered vehicles

There shouldn't be from a legal perspective. Legislation can't be superseded by policy.

Council will talk with the local member with issues RMS / Council.

Question: RMS local policy vs State policy ?

A: Once approved by Traffic committee – we will assist with the registration of the vehicles, we will also start issuing permits for those that have been registered.

12 month grace period will be in place until the vehicles are brought up to spec as there will be costs associated with that.

Clarified there is no intention to close any of the roads. We had a discussion about creating a road – and swap with reserve land (check with Phil)

Q: Does Council have an intention to ban vehicles on the island?

A: NO. We will put this in writing after the public meeting.

Resident request that Council put in writing that there is NO intention to close the roads. As Council could do what they like – and in 5 – 10 years' time, that has a huge impact on the residents.

The additional fee being placed on the residents came through in the engagement.

There needs to be a permit applied to buggies that use the roads.

Q: Why does this fee apply even to registered vehicles?

A: The fee covers the access to the road similar to a national park or sanctuary cove.

Associated works – funds have been made available in the budget proposed for next four years.

Footpath asset checking – will be conducted in the coming months. This will allow us to do targeted maintenance.

Q: Is it possible to get some idea of what the operational budget would be – similar to the capex identified?

A: Council can provide an estimate of what's budgeted.

Drainage issues – seal is required.

Cr White – capital works budgets are identified in the presentation, maintenance came out of the special rates variation

Query: Carols and bells have \$2m allocation in budget – which is huge investment compared to what's identified for Scotland Island.

Response: much of this budget is funded by state government.

CEO has committed to looking at additional funding for the next couple of capital works funding. At least looking at the loop road.

Road maintenance is needed across the broader northern beaches LGA. Camera base asset data will help us priorities those works across the entire northern beaches.

Will the camera asset go to the top of the island – via the area that is not a road? Area has been surveyed a couple of times.

This is an option to formalise this and trade off with a piece of road reserve. Liability / legal issue. Needs to go via the geographical names board and get a name. Title could take between 6-9 months?

Roads and drainage masterplan is in place for \$20m – does not give rise to what's in place.

Dirt is expensive to remove, can't we find a place to put the dirt – suggest clearing and put in a helipad –

Good point to find a most economical way to remove it.

Can we name the road?

Sediment control and pedestrian safety – strong points for improvement.

Fitzpatrick and Elsie are roads that can't be driven on – the survey assessors will travel this on foot. Only formed roads will be surveyed.

Questions?

Q: Is there any thought about roads being reclaimed?

A: If required we can use our right under the roads act to reclaim the roads.

Some of these roads are less than three meters wide.

Need to reclaim some of the roads to ensure passing area.

Properties have fenced off roads – some time ago rangers came out – suggest that these areas of need should be reported to Northern Beaches Council.

A: Our team are aware of this – please let me know in writing and we will issue a letter to owners.

Resident not happy about the funding allocated. Safety on the roads is important. Connection between the department that looks after the road and the plan and costings. Concerned that the figures are not any more than we had under Pittwater Council – this TMP should only go ahead with improvement on the roads.

We have \$120 k for these roads – short changed

Other funds – Road Resheeting program

Q: Can you give us a guarantee you will spend more money on the roads?

Reinforce the full asset assessment in order to prioritise work schedule.

The important point here is the fee is in place to provide liability protection.

Q: Can quad bikes be retrofitted?

A: Quadbikes don't apply.

Golf buggies that meet state government requirements.

Conditional registration and the CTP is paid to RMS ... not the permit fee.

Q: Roughly how long before we start getting the inspections and issuing permits?

A: August / Sept

Q: Will motor bikes need to be inspected and registered?

A: Yes

Q: Road worth certificate required every year?

A: Yes

Comment: Speed limit – if limit too low .. 10km people will go 15km .. in regard to the ring road – as it's 20km at the moment – clarity is Florence and offset or part of ring road –

A: Council will work with RMS – on the island to clarify this.

Q: Can we bring on a regular maintenance program?

A: We are trying to strengthen our regular maintenance across the northern beaches area and will be looking at doing this on the island also.

Can you develop a high level hierarchy on the island as to what we are working towards for improvements over a period of time?

Staff that work need to be considered – only one person, needs to be more thought on staffing – staff Pino takes pride and very thorough

Shared zone won't come into place until we have reached a certain threshold with the road improvement.

Sort out the areas that could take out someone's house first then look at the shared zones.

Q: The TMP is about making vehicles safe?

A: Yes

But the safety aspect is about the roads- we need a plan for the roads – concerned about the roads.

Q: Can't we have a 4 year plan and allocation of funds?

Q: Where is the connection between the roads management plan and the asset management plan?

A: We collect the data and that will inform our forward works program for roads.

It will be out around Christmas time.

We have an asset management plan for Scotland Island but it doesn't have a huge amount of money allocated and that's why we're looking at it.

Comment: 2010 Woolsey Parson report ... nothing has been done in many years.

A: Council are looking at the condition so we can allocate funds.

Comment: At tennis wharf there is a tree = the area has been stoned walled off – this now blocks an access that has been there for 10 years.

A: Council will investigate this.

Roads and Drainage masterplan – Roads Strategy / Stormwater band Implementation – Council to find documents and put the link to them on the Your say site.

Background missing – the Unnamed road.

- In the 12 months (free) Question? Staged implementation, risk is no greater – still a risk – onus is on those using the buggy that there is an issue with it

Q: Is there still a plan to provide \$\$ funding?

Q: What's the process there?

Trades people to the island? Permits how is that being addressed? We don't want to be onerous on the people on the island, we can give the trades a 12 month permit – those who come across on an ad hoc basis need to pay a bond.

Some of the contractors can't pay a bond so they can't afford to come here.

On the mainland people pay \$200 or so – bond – refundable.

Bond is to help pay for any damage. Difficulty is proving the damage.

Concern we won't have trades people come over

Suggestion – look at the barge operators that bring the vehicles over – gets issued on the barge that brings them over – it becomes less of a cost on the trades people – no monopoly –

Non-compliant vehicles off the island? Physical removal we can look at removing – we need to get the resources over here so we can remove them but needs to be done officially.

Q: Does the permit fee cover CTP?

A: No. Just permit for vehicle on the island.

Q from Ian White: Conditional registration for vehicles that stay on the island – we can't get conditional registration for a motor vehicle.

A: Registration for vehicles on the island is 13 July.

Q: Tradie licence – why is this different?

A: It's because they will be in a vehicle in something over 4.5 tonne.

Q: What happens with existing vehicles on the island – if less than 4.5 tonne?

A: No. If they are already here – general exemption same as our vehicles because they are providing an essential service.

Q from Bond: How will we know about the damage?

A: This would be done by Council via video dilapidation report - it provides a record of what the condition is at a point in time.

Q: How will you keep across other tree trimmers and suppliers that may cause damage?

A: Through the fee process.

Q: When is the Traffic Committee Meeting?

A: 2 July

Q: Can anyone turn up to the traffic committee?

A: You can register to speak. It's not an open meeting

Q: How is the \$40 fee that going to be capped?

A: Cost recovery cost only. Cost of RTA component, cost of access.

### **Actions**

- Find the Engagement report for the 2011 Scotland Island Road Reserve Strategy
- Find the Council minutes from 2013 – October / November

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Meeting closed: 11.05am

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