

Response to communication with buggy representatives
Proposed agenda for meeting with SIRA Re: Registration of unregistered vehicles
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1. Agree that Golf carts and light utility vehicles are needed by some residents on Scotland Island to service properties/homes. This Class is encouraged and preferred over full size vehicles. SIRA promotes a positive position and assist residents by providing accurate verified information on registration and the application process at Service NSW Centre

SIRA supports has and will continue to support the registration of all vehicles on Scotland Island including buggies

2. Agree that SIRA needs to call a meeting with TfNSW (RMS?) open to all questions by residents.

SIRA has and will continue to work in partnership with all stakeholders for a positive outcome. SIRA can advocate for resident and communicate with all stakeholders, but it can't make or change policy

3. Agree that the community does not accept unsafe and/or unregistered vehicles on the Island. This is a NSW Police matter.

SIRA recognizes that Council is responsible for the management of roads and the RMS is responsible for vehicle registration

4. Agree that a permit system is not acceptable and that SIRA will not seek to revive the concept with Northern Beaches Council or transport NSW or other Government Organisations.

Council as the manager of the road system is facilitating the inspection of vehicles. To our knowledge the need for a permit is part of the TMP and RMS requirements. Council as the network manager is required to keep and maintain a record of vehicle inspections.

SIRA can and has asked Council to clarify the need and benefit of the permit.

5. Agree SIRA will update information on the SIRA website regarding Light vehicle registration and remove negative and false statements about legality for Golf carts etc.

SIRA will always attempt to provide accurate and up to date information on the website. Accuracy is facilitated by links from Council and other organisations.

6. Agree that the council failed to communicate directly with rate payers on the TMP

Council and RMS are working together with the State Government to facilitate a new system of registration for buggies on Scotland Island. The agencies are using Lord Howe Island as a model. The process has extended over years and has experienced changes in governance and well as personnel. It remains in everyone's best interest to achieve a positive outcome, but there have been and will continue to be hurdles to overcome. SIRA will continue to work with all agencies and to share for post links to information to residents as it becomes available.

7. Request a letter from Transport for NSW Safety detailing why they rejected the council TMP and request a detailed report on the Scotland Island roads conditions (which sections were unsafe etc)? Apparently, this is the sole justification given verbally thus far expressing a Transport NSW plan or process to reject Golf Cart registration applications. at Service NSW Centres.

SIRA has requested additional information as to what aspects of the TMP were found to be not acceptable to Transport for NSW after previously endorsing the document with Council. We are waiting for a response.

Our subcommittee has identified a number of possible problems that may have emerged following an additional inspection from Transport for NSW. Those being:
Speed limit, steep gradient or poor condition on a number of road sections.

8. Ascertain what data we have regarding the number and type of vehicles on the Island and how many are currently registered. (Roads must be able to accommodate them)

Vehicle numbers - Temporary registration for 46 buggies 13 ultralights 12 not present now about 15 or 16 with new purchase

From Mar 24 email

12 x buggies to still be inspected

10 x registered motor vehicles to apply for permits

12 x buggies to be removed

5 x unregistered motor vehicles – 3 x on private property (2 x to be removed)/1 x at Cargo/1 x to be removed in the next couple of weeks by owner

2 x quads and 2 x motorcycles abandoned on Richard Road behind No. 35

9. Seek clarification from Transport for NSW explaining why they put a red flag at Warriewood Services Centre stopping people from registering their buggies/UTV's on Scotland Island.

It is clearly stated in the guidelines on RMS website where and how these vehicles are eligible are to be used (see attached). It has nothing to do with Warriewood really, it should be across the board. Because Warriewood is the centre that mainly deals with SI registration, they have been particularly involved. If you look at the rego papers there should be a condition as to use for any buggy. Ask someone, other than NAME DELETED and NAME DELETED, to show a copy of their rego paper or to look up their vehicle registration conditions of use

That is up to the organisation and individual vehicle owners, but we would suggest that the RMS as result of complaints and a review have stopped all registration until problems are resolved.

Seek clarification from Transport for NSW as to why residents are unable to register their buggies/UTV's on Scotland Island, in particular at the Warriewood Service Centre.

10. Agree that the information the community has had from SIRA (Directly) on the SIRA news page must be adequately transparent, regular and explanatory.

See question 5

11. Agree that SIRA continue to make a clear distinction between Council information and SIRA editorial information on its news page.

SIRA does not edit information supplied by another organisation in its newsletter or on the website. It will always attempt to supply links to assist its residents to assist the most accurate information. We would also suggest that residents have an obligation to fact check the information they publish and to be respectful in comments.