



14.1 Notice of Motion Mayor Heather Cunsolo – Provision of Parking Permits to Southbank Police Station

I, Mayor Heather Cunsolo, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 2 August 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:-

1. Provide 30 annual parking permits for Southbank Police Station staff, at a cost aligned with the cost of a Visitor Parking Permit per year, until the current Parking Management Policy ends in 2028.

Supporting Information

Parking permits issued to Southbank Police Station were considered as part of the Parking Management Policy Review which was presented at the Council Meeting on 17 May 2023. The endorsed recommendation was to 'Remove parking permits for Southbank Police Station based on the availability of all-day paid parking in the area.'

Southbank Police Station have since advised that most of the bays in the paid parking located close to the station are reserved and are therefore seeking the reintroduction of eligibility for parking permits.

By limiting the number of parking permits to 30 there will be a reduced impact on other users such as workers and visitors needing to access parking in the area. Council aims to encourage efficient use of parking spaces and providing a limited number of permits will encourage Southbank Police to use personal vehicles only when necessary and to return the permits when they are not needed so they can be allocated to other members of staff.

The provision of free permits in a predominantly all-day paid parking zone results in a significant loss of revenue for Council. The introduction of a cost in line with a Visitor Permit (approximately \$126) can offset some of the revenue loss whilst emphasising the value of the permit. Other parking users are expected to pay to park in the area and the introduction of a fee ensures equity in the treatment of all users. Benchmarking with nearby Councils indicated that only one other Council – Yarra provides police permits at \$258 per permit.

Conditions of use for the parking permits would seek to further limit impacts on other users by only being valid in certain streets and certain parking conditions.