

Public Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Questions from Sunny Acreman

Asked if Council could assist with the parking situation relating to people attending the U3A in Danks Street, Albert Park? Currently elderly members are having to park some distance away because the on-street parking was for only one hour and although they had been granted permits by Council, more were required. Ms Acreman suggested narrowing some of the car spaces to create more parking and installing 2-hour parking during the day.

Response

The section of Danks Street between Kerferd Road and Mills Street is a residential zone with many competing demands from the Hare Krishna Temple, Mary Kehoe Community Centre and beach goers during the summer. The existing “1P 8am to 6pm and Permit Zone All Other Time” parking restriction provides an hourly turnover of parking spaces to increase the availability of parking for residents within the vicinity of their homes.

The Sustainable Transport Strategy – 4.4 – Guiding Principles, prioritises the allocation of on-street parking in residential streets. The highest priority is given to residents and their visitors, followed by drop off/pick up zones, bike parking, customer parking, local employee parking and commuter parking.

Even though the current Parking Permit Policy does not provide parking permits for businesses and their customers, each year the Mary Kehoe Community Centre is issued 20 temporary parking permits. These permits apply in Danks Street only and are managed by the Centre to ensure the permits are issued to patrons attending Mary Kehoe Centre correctly. It is assumed that patrons who might have issues walking distances would be the priority.

Council encourages people to use public transport, walk or ride a bike where possible. Where people are required to drive, all-day parking options are available, however they may be a 3 to 5-minute walk from the destination.

An onsite assessment has determined that the dimensions of the existing line marked parking spaces on Danks Street, between Kerferd Road and Mills Street comply with Australian Standards 2890.5. Your suggestion to reduce the width of the parking bays to accommodate more vehicles would impact on a safe use of these spaces and cannot be supported.

**Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*