

Councillors' feedback...feedback...



New Traffic Signals Mowbray Road

New traffic signals have been installed at the intersection of Mowbray Road, Hampden Road

and the egress to the Chatswood Dive Site as part of Sydney Metro City & Southwest Project. The performance of the new traffic signals has been regularly reviewed by Sydney Metro in consultation with relevant stakeholders including Willoughby City Council with a view to minimising traffic impacts. There are some concerns on delays and queues in Mowbray Road and Hampden Road, particularly during the weekday morning and afternoon peak periods. Monitoring will continue with regular reports to be made to Councillors.

Gorehill Oval Redevelopment

The project is part of the Gore Hill Park Redevelopment Plan. Designed by Tract Consultants, stage 1 comprises the re-orientation and resurfacing of the oval for improved capacity. The park features a synthetic playing surface for AFL, cricket, summer soccer and lunch time sporting groups, a new playground including water play troughs, squad swings, plastic slides, rope bridges, sensory stepping stones, a musical instrument corner for families with young children and a perimeter walking track of around 1 km (with pedestrian lighting). There is also a community function room available for hire.

Thomson Oval

Federal Government funding of \$515,000.00 has been secured to build new facilities at Thomson Oval. This will allow Willoughby City Council to construct new change rooms, a canteen and storage areas sporting clubs using the oval. New public toilets will also be built for those using the park. Being one of our area's busiest ovals (used by over 1000 players each week for soccer, rugby and cricket

and Artarmon Public School), the existing facilities are well and truly past their used by date. Improved sport and recreational facilities like this encourage healthy and active lifestyles for our local community.

Artarmon Bowling Club Council endorsed a budget of \$1,335,000.00 for this redevelopment and will be purchasing the play equipment and park furniture directly from manufacturers to reduce the cost. Landscape Solutions Australia Pty Ltd was awarded the contract with a total contract value of \$912,146.97. The construction has commenced and is progressing well.

Gross Pollutant Traps

Willoughby City Council is constructing a gross pollutant traps in the Artarmon Parklands off Burra Road to filter out rubbish from storm water before it enters waterways. It will cost \$297,527.00 and will be completed by July 2019.

Artarmon Road Bridge Repairs

An engineering consultant was engaged by Willoughby City Council to undertake detailed condition inspections on the road bridge on Artarmon Road over Cordia Way (the shared pedestrian/bicycle path near Cooney Road). Based on the inspection and recommendations from the consultant, works required will cost \$625,200 to complete. Works will include bridge repairs, safety improvements and associated civil works.

Please share with me your thoughts. I welcome feedback on any current issues.

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Since I was first elected, I was surprised by the lack of council spaces for community groups to meet and have been

working hard with Council officers to fix this. In November 2018, Councillors were briefed on the options for Artarmon community facilities and at this briefing Council officers proposed:

- A change of use for Artarmon Kids Cottage for use as a multipurpose community facility;
- An increase to the hours of use at Artarmon Rd community facility;
- Three options for the future use of the former Artarmon Bowling Club.

The most significant decision will be which option we choose for the Artarmon Bowling Clubhouse, though all of these proposals are likely to benefit our community in different ways.

The options for the bowling site are to replace the clubhouse with an outdoor recreation pavilion, keep the clubhouse as a community facility with minor upgrades or completely refurbish the clubhouse.

Public consultation by Council staff with residents regarding the proposed changes facilities have been ongoing since November and results will be reported back to Council in June. If you have missed out on this consultation and would like to have your feedback or suggestions considered by Councillors, please email me at nic.wright@willoughby.nsw.gov.au.

As many of you would be aware, Council introduced a parking scheme in Artarmon east last year to mostly positive reviews. This was in response to resident concerns about the increased demand on street parking in our local area. Demand for our street parking is increasing and council is now looking to expand this scheme to Artarmon west.

The parking strategy proposed seeks to provide a framework to manage parking equitably and in an evidence based manner. It is fundamental that residents and their visitors have access to parking near their homes, and one way we can achieve this is through the introduction of time restrictions on street parking.

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It is important to provide feedback – let Council know what's working, what's not and where it can improve. Details about the proposed areas in Artarmon west are on the Willoughby Council website.

If you'd like me to review your feedback then please email me at nic.wright@willoughby.nsw.gov.au.

Finally, I have started a petition on my website www.nicwright.com in support of Council building a public toilet in the Artarmon shops and welcome you to add your name to it. With Council now reviewing the future of the Artarmon shopping strip this is the time to have your say on what facilities we will need going forward.

As always, if you have any feedback or suggestions, or help contacting Council, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Chemist Warehouse 80 Hampden Road
I object to the DA to modify 80 Hampden Rd for a Chemist Warehouse shop.

The Mayor of Hornsby Council, The Hon Phil Ruddock recently called a Chemist Warehouse at Pennant Hills "garish". Chemist Warehouse is well known for its big yellow shopfronts. They dominate streetscapes. Mayor Ruddock stated Pennant Hills "had a degree of continuity, something of the unique character should have been kept".

Well the same applies to the shop

fronts in Hampden Road. What is required is appropriate development. Not a garish shopfront that is out of keeping with the village appearance of the Artarmon shops.

Council Cab service

On 11 March 2019 Council voted to revamp the Council Cab Scheme introduced in the time of Mayor Pat Reilly through a transition to transport providers including Council's *At Home with Willoughby by Services* with conditions of use from 31 March 2019 that will become the only service after 30 June 2019.

The current Council Cab services will cease as at 30 June 2019 but will be replaced by the new service that has yet to be given a name. As many people in Artarmon used this service the details of the new service need to be advised:

- Individual clients trips will be capped to four a year per week and the maximum subsidy for each individual client will be \$2,200 per annum,
- The eligibility for use is limited to persons aged over 65 years. Clients must be eligible and registered for Commonwealth Home Support program funding to receive a subsidised fee.
- Fees subsidised fee at \$6.50 per trip and full fee for non-eligible users is \$17.75 per trip.

Residential Parking Restrictions in West Artarmon

Residents in Artarmon west precinct have received correspondence from Willoughby City Council about a proposal to place a residential parking scheme in their streets. Council has

called for submissions which close on May 10.

Many streets in Artarmon are impacted. The changes will see a varying number of existing unrestricted spaces to 4P 8.30am to 6.00pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders excepted. I urge you to speak to your Ward Councillor about the issue if you have a view. I can be contacted on my mobile.

Is it GM's Briefings or Council Briefings?

The Council web page under General Council Meetings (as at 29 April 2019) has a box styled Council Meeting Registers. The first box item is 'Councillors' Attendance at Council Briefing'.

Currently Councillor briefings are not advertised and the public is excluded. Councillors are advised that much of the material revealed at these Briefings is confidential. They are not Council meetings. The agenda for the Briefings is not made public before they take place. No minutes are published in the public domain.

The Code of Meeting Practice published by the Department of Local Government provides that briefings with Councillors can occur on items in an agenda for a Council meeting prior to the meeting to facilitate understanding and the conduct of the meeting and only in such circumstances.

That is the purpose of 'Briefings' under the Act and Code of Meeting Practice, and this is how other Council's conduct 'Councillor Briefings'.

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