

Councillors' feedback...feedback...



Streetscape Upgrades

Following community feedback, we are designing a new streetscape for Wilkes Avenue. It will include

improved lighting, public seating and a formal pedestrian crossing to Elizabeth Street.

Council is reviewing the traffic conditions of Hampden Road and adjacent streets to help influence a new streetscape design that will be delivered next financial year. It will be guided by Council's *Local Centres Strategy*, which was created following two years of careful analysis and community consultation. Visit Willoughby City Council's *Have Your Say* website from mid-May to provide feedback on proposed ideas for the Artarmon Local Centre Strategy.

Artarmon Reserve and Oval

In May 2017, residents were invited to have their say on what they would like to see happen on the former Artarmon Bowling Club greens. The feedback indicated that there was strong support for a community garden. I had the pleasure of opening the new garden in early February 2020. The Artarmon Parklands Community Garden Group warmly welcomes new members to join them on Sunday mornings at 8am.

The community gardens are part of the new Artarmon Parklands Masterplan. The new playground is complete with upgrades including new slides, double flying fox and a spinning disc. The new Artarmon Oval pitch will be finished by the start of the winter sports season.

Artarmon Community Centres

Council has lodged two development applications (DA) to increase the availability of community space in Artarmon. Following public notification, it is proposed to extend the operating hours of the community hall at 139 Artarmon Road (behind the Artarmon Library) on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5pm to 9.30pm.

Similarly, Council has lodged a development application to change the use of the Artarmon Kids Cottage from 'child related' to 'community

use' and extend the operating hours to 9pm on weekdays, 9pm on Saturday and to open the facility on Sundays 9am to 5pm.

The change in use and extension of hours will allow for low impact community activities such as yoga, progress association meetings and playgroups. The Artarmon Kids Cottage will maintain its out of hours school services. Both DAs have been open for public notification and community feedback has been generally supportive. The DAs are expected to go before the Willoughby Local Planning Panel in April 2020.
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Happy Lunar New Year!!!

This year is the year of rat. Legend has it that when the Jade Emperor decided to make the Zodiac, he called

for a great race to the Heavenly Gate to decide the order of animals. The diligent ox was leading the race, but the rat tricked the ox into giving him a ride. Just before arriving at the finish line, the rat quickly jumped ahead and became the first!

Beaches Link Tunnel

The NSW Government released options for the Beaches Link Tunnel for community consultation in 2019, including options for mid-point tunnelling around Naremburn/Willoughby. After taking consideration of all the submissions received, the project team recommended the eastern side of Flat Rock Drive. It aims to limit the impact on the bushland to five percent of the overall reserve, and for most of the tunnel excavation to be deep underground.

This will ensure that there will be no impact on the Baseball Diamond, Willoughby Leisure Centre, netball courts or carpark and no acquisition of homes for the construction site. Trucks will be limited to Flat Rock Drive/Brook Street and the bushland will be returned to the community as either revegetated bushland or additional open space and sporting fields. The project will now undergo a rigorous

Environmental Impact Statement process and there will be further opportunities for our community to submit inputs into the project.

Stormwater Rehabilitation Works

Late last year Willoughby City Council started rehabilitation works on the stormwater system which runs between Cameron Avenue and Burra Road Artarmon. This work will significantly improve the stormwater infrastructure for Artarmon and will ensure the operational performance of Willoughby City Council's stormwater system. Works to be carried out include inspecting and repairing access chambers, inspecting and cleaning stormwater pipes and installing structural liners in stormwater pipes.

Community Recycling Centre

At the Community Recycling Centre, 8 Waltham Street Artarmon, you can drive through and drop off household waste that cannot go in your kerbside bins. Items you can drop off for FREE include things like electronic waste (computers, TVs, small electrical appliances), printer cartridges, fluorescent light globes/tubes, motor oils, paint, etc. White good are not accepted and can be recycled through the Artarmon Resource Recovery Centre or sold to scrap metal merchants or put out in clean-up collection.

Artarmon Parklands Pavilion

On 29th of October 2019 the Willoughby Local Planning Panel (WLPP) approved the demolition of the former Artarmon Bowling Clubhouse with two conditions to be met:

- 1) Development consent for a replacement community facility;
- 2) Heritage Interpretation Study be prepared and submitted to Council.

The primary purpose of the Artarmon Parkland Pavilion is to complement the recently completed children's playground and community gardens and to generally enhance amenity for all park and recreational users. The proposal is to construct a pavilion of approximately 400sqm on the footprint of the former Artarmon Bowling Clubhouse. Concepts to date include, toilets, BBQ facilities, seating, picnic tables and a small meeting room. The concept design will take into consideration the social, environmental and heritage context of the site and

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the impact on adjoining residential properties.

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

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Local Centres Strategy



Late last year Council voted to endorse the Willoughby Local Centres Strategy and I have received a fair bit of feedback since

then. Those of you that attended the meeting (or watched online) would know that I was successful in restricting the height controls in the Artarmon Village from 10 stories to a maximum of 4 to 5.

This is an important victory in respecting the existing conservation areas and retaining the important village atmosphere that our community

has spent decades fostering and keeps development in line with the recommendations of Council's independent Heritage consultants.

Far too often we have seen ten storey developments quickly becomes fourteen in development negotiations. Development of this scale is completely out of keeping with the local character. Hampden Road is already choked with traffic during peak periods, and significant improvements in management of parking and local traffic is needed before any further development is considered.

It is important to note that despite some nonsensical rumours that are doing the rounds, this does not mean that development will be impossible at such a scale or that Council has abandoned much needed improvements to the streetscape in the Artarmon Village. It brings Artarmon Local Centre Strategy into line with other Willoughby suburban village plans.

You will have seen the notices about Wilkes Avenue proposed upgrade

already. Hampden Road upgrades are coming soon.

I thank those of you who have reached out in support of this decision, and continue to pledge that I will do all I can to see that Council only support appropriate development in keeping with the nature and style of our local community.

Artarmon Streetscape Improvements

On the topic of streetscape improvements, Council is in the process of seeking feedback to the design proposals for the Wilkes Avenue strip. Whilst the formal feedback period has closed via Council's website, I am still keen to hear your thoughts and encourage you to email me your ideas which I can ask to be included in our planning.

While I am exceptionally pleased that Council is revitalising the area, the success of the project will be in large part driven by residents sharing local knowledge and ideas.

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Public Notice

New Artarmon West Residential Parking Scheme and Timed Parking Restrictions

Willoughby City Council has approved a new residential parking scheme for Artarmon West.

Seven day parking restrictions from 8.30am to 6pm in the Artarmon Village have been approved to increase parking turnover. The areas/streets that will have changed parking restrictions are:

- Hampden Road (from Brand St to McMillan St)
- Francis Road (from Hampden Rd to Hampden Ln)
- Broughton Road (from Hampden Rd to Hampden Ln)
- Jersey Road (from Hampden Rd to Hampden Ln)

Four hour parking applies from 8.30am to 6pm Mondays to Fridays in these streets:

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| • Buller Road | • Eric Road |
| • White Street | • Barton Road |
| • Benton Avenue | • Parkes Road |
| • Robert Street | • Cleland Road |

Eligible residents with a permit displayed can park on these 4P residential parking area zones without time restrictions. These new parking restrictions started in January.



The changes will be monitored and adjustments undertaken where necessary.

For further information visit www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/community/getting-around/parking/Residential-Parking/ or call Customer Service on 9777 1000.



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