

Parking Scheme Proposed for Artarmon West

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Willoughby City Council have proposed a new parking scheme that will cover streets on the west side of the rail line. The scheme is in response to a study that showed that streets in Artarmon west with unrestricted parking consistently experienced high parking rates greater than 85% occupancy during weekdays.

The scheme will operate in a similar manner to that introduced in east Artarmon streets last year.

The proposed parking scheme will introduce two hour and four hour parking limits across west Artarmon's residential streets. The aim of these restrictions is to discourage all-day parking by commuters who catch buses on Pacific Highway or access Artarmon rail station.

Many streets in Artarmon's west side streets currently have no parking restrictions. These streets provide a free parking solution to commuters who live elsewhere.

Residents living in affected streets will be able to obtain a parking permit allowing them to park without restriction in streets that have parking time limits. Residents may apply for a permit for up to two vehicles. The number of parking permits that can be obtained is determined by the number of off-street parking spaces on a resident's property.

In most streets the proposed parking limits will apply to only one side of the street with the other side remaining unrestricted.

The ability for shoppers to park near the Artarmon Village should improve



Artarmon west streets affected by proposed parking restrictions /Source: Willoughby City Council

with the proposed parking limits to apply seven days a week.

Willoughby City Council has undertaken a two month community consultation program to gauge views on the scheme. Some local business owners have voiced concerns that the parking scheme will adversely impact people who drive to work in Artarmon.

The results of the community feedback will be incorporated into a final report and recommendation for Council to consider in late 2019. It is anticipated that the proposed scheme, if approved, will be implemented in 2020.

The APA is hosting a public information meeting on 19th June 2019 where Council officers will explain the proposed scheme, answer your questions and receive feedback.

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