

ITEM 7.1	MAYORAL MINUTE NO 10/2018 - SAFER PEDESTRIANS IN COUNCIL CARPARKS
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ATTACHMENTS	NIL

BACKGROUND

One of the areas that we would all agree is a priority for this council is pedestrian safety for our community.

We hear regularly from groups across the Northern Beaches like the Palm Beach Whale Beach Residents Association the risks for pedestrians when crossing our roads.

Council continues to advocate and work with the RMS for safer speed limits in areas where there are high levels of pedestrian movement. I believe these recent incidents prompt us to ensure we make safe the other areas we are responsible for where vehicles and pedestrians are found such as our carparks.

A priority I believe is the 400 plus carparks spread across the Northern Beaches providing over 14,000 car spaces. There are a range of users, processes and signage in place to manage vehicle speed within those carparks.

It is Council's responsibility to ensure drivers are made aware immediately on entering our carparks of the speed limits which under NSW Government guidelines, should be 10km/h due to the mix of vehicle movements and pedestrians.

I understand staff have been investigating our carparks as part of a wider audit of our parking assets as well as what facilities we can improve within the MOVE Transport Strategy. We currently have a mix of 5km/h, 10km/h and 20km/h, and others that are not regulated by signage, which creates confusion and unacceptable risk for our residents and visitors. With the approaching peak summer period we will be a haven for the people of Sydney looking to enjoy our beautiful beaches, reserves and natural environment.

I propose Council ask staff to commence immediately on a process to improve the safety of pedestrians within our existing carparks such as at parks, beaches and sporting fields and ensure we plan for future works to take into consideration the safety of pedestrians including the uniform installation of appropriate signage and an education program for our community.

I understand that staff can include these further investigations and undertake a review within existing operational budgets.

RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR

That:

- A. Staff review opportunities for improving pedestrian safety in Council-run particularly beach and sportsground carparks such as shared zones, signage upgrades and education programs.
 - B. Staff report back to Council by briefing note before the end of 2018 on what Council can implement as a priority, including a brief description of the options and locations investigated and implement the priorities that can be delivered within existing budgets.
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MAYOR