

MAYORAL MINUTE

(ITEM MM19/22) ISSUING OF TEMPORARY VISITOR PARKING PERMITS

File No: 22/47666

MAYORAL MINUTE BY CR JOHN FAKER (MAYOR)

Summary

In order to facilitate Council's daily business with external stakeholders visiting the Burwood Local Government Area it is proposed to make provisions within Council's Permit Parking Scheme policy to allow for the issuing of temporary visitor parking permits.

Council's current Permit Parking Scheme Policy restricts the provision of Visitor permits to residents only to allow eligible visitors such as carers, relatives or friends to park on-street in certain locations without restriction or charge. These permits are only able to be used in Resident Parking Scheme Areas which are set by Council and sign posted in residential streets.

In an effort to further support visitor access to Burwood, particularly in instances where a voluntary service is being provide to Council, I recommend the General Manager investigate the development of a new permit type which will allow visitors to park in locations corresponding to their destination such as the Library and Community Hub or local parks.

While these permits do not guarantee the holder a parking space, they will allow the vehicle to be parked within a nominated area longer than the signposted time limit and remove the need to purchase a ticket from Council's parking meters. Importantly, the permits do not provide exemption from parking within 'No Stopping' 'No Parking' 'Bus Zone' 'Loading Zone' or other restricted areas where the vehicle would not normally be permitted to park under the Road Rules, but do however, in unique circumstances help increase community access to Burwood whereby a person is offering a service or support to Council.

As such, I recommend that Council's Permit Parking Scheme Policy be reviewed, with a draft policy to be reported to Council in March 2023 outlining the provision for Temporary Visitor Permits.

In the interim, it is proposed that volunteers who are providing a service for Council at 2 Conder Street Burwood in the proposed newly created parking area 'L' which will be associated with the Burwood Library Car Park be supported through the provision of temporary visitor parking permits. Further to this, in unique circumstances whereby Council issues invitations to Government officials, visitor parking permits may also be issued in alignment with the associated area of visitation. The permits may be requested by members of the Executive Team and may be approved at the discretion of the General Manager on a case by case basis.

I trust that this provision of assistance will continue to promote a safe, accessible and supported community.

Operational Plan Objective

- C.1.2 Facilitate equitable access to services and facilities at all stages of life
- P.1 Encourage, support and recognise individual and organisational community contributions
- P.2 Provide and support initiatives which facilitate an inclusive community and respond to community needs.

I therefore move that:

1. That the General Manager be provided delegation to approve Temporary Permits in the interim for volunteers who provide a service to Council at 2 Conder Street Burwood as well as until such time as the Policy has been formally adopted by Council.
2. That the General Manager be provided with delegation to approve Temporary Permits to elected Government officials where an invitation has been issued by Council to attend a facility or Council run public event, with permits to be issued in line with the associated area of visitation.
3. That Council implement a new parking area associated with the Burwood Library Car Park to be known as 'Parking Area L'.
4. That Council's Permit Parking Scheme Policy be reviewed, with a draft policy to be reported to Council in March 2023 outlining the provision for Temporary Visitor Permits.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.