

## How does Waverley Council establish and review parking systems?

Demand for parking spaces on the streets of Waverley exceeds the supply of spaces on most days. Residents and visitors compete frequently for spaces in commercial areas, around homes and at the beaches and parks.

Waverley's parking system consists of paid parking, various permit systems and regulation. It operates very effectively to turn a limited number of on-street parking spaces into tens of thousands of opportunities per day for everyone to find a parking space near their desired destination. But parking space remains the area's most scarce resource.

The parking systems is reviewed and adjusted frequently to maximise the capacity of the system to deliver parking opportunities fairly. Whenever there is a request to change a part of the system Council considers the request by assessing how well each option performs against 14 specific criteria. We assess whether the option will:

1. be technically practical (including legally practical)?
2. promote equity?
3. be budget positive or negative?
4. enhance system efficiency?
5. enhance system capacity?
6. improve the environment?
7. encourage a shift away from private vehicle use?
8. satisfy councillors' political commitments?
9. improve staff safety?
10. improve staff efficiency?
11. improve community safety?
12. improve amenity and access?
13. help manage demand?
14. benefit economic development and the business community?

Assessing options against these criteria helps ensure that our use of scarce parking resources is as sustainable as possible and that changes will have minimum ripple effects and adverse impacts.

Council engages in community consultation on options for adjustment of the parking system whenever a major change is being considered. Our residents and business operators are encouraged to consider these criteria when making suggestions for change. The criteria provide an excellent framework for cooperative decision making and development of sustainable solutions for a better quality of life in Waverley.

