WAVERLEY
COUNCIL

PARKING PRICING REVIEW OUTCOMES FACT SHEET

We're bringing in a raft of changes to parking fees and charges over June and July 2015 designed to make the pricing system more fair and consistent, ease pressure on residential streets, and stimulate local business districts. This fact sheet provides more information.

Why has Council reviewed its pricing?

At its Council meeting in May 2014, Council unanimously supported a Mayoral Minute to review Waverley's on- and off-street parking prices. A Councillor and Council officer working group was then established to systematically review parking prices for Council's on- and off-street car parks and spaces in Bondi Junction, Bondi Beach and Bronte Beach. The recommended changes were adopted by Council at its meeting in March 2015.

What are the changes?

BONDI JUNCTION

- Free parking after 7pm all year round on Bronte Road (between Ebley Street and Birrell Street), Porter Street, Allens Parade, Oxford Street (west of Newland Street) Leswell Street, Nelson Street, Vernon Street and Ruthven Street.
- Free parking on Sundays along Grafton St (between Leswell Street and Newland Street).
- Free parking period increased to 2 hours, by validation, in the Library Car Park for Library, Mill Hill Community Centre and Senior Centre users.
- Library car park hours of operation extended to 7am - 9pm on weekends (previously 8.30 - 3.30 Saturday, 1-5pm Sunday).
- New half hourly fee structure for Eastgate car park for stays longer than 1.5 hours.
- All day rooftop parking at Eastgate will be capped at $15 per day.
- Standardised rates for Earlybird parking in Hollywood Avenue and the Library car parks. Earlybird rates will be $15 per day.
- Reduction in first hour fee from $6 to $4 in Hollywood Ave car park, with increases for stays longer than three hours, and the introduction of an Earlybird rate. Earlybird parking classified as "Enter before 9.30am and exit after 3.30pm".
- Monthly Unreserved parking will be available in all three car parks for $300 per month.

BONDI BEACH

- An $0.80 increase to the hourly parking rate on the retail side of Campbell Parade will be offset by a $1 decrease in the hourly rate on the beach side, meaning both sides of Campbell Parade will have an hourly fee of $4.
- In Queen Elizabeth Drive and Park Drive North car parks, we are:
  - » reducing the hours of meter operation to 7am to 10pm (previously midnight).
  - » offering free parking during winter (June, July and August) after 7pm.
  - » reducing the cost of parking after 7pm during summer months (September to May) to $4 per hour.
- In Park Drive South, we are:
  - » reducing the cost of parking in winter (June, July and August) to $4 per hour (Monday to Sunday, 8am-10pm).
  - » reducing the cost of parking after 7pm during summer months (September to May) to $4 per hour.
- Hourly meter fees in inner core commercial areas at Bondi Beach will be aligned so they are consistent at $4 per hour, while residential meter fees in Bondi will increase from $5 per hour to $5.20 to increase availability of parking for residents.

BRONTE

- A two-year trial of free winter parking in Bronte Cutting car park (June, July and August) begins in June 2015.
- Meter parking on Bronte Road will be reduced from $6.60 to $4 per hour all year round.
- We are trialling changes in parking restrictions from 1P to 2P for parking meters on Bronte Road during winter (June, July and August).
- The hourly meter fee will be increased at Bronte Cutting car park, bringing the hourly fee to $3.50 and the maximum daily rate to $18, which is still cheaper than on-street parking.

When will the changes come into effect?

Changes which involve seasonal reductions in parking charges or times, such as the trial to switch off parking meters in Bronte Cutting car park during winter and free winter parking in QED after 7pm, will commence at the beginning of June. All other changes will come into effect in July 2015.

Will other meter fees change?

Parking meter fees in residential streets across Waverley will be increased in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from $5.00 per hour to $5.20. On-street parking fees in commercial areas will remain the same with the aim of easing the pressure on parking in residential areas.

Will the price of parking permits change?

The cost of the first Residential Parking Permit where there are no off-street parking spaces available will be increased to $40.

For pensioners and concession card holders, we will be trialling a 25 per cent discount on the purchase of the first Residential Parking Permit where there are no off-street parking spaces (so the fee will be $30). The trial will be reviewed in early 2016 and consideration given to extending the discount to other residential permits.

Carers Permits remain at $50 and Daily Visitor Permits for Bronte will remain at $2 per permit. Daily Visitor Permits are being rolled out to other areas of Waverley by the end of 2015.

All other permits will be increased at a rate approximately in line with CPI.

Will Beach Parking Permit holders receive a discount or refund on their 12 month Beach Parking Permit as a result of the trial free winter parking at Bronte?

Discounts or refunds will not be provided to residents who have purchased a 12 month Beach Parking Permit. Beach Parking Permits cost $119 for 12 months and allow residents to park free of charge at both Bronte Cutting and Bondi Beach all year round. Charges at Bronte Cutting and Bondi Beach will range between $3.50 to $7.00 per hour. Permits therefore offer exceptional value for money.

What about motorcycle parking?

Motorcycles can continue to park for free in any designated motorcycle parking spaces in the Waverley area. Council has this year committed to identifying a significant increase in new free designated motorcycle parking spaces, over and above the scheduled annual 10 per cent increase.

What else is happening?

We're continuing to look into the feasibility of introducing free 15 or 30 minute parking, and will report back to Council later in 2015 with possible options.

We're also looking at ways to improve some of our car parks, such as access, safety and lighting at Bronte Cutting car park, and the facilities and technical equipment in our off-street car parks in Bondi Junction.

We want to make parking easier and fairer for our residents, so we will also keep monitoring and reviewing our residential parking permits.

More information

- Visit **www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/parking**
- Email **parkingadmin@waverley.nsw.gov.au**
- Phone our Customer Service Centre on **9369 8000.**