

Gateway

LOCAL NEWS & UPDATES



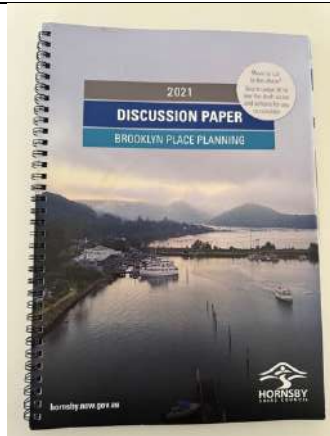
CHANGES COMING TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN LOWER MCKELL PARK, THE WHARF/TRIANGLE AND VILLAGE – EFFECTIVE 2 SEPTEMBER 2024

Representatives from the BCA (Brooklyn Community Association), DIL (Dangar Island League) and BMC (Brooklyn Mooring Cooperative) together with the Mayor, some Councillors and Council Staff met to determine if agreement could be reached on potential changes to parking. Compromises were made by all and while not pleasing everyone, reflects the collective parking interests of our diverse community.

In summary agreement was reached for the following changes.

1. Installation of 4P parking (6am to 6pm) along the northern/riverside of Lower McKell Park while retaining the current P30 and accessible spaces.
2. The southern/hillside to remain unrestricted with time restrictions in this location to be reviewed in 12 months' time.
3. The 14 timed 4P car parking spaces in the Wharf/Triangle to have the time restrictions removed to create a Village centre car park without parking restrictions.
4. Install two (2) new P15 minute parking spaces in Bridge Street forward of Australia Post's mailbox.
5. Install a 4P (most likely) timing restriction to the accessible space outside the Community Health Centre, to replace the unrestricted space.

The BCA will distribute by email a copy of correspondence received from Stephen Head, General Manager covering these changes and other parking related investigations and agreed positions covering the next twelve (12) months.



BROOKLYN PLACE PLANNING TO DATE

Principles of Place Planning (the place planning process)

What is a place plan?

A place plan is a practical, action-focussed document. The overarching goal of a place plan to deliver outcomes in collaboration with the people in a place so it becomes better for everyone who uses it.

What is the focus of a place plan?

A place plan focuses on the public spaces open and available for everyone – the shared open spaces between work and home, like parks and main streets.

The public areas in Brooklyn are a key part of its amenity, identity and history. When we have engaging public spaces, the surrounding businesses and the local economy experience the benefits.

Welcoming and attractive public spaces encourage people to linger and interact, making the shared spaces and community more active and vibrant.

Council's commitment

“Hornsby Shire will become place-based by being led by the community, driven by strategy and focussed on outcomes. We will provide a feedback loop – reporting on achievements in places and identifying where improvements and further changes are needed.”

Place planning in action

In 2021, Hornsby Shire Council embarked on a consultation program and survey with the Brooklyn and River communities, shire wide residents and visitors to identify a “clear place vision for Brooklyn”. From Council’s perspective, there is no clear, agreed vision for what Brooklyn could or should be...

Place Planning & Car Parking - Hornsby Council Resolution 2021

At Hornsby Council’s July 2021 General Meeting, the meeting considered the General Manager’s Report: GM31/21 Brooklyn Place Planning, on the Exhibition of the Place Planning Discussion Paper and the Feedback from the Survey.

Councillors accepted the recommendations made by the General Manager and Council Officers, in summary:

1. Council notes the survey results and summary of comments received during the exhibition of the Discussion Paper - Brooklyn Place Planning.
2. Council endorses the guiding principles** and priority actions for the development of the Brooklyn Place Plan.

3. Council endorse the revised “working version” of the vision for Brooklyn – such that it may be further tested with stakeholders as the place planning process progresses.
4. A workshop be conducted with Councillors to discuss an approach to, and principles associated with, car parking management in Brooklyn.

Guiding Principles**

...the community of Brooklyn and surrounds wants a town centre that:

- Is walkable, integrated, connected and active
- Functions as a transport interchange
- Supports local businesses
- Is a vibrant and welcoming visitor destination with an active spine along Dangar Road
- Maximises benefits from visitors for locals
- Incorporates an appropriate community facility as a hub
- Celebrates and preserves its connection to the river, the environment and its heritage
- Is well maintained, attractive and with community custodianship.

The revised “working version” ^{##} of the vision for Brooklyn in the General Manager’s Report included:

- ✓ Brooklyn protects its unique natural environment and celebrates its rich European and Aboriginal heritage and waterfront village atmosphere.
- ✓ The Brooklyn village is a liveable place for people that is welcoming and vibrant for the whole community – both residents and visitors.
- ✓ The village centre is attractive, well maintained and provides support for local businesses.
- ✓ In fulfilling its function as a port and transport interchange, Brooklyn village will support all river communities to transition between river, road and rail.

The General Manager’s Report listed the high priority actions from the Discussion Paper:

1. A clear place vision for Brooklyn
2. A functionally laid-out village centre (Brooklyn urban design footprint)
3. An economically sustainable and resilient village centre
4. Dangar Road activation strategy
5. A resolved approach to village centre parking

The BCA made a submission to the Council in 2021 relating to the General Manager’s Report and presented at the Council meeting, stating that the BCA:

- ✓ Supports the recommendation that “Council address car parking in the first instance”.

- ✓ Welcomes the recommendation to establish a revised “working version” of the vision.
- ✓ Reiterates that the guiding principles (in the Discussion Paper) did not recognise Brooklyn “as a location for those people who have chosen to make Brooklyn their home”, that is: the residents.
- ✓ Believes that the point of tension is suitable access to parking options for all users, and not just visitor parking, as implied in the General Manager’s Report.
- ✓ Requests the Council to establish comprehensive statistics of car parking, and storage and movement of vehicles, and that this data should be shared with the communities.
- ✓ Requests that the words “activation of Dangar Road” should be clarified, and actions integrated under the Community Facilities Plan and the Brooklyn Place Plan.

What’s next

With agreement being reached for some changes to parking restrictions (see article in Gateway), Council intends to return to place planning in 2025.

Citations

Text in blue is taken directly from 2021 Discussion Paper Brooklyn Place Planning: Hornsby Shire Council

Other information and Resources you might like to review

Hornsby Shire Council – My Place – Brooklyn Place Plan
 BCA website: brooklyncommunity.org.au



BROOKLYN’S WEEDING VOLUNTEERS AT IT AGAIN

So many in Brooklyn volunteer and recently this group of four Brooklyn volunteers Olivia Simons, Charlene Urmenyhazi, Jamie Donnelly and Rob Corkery continue to assist volunteers from the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park (and NPWS) to reduce a number of weed infestations in our beautiful National Park behind a number of river access beaches and on headlands along the Hawkesbury River, Cowan Creek and in Jerusalem Bay. Weeds targeted have been crofton weed, watsonia, whiskey grass and pampass grass. Considerable quantities of rubbish have also been collected and removed.

Without Brett Hogbin, the owner/operator of Hawkesbury River Tours access for the volunteers to the weed infestation would be difficult if not impossible. Brett’s excellent knowledge of the waterways and fringing land has proved invaluable for all three programs over recent months with all volunteers transported by Brett from and back to Parsley Bay to the various weed infestations.

If you would like to don your gardening gloves and join fellow volunteers in the future email: robert.corkery@yahoo.com.au



M.V. DELIVERANCE A FAST AND FUN ADDITION TO RIVERBOAT POSTMAN FLEET

Over consecutive Sunday's, the Riverboat Postman team introduced many Brooklyn and river locals and their friends to M.V. Deliverance. As promised, she is fast, comfortable and a fabulous way to discover downriver.

You are running out of time to add your name to the many in the Brooklyn and River community who have enjoyed a buy one and get one free Sunday departure before the end of July (they run either before or after lunch).

The Hawkesbury Express cruise includes pastries, profiteroles, tea / coffee, commentary and licenced bar.

To book, call head to www.riverboatpostman.com.au or call the office on 0400 600 111 and quote the code: POSTCODE2083



CHAIR YOGA, FALLS PREVENTION & EXERCISE CLASSES FREE COMMUNITY CLASSES

Chair Yoga reduces body stiffness and increases flexibility using Health and Fitness Practices. These practices consist of:

- ❖ Yoga Asanas or body movements, for Body Fitness & Balance
- ❖ Breathing Practices; and
- ❖ Meditation-Yoga Nidra.

Falls Prevention Exercises are taught to improve Balance and Cognition. Eye exercises to improve Peripheral Vision and many more techniques for reducing the Threat of Falls.

Exercises are taught by Jo to improve overall strength and help prevent & manage age-related problems.

Classes are followed by sharing Morning Tea in a friendly and supportive environment - Socialising is a proven element in promoting Health Span and Longevity.

You are most welcome to join the classes conducted weekly during the School Term at the Brooklyn Meeting Room on Thursday morning between 10.15am-12.15pm.

Our Brooklyn community is very fortunate to have a highly qualified and experienced teacher to take these classes, Joanne Scarsbrick. Her qualifications in the areas of Falls Prevention: NeuRA: NSW Fall Prevention & Healthy Aging Network, Personal Trainer Fitness Cert IV, Hatha Yoga Teacher and Yoga Therapist.

A huge thankyou to sponsorship by King Tide Café and Anglers Rest Hotel who cover the Room Hire Costs.



BROOKLYN POST SHOP TO OPEN

The Brooklyn community lost its Australia Post outlet with the closure of the Licensed Post Office last year. Despite massive efforts from many people, another Licensed Post Office was not to be.

However, Australia Post has approved the creation of a Community Postal Agency which will be located in – of all places – the historic Post Office building in Bridge Street, Brooklyn. The building, built in 1914 and celebrating its 110th birthday this year, has had a lot of restoration work done over the past year and is looking fresh.

The building, re-opening as the Brooklyn Post Shop, will also be home to souvenirs and gifts featuring items created by several local makers. Owners Cath and Steve Angier said, “We are excited that this building can be both a Post Office again and a place where some of the many talented locals can show off their creations”.

“We have been amazed by the number of people who pass by and stop to check out the old building. They look through the windows, they gawk at the King George V posting slips and even get their pictures taken out the front. We thought it would be great to invite them to come in and experience a bit of history as well as show off some of the amazing things that some of the locals make.”

The Brooklyn Post Shop is scheduled to open on Saturday, 24th August.



ANGLICARE WINTER PANTRY APPEAL / FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who generously contributed The Anglicare Food Drive. Collected goods are in the process of being distributed by Anglicare to many people in need.



MANGROVE BOARDWALK SIGNS & OPENING CEREMONY

Hornsby Shire Council invited students from Brooklyn Public School to create mangrove flora and fauna artworks for a new poster that is now proudly displayed on the Brooklyn Oval Noticeboard located near the start of the Brooklyn Mangrove Boardwalk. The students were involved in the opening ceremony, led by Mayor Ruddock on Friday 21 June 2024.



MODERN JIVE DANCES INTO BROOKLYN

Julianne Sell of Dance Modern Jive has been teaching a popular style of dance called modern jive in western Sydney and she has recently started classes in Brooklyn. A few locals “discovered” Julianne when she held weekend workshops she calls Dance Away Parties here in March this year and October 2023. When asked if she would consider teaching in Brooklyn, Julianne agreed and started weekly classes here in May.

Julianne is classically trained in tap, ballet, jazz and character dancing and has over 20 years experience in Rock n Roll and Modern Jive. According to Julianne, “Modern Jive is one of the easiest styles of partner dance to learn which you can dance to most music that you hear on the radio”.

There is no partner necessary as Julianne brings along highly skilled dance assistants to help out. Her classes cater to everyone from absolute beginners to the more advanced and have attracted people from as far away as Gosford and Wyong.

Classes are held every Tuesday 7–9pm at the Brooklyn Community Meeting Room, 2-4 Dangar Road, Brooklyn.

For more information, contact Julianne at Dance Modern Jive on 0430 000 448 / dancemodernjive@outlook.com or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/dancemodernjive>



AN UPDATE FROM THE TAKE BACK THE OLD ROAD COMMITTEE

As you will all be aware, the 80km speed limit on the Old Pacific Highway has been reduced to 70km from the Berowra Truck Stop to the 60km zone north of the Hawkesbury River Bridge. We encourage you to be mindful that the 60km section through Cowan Village has been extended at both ends.

The safety issues caused by speeding motorcycles and racing hoon cars have still been regularly reported together with serious accidents.

Increased road safety for all users has been the aim of the Committee, the Council, Matt Kean and the NSW police. There is no doubt that this is a dangerous stretch of road. In the past ten years, there have been five fatal, 94 serious injuries

and 64 moderate injury crashes recorded along this section of the road. A significant proportion of these crashes are classified as 'off-road', which may imply a speeding issue in an unsuitable constrained road environment.

The Hornsby Shire Council listened to the concerns of the community about this stretch of road. They prepared a evidence-based report for recommendations on the many reasons why the road should be designated with a 60km/hr zone IN COMBINATION with 24-hour monitoring. THEY CONCLUDED 80KM TO 60KM WOULD ONLY TAKE 2 MINUTES LONGER! Isn't that enough to convince all in the community that it is the safest option for all road users to save lives and the reduction of life-changing, trauma-inducing crashes?

This is what your neighbours and local friends had to say last year.


- 93% of locals avoid the road, particularly on weekends.
- 92% of respondents feel they are intimidated or threatened while using the road.
- 90% do not believe there are enough police monitoring the road both day and night.
- 81% have had near-misses on the road.

Some of the over 90 testimonials from locals about their near misses were truly horrific.

The Committee will continue to focus on what can be done and collaborate with Transport NSW and the Police. The ACTION LIST of the most critical measures that have been agreed by Transport NSW and/or the Police includes the following:



1. Investigate the enhancement of enforcement strategies provided by the Highway Patrol - this is underway and continues to evolve.
2. Investigate speed cameras (point-to-point, average speed cameras that are not individually identified).
3. Conduct an independent safety review of the road. Funding has been granted.

It is the view of experts and the Committee that the road is inherently dangerous and should have a consistent speed limit of 60km through to Calga. There are 17 significant bends with advisory speed limits ranging from 35km to 65km from Cowan to Kangaroo Point. There are several "black spots" where accidents regularly occur. This road was never built to be a racetrack for 'lap monkeys' and to endanger all of us

	<p>using the road; it is for all to enjoy -motorcyclists, cyclists, and motorists. It is a beautiful stretch of road, so enjoy the sun streaming through the trees in the early morning or the sunsets out west as you drive a little bit slower.</p> <p><i>An update from the BCA and Take Back the Road Committee</i></p>
	<p>A note from the Committee to encourage you to renew your Membership of the Brooklyn Community Association for the 2024/2025 Financial Year</p> <p>Dear Brooklyn Families</p> <p>Last year, your membership fees helped us cover the cost of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ insurance to protect the volunteers who keep the Cottage open for a program of art and RSL exhibitions and other craft and community activities,✚ meeting room hire costs,✚ printing of information bulletins, workshop papers and submissions✚ representing the Brooklyn community by laying remembrance wreaths at local Anzac and Remembrance Day ceremonies,✚ participation in fundraising fairs and market days. <p>Please see brooklyncommunity.org.au for updates or look out for the Gateway.</p> <p>We couldn't do it without the fees of members just like you! Join the BCA and contribute to another successful year by renewing your membership today.</p> <p>Membership Fees are just \$10 per family per year.</p> <p>The easiest way to renew membership is by <u>Cash payment</u> of \$10 at the BCA Meeting 27 July 2024 <u>PayID</u> - fundraising@brooklyncommunity.org.au. <u>Bank Deposit</u> BSB 633-000 Account 129357182 (please include your surname) Account Name: Brooklyn Community Association Thank you in advance for your support Sincerely, Committee Members Brooklyn Community Association</p>

LOCAL EVENTS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

<p>JULY - Saturday 27th 10am to 12pm</p> <p>Brooklyn Meeting Room</p>	<p>BROOKLYN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – GENERAL MEETING Interested in the Inaugural Blessing of the Fleet Festival Bring along your ideas and skills and join other locals from Brooklyn and Dangar Island to plan a fun and fabulous family and community festival.</p>
<p>AUG - Saturday 3rd 5.30pm to Late</p> <p>Anglers Rest Hotel</p>	<p>TRIVIA NIGHT - BROOKLYN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C FUNDRAISER Have you formed a team for the P&C's version of the infamous Trivia Night Fundraiser for Brooklyn Public School. This year's theme is 'Black & Gold' and we can't wait to see all the appropriately inspired outfits! Grab individual or group tickets here: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1192400?</p>
<p>AUG – Wednesday 7th at 10.30am</p> <p>Brooklyn Meeting Room</p>	<p>MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) AGM You are invited to support the Health Centre and attend the MAC AGM to be held on Wednesday 7 August at 10.30am. This is a chance to chat with 1 or 2 of the dedicated doctors, dependent on their schedules. Light refreshments will be served, and all are welcome. Nomination forms for positions on the Committee are available at the Centre front desk with Vicki or call on 9485 7500 if you have any questions.</p>
<p>AUG - Saturday 24th at 11:30am</p> <p>13 Bridge Street Brooklyn</p>	<p>BROOKLYN POST SHOP GRAND OPENING Please come and celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Community Postal Agency and shop with Julian Leeser MP. Refreshments will be served.</p>
<p>AUG – Saturday 31st 5.30pm onwards</p> <p>Mooney Mooney Club</p>	<p>BROOKLYN SOCCER CLUB CINEMA NIGHT Grab your picnic blanket and settle in for a cosy movie night on the lawn at Mooney Mooney Club. The first movie of the night will be "The Mitchell's vs The Machines", and a second movie will be decided by People's Choice, with votes closing on 8th June. Contact Brooklyn Soccer Club for more information.</p>
<p>AUG / SEP</p>	<p>NEW MEDICAL CENTRE OPENING ITS DOORS – <i>Watch this space!</i></p>
<p>SEP – Sunday 8th</p> <p>The Cottage & Brooklyn Community Meeting Room</p>	<p>HAWKESBURY RIVER WASTELESS FEST This is a chance to bring along and dispose of your tricky-to-recycle items such as blister packs (empty tablet packaging), small electronic waste, household batteries, mobile phones, smoke detectors, printer cartridges and spray cans. Other Festival highlights include:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's activities outside The Cottage; and A kid clothing swap meet. <p>Upcycling display and sale Extending an invitation to the community to submit upcycled and recycled items of clothing, furniture and art as part of the WasteLess Fest in September. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Ingrid at wastelessfest@gmail.com</p>
<p>SEP – Sunday 29th 10am to 4pm</p> <p>Brooklyn Oval</p>	<p>BROOKLYN SPRING FAIR – HRCC FUNDRAISER One of the highlights of the Brooklyn social calendar, please mark this date in your diary, and support Hawkesbury River Child Care centre to continue nurturing our river children.</p>
<p>DEC – Sunday 1st The Cottage</p> 	<p>THE COTTAGE CHRISTMAS MARKET Sure to be another great event, and the perfect place to do a spot of shopping for those on your nice list! Don't forget to save the date.</p>
<p>DEC – Date / time TBC</p> 	<p>BLESSING OF THE FLEET FESTIVAL Join us for the inaugural Blessing of the Fleet! This year's event will be a mini festival incorporating venues and businesses in Brooklyn and Dangar Island. Father X will be in attendance to formally bless the local the Fleet (trawlers, classic ferries, charter boats, jet skis, kayaks and more!) With a good mix of activities and entertainment on offer, this is one event the whole community can enjoy. We hope to grow this into an unmissable community event over the years!</p>
<p>DEC – Saturday 7th 3pm – AGM 4pm – Social</p> <p>The Cottage</p>	<p>BROOKLYN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM & CHRISTMAS CHEER Come for business, stay for the party! Weather permitting, the Annual General Meeting will take place in the Cottage Garden. Once the meeting is 'wrapped up', we will wind down together in good company. Bring some nibbles and a bottle if you're feeling festive!</p>
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The Ground of all being is Consciousness

Join Hatha Yoga Classes Term 1, 2022

Wednesday 9th March

TIME: 6.30-8pm

DAY: Wednesday Evening

5 Week Term

Brooklyn Meeting Room, Brooklyn

Ring Jo to book. Mobile 0414240342

Pension Concession Available.



BROOKLYN DEFIB MAP – Keeping our community safe!

Do you know where your closest AED is located in case of Cardiac Arrest



Cut this map out, and keep a copy of it on your fridge, or in your wallet... just in case!