



**Questions raised by the community
at the Cremorne Ward Community Forum
held on Tuesday 31 March 2009**

Questions Raised	Council's Reply
1. Access - does this mean disabled access? Will there be access whilst work is occurring?	Yes, there will be some impact during Stage 2 works, but Council and its contractors will try to complete the works as quickly as possible, planning access to Maccallum Pool etc.
2. Are Stage 2 works going to look like Stage 1, which is unlike a bush path?	Stage 1 will not be dissimilar to what's there now. Stair rails will be added to the path. Extent of path to be upgraded in Stage 2 of the project is from Bogota Ave to Wharf Road.
3. Will Stage 2 include works between Rialto Avenue to Milson Road?	No, it will not. Stage 2 is not the final stage. Stage 2 is just the redevelopment of linear pathways Council is completing works in 'workable chunks' for access purposes and because of cost. There will be a number of other subsequent stages that will be communicated with local residents.
5. Where will work begin and what happens if the funds run out half way?	The order/staging of construction will be finalised with the successful tender. Staging of works will be limited by difficult access. Once Stage 2 works are finalized details will be posted on Council's website. Please consult www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au for more information.
4. How realistic is \$750,000 for 4km of work?	Vehicular access during construction means is it cheaper to construct. Construction tender documents include surcharge for access. Stage 1 required equipment and resources to be taken in by hand. \$750,000 is the expected cost for this stage of the project. Council will know final cost once tenders close. Council may need to re-evaluate costs after tender applications close to see how much it will cost and what we can get done with the funds allocated in the 2008/09 budget.
5. Will the concrete be able to withhold vehicles, including the access pathway to MacCallum Pool?	Yes. Where vehicle access is possible the concrete will be reinforced and will be able to withhold vehicular access. The existing construction of the pathway is not appropriate for vehicular access and is why it is the state it is in. Council is conscious of this and will avoid a repeat with the new pathways.
6. Is the Ridge Street bridge for pedestrians only?	No. It is a narrow, older bridge, but it is open to both pedestrians and cyclists.
7. The Falcon Street bridge will only encourage more graffiti? Who will be responsible for this?	Concerns regarding potential graffiti on the bridge have been referred to the Roads and Traffic Authority project team for consideration. Council does contract graffiti removal services and this contractor will remove graffiti in this area, so long as it can be reached readily with no special equipment (e.g. tall ladders not required).

8. What is the next stage of Falcon Street bridge project and the regional bike and pedestrian path?	The next stage of the Falcon Street bridge project is the regional Path next to Cammeray golf course adjacent to the freeway to Cammeray and on to Naremburn.
9. There is concern that 15 to 25 parking spaces will be lost due to the bridge development, is this true?	Yes. There will be some loss of parking, including about 25 spaces during construction. Once constructed about 12 spaces will be retained on the western side of Alfred Street East. Putting in 4 to 6 at Alfred Street East, at number 441.
10. Concerned about the number of cyclists likely to use bridge. Has Council surveyed statistics of cyclist use?	No. A formal survey has not been conducted regarding specific cyclist interest. Council expects both a high number of pedestrians and cyclists to use the bridge. Its purpose is to take both pedestrians and cyclists to North Sydney/the city more quickly, by avoiding 6 different sets of lights to get across the freeway. This project has come about because of need expressed by many members of the community.
11. Did the RTA consider placing the pathway along the western side of St Leonards Park, so that no parking is lost?	Yes. A number of options were explored by the RTA, including consultation with local residents/community group. The outcomes of these consultations resulted in the determination of the final route/location.
12. What is being done to ensure safe, level access to the Falcon Street overpass?	All ramps associated with the Falcon Street underpass and Ridge Street ramps have been designed to a maximum grade of 1:14. This complies with Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements and makes the new facilities fully accessible for those in wheelchairs.
13. What was the outcome of the Cremorne Point Parking Survey recently conducted?	There were 274 responses to the parking survey. The survey sought resident feedback on changes to the parking restrictions. As a result the Traffic Committee recommended that existing parking restrictions stay as is in a number of streets. Changes to the parking restrictions are proposed in Cremorne Road, Milson Road and Wulworra Avenue. This was the recommendation put to Council at its meeting. Councillors had requested that determination be deferred till after tonight's forum to allow further consultation with local resident. So it will be 3 to 4 months before changes will occur.
14. Residents want less restriction. If the population is not growing why is there parking pressure around Cremorne Point? Won't changing restrictions just place more pressure further up the road by pushing commuters to other areas?	The majority of flats in Cremorne Point were built in the 1930s, at a time of less car ownership and hence lesser need for parking provisions. The demand for parking in some parts of this area exceeds the supply due to residents, commuters and visitors to the area. Parking restrictions allow this demand to be managed to try and give preferential access to residents.
15. In terms of any new parking restrictions, are residents exempt?	Residents are exempt if eligible for a parking permit. Generally 3 permits are permitted per house and 2 permits per unit, less any off-street parking. See Council's Resident Permit Parking Policy for more details visit http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/2193-resident-parking.asp or contact Council on 9936 8100.
16. Request that there be some parking along Milson Road and that Cremorne Road be kept unrestricted.	Request noted. Feedback will be taken into consideration with the other survey responses.
18. Many people don't know about	To provide equitable access to on-street parking in congested

<p>Council's resident parking permits. It is not widely promoted.</p>	<p>areas, North Sydney Council operates a resident parking scheme. The scheme is based on the RTA's guidelines for resident parking, which ensures that the number of permits issued does not exceed the number of resident parking spaces available.</p> <p>In 2005, Council undertook an extensive review of the Resident Parking Permit Scheme. Modifications were made to the Policy with the aim of balancing the supply of on-street parking with the number of permit entitlements available to residents. The North Sydney Council area was divided into 3 Parking Zones, with different entitlements within the 3 zones. These entitlements reflect the number of properties and the number of on-street parking spaces within the Parking Zones, which therefore sets the limit on the number of permits which Council may issue such that the number of permits does not exceed the number of parking spaces available. For a map and further information regarding the Resident Parking Permit entitlements, i.e. number entitled, visit http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/2193-resident-parking.asp</p> <p>Visitor Parking Permits may be purchased from the North Sydney Council Customer Service Centre for \$1. For more information ph 9936 8100 or visit http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/2549-visitor-parking.asp</p>
<p>19. Request more policing of the Cremorne Point area; as there are many cars, but not many displaying permits or resident stickers which indicates people parking here to access ferry terminal</p>	<p>Yes. Council will continue to monitor parking compliance in this area. The reason for changing traffic/parking restrictions was to stop commuters using it as a stop over for ferry transport.</p>
<p>20. Can Council's Traffic Engineer attend a special Cremorne Point Precinct meeting to address residents further on parking restrictions?</p>	<p>Council's Traffic Engineer is available to attend meetings should the Precinct request it. For details of when this meeting will be held please check details of precinct meetings via http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/6187-cremorne-point.asp or contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 9936 8100.</p>
<p>21. Has there been a survey as to why the restriction of 2 hour time limit, as 2 hours is not enough time for a picnic or to go into the City etc.</p>	<p>Yes. Experience and compliance surveys have shown that 4 hours is too difficult to police. With 4 hour limits commuters are more willing to risk a fine and will continue to park there all day. 2 hour time limits yield better enforcement rates. High compliance equals high turn over.</p>
<p>22. Parking Area 31, haven't heard anymore about this (Survey sent to residents February 2008). Area has same sorts of problems</p>	<p>In response to the survey results, changes were made to Bennett Street, Bertha Road and Wycombe Road. Residents in these streets were advised by Council of the changes prior to implementation. The outcomes are available on Council's website http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/5144-parking-changes-area-1.asp</p>
<p>23. Resident filled in survey re Murdoch</p>	<p>The majority of residents did not support changes to the</p>

<p>St (parts 28) (Survey sent to residents in 2005). Hasn't heard anything else about it.</p>	<p>parking restrictions, so no further action has been taken to date. The outcomes are available on Council's website http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/5144-parking-changes-area-1.asp</p>
<p>24. After conducting a survey why doesn't Council notify residents of the impending/approved traffic changes and when they have occurred? This should be a priority when consulting with community. Council needs a better process in place. Council should letterbox drop the area to inform them of changes.</p>	<p>Council does inform the residents directly affected by any changes by means of a letterbox drop. However, due to limited resources Council does not provide written response to all within survey area (even those who filled in the survey). The changes to the large Area parking surveys are also advertised via Council's website and the Mosman Daily.</p>
<p>25. What can Council do about abandoned and/or illegally parked vehicles, particularly in Cremorne Point; as there have been quite a few recently.</p>	<p>Council's process of identifying AVOs (abandoned vehicles) is to trace the owner through the RTA. Currently owners of abandoned vehicles have 28 days from the issue of notice to remove the vehicle. Council is moving to make that 7 days. After that time Council impounds the vehicle and the owner is required to pay an impound fee and a daily accruable fee to obtain their vehicle back. Once Council has impounded a vehicle for 28 days it can be sold with clear title.</p>
<p>27. Does Council just send Rangers to Cremorne Point for revenue raising? Is this why they have changed parking restrictions?</p>	<p>No. It is not a revenue raising exercise. Council receives a large number of complaints about illegal parking at Cremorne Point. Rangers must act whenever they see an offence. Council's policy is to exercise discretion. Rangers are to either get the car moved (i.e. if the driver is in the car at the time they will be asked to move on in the interest of public safety) or if the vehicle is unattended Rangers must exercise authority and fine the vehicle accordingly. However once fined the vehicle cannot be fined again within 24 hours and therefore poses a risk if left in a no stopping zone. Where possible it is best to ask the owner to move the car before it gets to this point.</p>
<p>28. What is the rationale for fining people who park across their own driveway? Why can't we do this?</p>	<p>Because it is illegal. Parking across driveways is against the road rules. A number of inner city councils, including North Sydney Council, have expressed support to have this law changed. However a motion to ask the State Government for change was defeated at 2008 Local Government Shires Association conference.</p>
<p>29. How can residents get involved in the North Sydney Climate Challenge?</p>	<p>Join over 520 households from Cremorne to Crows Nest who are already taking the Challenge. Register to take the Climate Challenge today at www.climatechallenge.org.au/northsydney or phone the Nature Conservation Council on 9279 2522. You'll receive a free Challenge pack that guides you through simple and practical ways to save energy at home and do your bit to cut North Sydney's carbon footprint. Taking the Challenge also gives you access to two inspiring local events and a range of great prizes to be won!</p>
<p>30. Where can businesses find out more about the Green Business program?</p>	<p>Businesses can find out more information about the Green Business Energy Saving Program, including an invitation to</p>

	<p>the program's Breakfast Launch on Tuesday 12 May, by visiting http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/6141-green-business---energy-aving-program.asp or contact Council's Sustainable Business Coordinator on 9936 8363 or email larissa.miller@northsydney.nsw.gov.au</p>
<p>31. How can residents to get involved in Bushcare?</p>	<p>The North Sydney Bushcare Program provides an opportunity for the community to become involved in managing and maintaining local urban bushland areas. Participants meet on a regular basis and are provided with direction, technical advice, tools, native plants, mulch, removal of rubbish, signage and training. Council provides training programs for volunteers as well as a variety of interesting and informative weekend workshops also open to the public. For more information visit http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/5616-community-involvement.asp or contact the Bushcare Officer on 9936 8258.</p>
<p>32. What was the result of the recent Land and Environment Court hearing regarding the Tramshed at Cremorne Point?</p>	<p>The Tramshed is privately owned and during its recent renovation the owners were granted temporary permission to erect hoarding on public land. The community is keen to have this land returned for public use. Council has been taking action over the past 12 months to have the hoarding removed. Council has issued Orders seeking removal of the hoarding, which to date have not been complied with. The Council has now commenced proceedings in the Land and Environment Court seeking Orders from the Court for the removal of the hoarding structure. The legal proceedings are listed for hearing on 10 June 2009.</p>
<p>33. Are there going to be any further regenerative burning off in parks in North Sydney?</p>	<p>Yes. As a member of the Manly-Mosman-North Sydney Regional Bushfire Management Committee, Council's Bushland Management Team prepares an annual program of proposed hazard reduction/ecological burns. Depending on the size, difficulty and proximity to built assets, burns are either conducted by the local NSW Fire Brigades or Council's Bush Regeneration field staff. Council has proposed 18 separate burns for the 2009/10 hazard reduction season. The actual number of burns completed will depend on prevailing weather conditions, site specific environmental factors and the ability of local NSW Fire Brigades to program the burns into their operations.</p>
<p>34. What is the process for lodging an objection to a development application?</p>	<p>For more information about DA notifications and submissions visit http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/2140-faq---das-submissions.asp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council notifies owners and occupants of properties who, it believes, might be affected by a development proposal so they may make a submission which will be considered when the application is assessed. • Council considers applications as soon as possible as part of its service to local residents and applicants. As a result, submissions must be lodged within 14 days as

	<p>indicated in the notification letter. Should your submission be lodged after the close of this period it is possible that Council may have determined the application prior to receipt of your submission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submissions must be in writing and should relate directly to the work proposed and its possible impact on surrounding property or the locality. Council staff can assist you when viewing plans and specifications and can answer questions on specific technical issues. Staff are not in a position to comment on the merits of the proposal at notification stage nor is it appropriate that they assist you in formulating your objection, should you have one. Council has a standard submission form that can be submitted online at http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/2140-faq---das-submissions.asp or faxed to 9936 817.
35. Is Council going to increase the garden maintenance staff for Cremorne Point Reserve? Currently there is a vast amount of weeds and they are getting out of control on the western side. Feel that the staffing levels are currently inadequate to manage this; is this the case?	Staff have not been cut back, Council is just experiencing difficulty in recruiting staff. In the 2008/09 budget Council has allocated two and a half (2.5) staff members to man this area, plus the Bush Regeneration Program. In the 2009/10 budget it is proposed that the same level of staffing will continue. However Council has experienced difficulties in recruiting for one of these positions and at the time of the forum one (1) position was vacant.
36. Is it possible for Council to undertake one-off big weeding effort of Cremorne Point to get this issue under control?	Funding for maintenance of Cremorne Reserve are finite i.e. if we increase service to the Reserve we would need to reduce services in another area of the local government area.
37. Does Council have any plans for fixing the cliff top unfenced along Cremorne Point walk?	This will be considered as part of the Stage 2 Cremorne Reserve Pathways Upgrade.
38. Neutral Precinct is defunct so not sure how to approach Council about traffic calming conditions on Ben Boyd Rd; some residents currently have a petition in with Council. Woolworths as part of their DA are not allowed to put through deliveries but they continue to do so.	Residents can always contact Council directly. There is a traffic strategy meeting on the 12 May 2009 at 7pm. This meeting will discuss the priorities for funding of traffic facility projects in 2009/2010. For more information phone Council's Customer Service Centre on 9936 8100 or visit http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/www/html/2300-agendas-minutes-and-reports.asp
39. Can Council trace residents from units that dump their waste (household items/rubbish) when they relocate?	Rangers do look out for this and where possible they will investigate. This requires neighbours to report at the time of the dumping so Council can act quickly.
40. Is the street sweeper, as used on Sunday mornings, the most effective way of removing kerb litter i.e. leaves. As it spends more time in the middle of the road due to parked cars.	The mechanic broom is far more effective both in cost and effectiveness than manual sweepers. The machine operates on weekends in residential areas, as it's the best opportunity to get to the kerbs as there are fewer parked cars.
41. How often does beach area near the Hayes St Ferry get cleaned? Resident often find needles, amongst other rubbish, washed up there.	Council can refer this concern onto NSW Maritime who is responsible for the cleaning of the beach below the high water tide. Council does endeavour to clean the beach on a weekly basis.