

# **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

## **General meeting**

I am not comfortable with the wording of the motion I just moved in the General meeting concerning the below agenda item as it does not represent what I had wanted to achieve.

### **The item was 11.1.1 Wellington point Reserve parking Issues**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> September this item was first brought to council in the City Service committee which I chair.

I had not had input into this paper and was disappointed with the officers recommendation.

**That Council resolve to retain the status quo to parking apportionment (between normal and car trailer unit spaces), and enforcement be undertaken with an emphasis on weekends and Public Holidays.**

I had an amendment to this motion...to add...**further monitoring and consultation of the area regarding concerns to continue with the emphasis on improved utilisation of the area for all users.**

As I was chair of the meeting , procedure is the Chair speaks at the end so I allowed all councillors who wanted to speak on the matter to speak before I spoke to the concerns.

**The motion as written by the officers was put and not supported.**

Before I could have my addition to the officers recommendation discussed, so I could have it moved, the alternative recommendation was moved by the another councillor .

### **Alternative**

**Undertake a trial of shared parking along first row adjacent to toilet block after 1.00pm.**

This actually came as a surprise to me as there was not enough detail in the motion and the process etc had not been discussed.

In hindsight I should have voted against this motion but I knew I had till the General to do some word smithing.

**I have since spoken to different users and before today's meeting presented to my colleagues a different motion.**

- 1. That the trial be deferred until a trial assessment method is defined and the necessary equipment be installed to measure the**

trial's effectiveness. Suitable equipment could include a webcam and weather station to collect accurate data on CTU usage and weather conditions. This equipment should be investigated and costed.

2. That a trial commence for two drop off zones within two normal car spaces, one located near the western playground and one near the southern boat ramp. This trial is to commence immediately and the time be limited to 15 minutes.
3. That enforcement continue to be undertaken for compliance with the existing signage. Suitable notification of any future changes to CTU access should be given with consultation to the general public and stakeholders.

I wanted to change the motion for several reasons one being with an expected population growth of 1.4 million in SEQ by 2031.....pressure on many areas is only going to increase and greater utilisation of spaces has to be recognised.

Three aspects are certain:-

- there will never be enough parking at the Reserve to satisfy the number of users and due to this the parking issue has become extremely emotive.
- Boat trailer parking of a specific number are required by State Legislation at each ramp pending on the number of lanes.
- I do not want to increase the level of anxiety in the community within any of the user groups but would like to find an outcome that is acceptable to the majority of users.

The motion as it was written asked for a trial but a trial is a trial if it is monitored and all information is recorded , assessed and correlated for further development towards an outcome.

A trial is **completely useless** if it goes ahead without monitoring and a process in place and I fear would only increase expectations of some while increasing anxiety with others...not constructive either way.

As the motion stood there are many aspects not covered such as this monitoring, position and number of the car parks.

I mentioned at the Customer Service meeting I had an alternative motion but unfortunately it didn't get up but it was the starting of a trial before discussions and details such as the monitoring I was concerned about.

Since that meeting I have had discussions with various users of the Point and they also express concern that the detail of the trial process had not been discussed, let alone a trial discussed.

One new idea that has been suggested is a **drop off zone**. Have a car park on the eastern and one on the western side allocated for drop offs. This could be for sail boarders to unload or day trippers unloading Grandma and the picnic.

This would immediately have two car parks used by increased numbers of people on any day

On busy days it allows an area for cars to stop for 15 minutes, unload and then drive and find a park...perhaps up on Main Road. Another user can then park for 15 minutes unload and also then move on to find another park, allowing a flow of cars to utilise this space. 15 minutes can be discussed, this was just the length of time I thought it would take to unload a sail board or family.

Another idea is a weather station...one that can send information to a web site and be accessible not only by council but boaties and other recreational users of the Reserve. This would give an accurate recording of winds and speed. One such site currently in use is rabybay.org this would be a useful tool for all users and for people who visit the area from out of town. Great for locals, day trippers and tourists alike.

Users of the Reserve have stated they are willing to assist in the funding of such an asset. Perhaps all users groups can come on board with council to finance this great community asset.

Add to this a camera that also sends pictures to Councils web site so people can see if car parks are available for not...add this to the information recorded from the weather station and finally there would be accurate information concerning the usage of the car parks at the Reserve. This would involve a policy change of council but perhaps in the changing times of greater numbers of users in our parks etc it is time to reconsider this policy.

Continue enforcement of the parking regulations

Also who are the target users to benefit from the trial? I had previously suggested in the Customer Service meeting that parking spaces and where needs to be considered. If it is the wind surfers and other recreational water users that council is trying to accommodate are these the best located car parks?

So there are few things to consider to ensure the trial is accurate and without this preparation the trial will be useless.

Based on this I wanted to move the new motion today.

However at the General I did not have my motion accepted and the following motion was agreed upon.

### Council Resolution

That council resolve as follows:

1. To undertake a trial of shared parking (cars and cars with Trailers) along the first row of car trailer unit parking adjacent to toilet block between 1.00pm and 10.00 and review after 3 months.
2. That a briefing note be provided to councillors on the methods of data collection and analysis as it will be used to review and assess the trial;
3. That a trial commence for two drop off zones within two normal car spaces, one located near the western playground and one near the southern boat ramp. This trial is to commence immediately and the time be limited to 15 minutes; and
4. That enforcement continues to be undertaken for compliance with the existing signage. Suitable notification of any future changes to Car Trailer Unit access should be given with consultation to the general public and stakeholders.

This was not the change I wanted as I had wanted the trial deferred at least until all details were known, users advised, times and number of car spaces based on something and the effect of the drop off zones also was reviewed. At present there is now a motion that has too many loose ends!

However, with the motion already in place going to go ahead and to ensure there was correct data analyses, a trial for two drop off parking zones and notification of any changes in the future to all users I moved the most improved motion I could, which included these aspects.

Not the motion I wanted but the most constructive I could be for the user groups considering the circumstances.

I want to continue to pursue having a **weather station** placed on the jetty for all users. Regardless of the trial this would be a great asset to have and I will continue discussion along this line.

Cameras down there will also monitor the car/trailer parking and a could also be used to monitor the hooning at night.

Both assessment infrastructure could remain after the trial

## Service meeting

I am pleased to see the progress of the project I just raised in the General meeting. It is good to see the progress of the project and the fact that it is not just a paper exercise.

The Review of the 11.15 Wellingborough Park Reserve parking spaces

On the 4<sup>th</sup> December the report was read and brought to a vote. The Council agreed to refer the matter to the Council's Strategic Planning Committee.

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The Council resolved to retain the existing parking spaces in the area between normal and car hire. The Council also agreed to refer the matter to the Council's Strategic Planning Committee.

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### Alternative

Alternative 1 - a small parking area adjacent to the site after 11.15pm.

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