

## QUEENSCLIFF SURVEY

### RESIDENT PARKING SCHEMES (RPS) – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *What are the requirements for an RPS?*

The basic requirement of a RPS is to allow residents, who do not have off-street parking (see explanation at Q6) to be able to park on the street near their property without restrictions.

2. *Why do we need to comply with the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) guidelines?*

State Government legislation (Road Transport (General) Regulation 2013) provides that the RMS Guidelines are mandatory. This is a legal requirement and Warringah Council's position is that it will only implement a system that meets these requirements. See other attachment for summary extract of RMS guidelines.

3. *How has the permit allocation in 'Option A' been calculated?*

Council staff undertook an assessment of past development applications and approvals to identify the approved number of parking spaces for a sample of unit developments over the past 50 years. This also provided a sample of the number of bedrooms in unit blocks allowing us to calculate the percentage of one, two and three bedroom units across the suburb. This provided an estimate of the potential number of permits that might be required for unit blocks. This was combined with the results of the previous survey for houses to determine a potential number of permits.

These are estimates only. More detailed surveys will be required to determine potential eligibility if the community supports a RPS.

4. *How have the permit numbers for 'Option B' been calculated?*

The 2011 census identified that there are 1,668 dwellings in Queenscliff. This number has been calculated on the basis each household could apply for up to two permits. One permit for each of the 1,700 households equals 1700 permits. Two permits for each household equals 3,400 permits.

5. *Why can't we put a scheme in like Manly?*

The Manly scheme is not in accordance with the current RMS guidelines. The Road Transport (General) Regulation 2013 mandates that the RMS Guidelines must be followed in developing a Resident Parking Scheme.

6. *How do I work out if I will be eligible for a permit?*

The number of off-street parking spaces is used to determine the number of permits a household is eligible for. The guidelines also include that if your property can be reasonably modified to accommodate vehicle parking, then this would count as a car space(s). For example, if your property does not have a driveway but there is room at the side, rear or front of the property to allow a vehicle to drive off the street and park then that may be assessed as providing the opportunity to have on-site parking. This final assessment would be carried out as part of the application process.

The guidelines identify that the following are considered off street parking spaces, even if you do not use them for parking a vehicle: garages, carports, allocated parking spaces or if you are able to park a vehicle in the driveway or on your property.

7. *Does the whole of Queenscliff have to have a RPS?*

No. If the responses to the survey identify that only particular streets require an RPS, then consideration will be given to only implementing it in those streets. Residents are asked to identify any streets they think don't need to be included on the scheme. It would be of assistance if residents could also supply reasons why they have identified particular streets not to be included.

8. *Who can purchase a permit?*  
Residents can purchase a permit if they meet the eligibility criteria and provide proof of residence within the RPS scheme area.
9. *How much will a permit cost?*  
A preliminary estimate is that RPS permits would cost between \$50-\$100 each per year. This is to cover the implementation, ongoing maintenance and administration costs of the scheme.
10. *How do I apply for a permit and what will I need?*  
Council would develop an application and renewal form for the RPS permit. You would need to provide some proof of residence within the RPS scheme area. You would also need to provide a registration number of the vehicle to which the permit is to be attached.
11. *Will it be linked to my car?*  
Yes. You would need to provide the registration number of the vehicle the RPS permit is to be applied to and this registration number would need to be shown on the permit when fixed to the vehicle. If you change vehicles during the year, you would need to return the permit to Council and a new one would be issued.
12. *Are boats, trailers and trucks included?*  
At the present time, trailers, caravans and trucks with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) greater than 4.5 tonne are not eligible for a permit. However, RMS has advised that the guidelines are to be adjusted to allow Councils to determine if trailers, but not trucks, are eligible for a permit.
13. *What would happen if I can't buy a permit?*  
Any vehicle you park on the street would be subject to the parking restrictions that apply for vehicles not displaying an appropriate RPS permit.
14. *How would we stop people from buying and selling permits?*  
When applying for an RPS permit the resident would be asked to nominate a vehicle registration number. This would be displayed on the RPS permit on the vehicle. Council would maintain a register of the RPS permits and corresponding registration numbers. Each of the RPS permits would be numbered to provide a ready reference for checking that the registration number is correct. Permits would be valid for one year and subject to an annual application.
15. *If I buy a permit would I be guaranteed a parking spot?*  
No. While the permit allows you to park unrestricted in the streets within the RPS, other vehicles would be permitted to park in the street in accordance with the time restrictions.
16. *What if I need a tradesman to come to my house or I have guests staying? Would they be able to park on the street?*  
Yes. Tradespeople and visitors would still be able to park on the street, although they would be subject to time restrictions during the operating hours of the RPS.