

Your Questions Answered

What has been done to make it safer to turn into Church Street from Kedah Road?

To make it safer, Council has checked sight lines and measured vehicle speeds at this intersection. The bus stop has been clearly marked and 'No Stopping' signs have been installed.

What has been done to address the number of cars parked along Church Street and Kedah Road – I can't walk safely along the nature strip.

Motorists must leave space for pedestrians on the roadside. As of 2019/20, Council increased the number of Local Laws Officers patrolling this area to ensure cars are parked correctly.

What can be done about groups of noisy people loitering in the middle of the road?

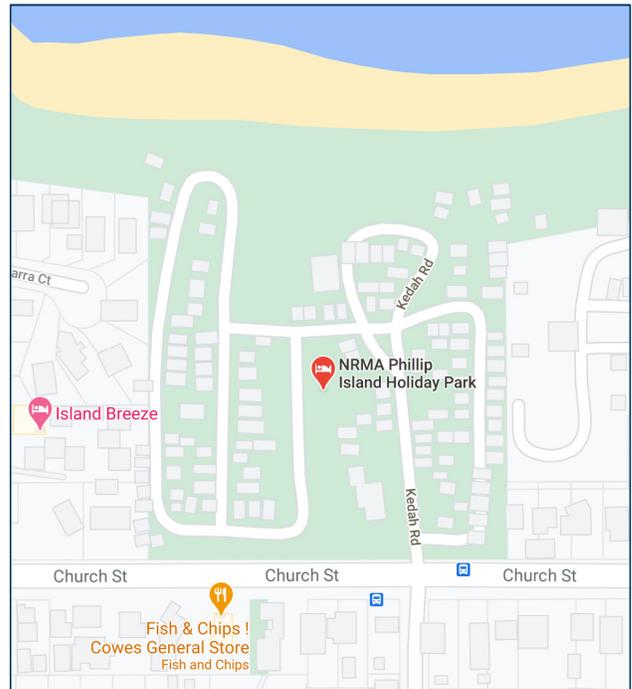
Disturbances, including vandalism, should be reported to Victoria Police (call 000).

What can we expect over the summer period? Will things be different because of COVID-19?

Over summer, Council's Local Laws Officers and Traffic Officers will regularly monitor the area to ensure people are obeying parking rules. Please check the Department of Health and Human Services website or social media channels for up to date information on the latest public safety measures required due to COVID-19. Breaches of COVID-19 restrictions are enforced by Victoria Police.

Over summer people need access to cheap and easy parking to enjoy a day out at the beach – is anything being done to increase parking availability?

Many people visit Cowes over the summer to enjoy our beaches and we do our best to welcome them and accommodate everyone. Council is developing a number of strategies to address access to beaches, including additional parking and transport around Phillip Island and Cowes.



Background

Early in 2020, Council engaged the local community, after hearing concerns about public behavior and car parking near the NRMA Phillip Island Holiday Park and receiving numerous requests for parking restrictions to be introduced in the area.

Local owners and residents of nearby properties were invited to complete a questionnaire and while the responses received indicated that members of the community held a variety of different views, expectations and priorities - the main issues identified through the questionnaire were road safety, anti-social behaviour and seasonal provision of parking.

Careful consideration was given to this feedback and in consultation with NRMA Phillip Island Holiday Park operators, Victoria Police, Public Transport Victoria and community members, a number of actions were identified with the aim of addressing these issues.

Actions

- Parking restrictions will be introduced on the south side of Church Street at Kedah Road:
 - The Bus Zone to the west of the Holiday Park will be formally signed.
 - 'No Stopping' signs will be installed to the east of Kedah Road.
- The old parking signs on the west side of Kedah Road will be renewed.
- Council Officers will patrol the area and parking fines will be issued.
- Additional Local Laws Officers will be deployed during peak periods.
- Council is preparing a parking strategy for Cowes activity areas.
- We encourage property owners to install vehicle laybacks or construct driveways to clearly mark the entry point to their properties where permitted.

Contact us

Illegally parked vehicles should be reported to **Bass Coast Shire Council** on **1300 BCOAST (226 278)** or **(03) 5671 2211**.

Anti-social behaviour should be reported directly to **Victoria Police on 000**.

