

HAVE YOUR SAY

Beach visitor pay parking proposal

**A fairer way of funding our beaches
that helps locals secure a park.**

Randwick City Council is seeking community feedback on the possible introduction of paid parking for visitors at beachside areas to ensure everyone who uses our beaches fairly contributes to keeping them safe, clean and accessible.

- ✓ A fairer approach for everyone
- ✓ No charge for residents – permits provided making it easier for locals to secure a park
- ✓ Additional funds used for beach services, coastal infrastructure and sustainable transport



Here's what Randwick Council spent on beach-related services in 2024–25:

\$6.5M

Lifeguard services

\$2.2M

Stormwater management

\$5.5M

Rangers and parking patrols

\$0.5M

Beachside events (NYE & Carols)

\$5.1M

Coastal walkway improvements

\$0.4M

Emergency works

\$3M

Beach cleaning and waste

\$0.3M

Support for surf clubs

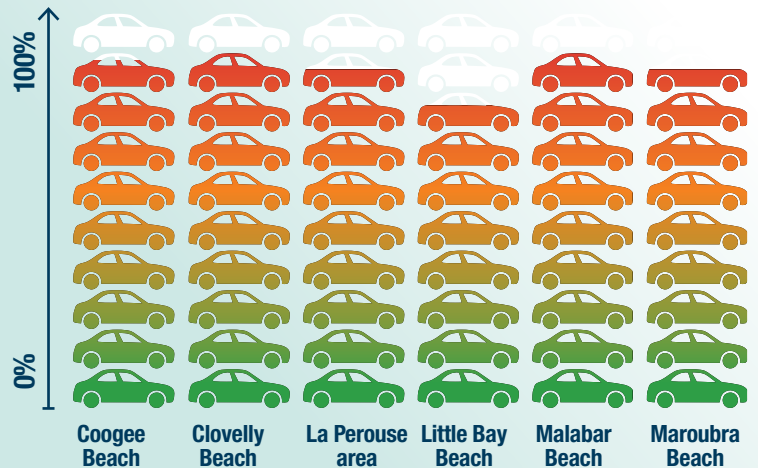
Total cost of managing beachside areas

\$23.5M

Beach parking at capacity

Parking studies conducted by Council on summer days in 2023 found every beachside area is at or is close to capacity. As an example, Coogee Beach's 1,781 parking spaces have on average an 88% occupancy rate on summer weekends – that's 4,700 vehicles a day staying for on average 203 minutes each. This means many more thousands of cars are driving around looking for parking.

Parking capacity by beachside area:



Average onstreet parking weekend occupancy rate for Sat 28 Jan 2023, Sat 21 Jan 2023 and Sun 29 Jan 2023.

Your questions answered

How does visitor pay parking work?

Parking meters would be installed in the designated areas and the applicable areas clearly marked as paid parking, permit holders exempt.

How will the residential exemption work?

We recognise that local residents are already contributing significantly to the cost of maintaining beachside areas by paying rates and rent. We do not want residents to pay more. Residents would be exempt from paying for parking through an annual permit system issued to eligible households.

Will the parking permits be physical or digital?

It's likely the permit system will be a digital system. An online system is easier and more cost efficient to implement and update. Digital permits can also be linked to enforcement software making it easier for rangers and police to know whether a vehicle is entitled to free parking.

How much will the parking permits cost?

The permits will be free for eligible households.

How many permits will a household receive?

Each household is proposed to receive one parking permit. We are seeking community feedback on this.

What will be the hourly rate of parking?

The rates are yet to be determined and will be subject to additional community consultation. As a comparison, it costs \$10 per hour to park at Manly Beach, \$11.60 at Bondi Beach and the offstreet parking at Coogee costs \$5.50 in summer.

Will visitors get free parking time?

Some councils offer a short free period, like 15 minutes, before requiring payment. This helps quick visits and frees up spaces. In this case, locals won't have to pay, and

visitors usually stay longer, so a free period is unlikely to provide much help, so it's not proposed.

Can I buy extra permits?

Council is currently considering whether additional temporary permits could be provided for residents to give to tradies, carers or visitors. Provide your feedback through the survey.

When will the meters be installed?

Feedback from this consultation will be reported to council in mid-2026 to help make a decision. Subject to community feedback and council approval, meters could be installed in late 2026 and 2027.



What's proposed – visitor pay parking

Randwick Council is proposing to introduce paid visitor parking at these beachside locations: Clovelly, Coogee, La Perouse, Little Bay, Malabar, Maroubra and Yarra Bay.

RESIDENTS EXEMPT
Residents and ratepayers are already contributing to the cost of beach services through rates. Residents would not be charged to park at the beach as each household will be entitled to a free parking permit.

This will require vehicles parking at these locations to pay for parking, unless displaying a valid resident permit. Conservative estimates are that the proposal would cost approximately \$3.5M to implement and would generate about \$6M a year in revenue from visitors.

What will the revenue be spent on?

Revenue raised from parking meters is proposed to be spent in three areas:



Improving beach services

Beach cleaning, maintaining coastal parks and reserves, cleaning toilets and providing lifeguard services. Lifeguard costs have increased recently after council expanded lifeguard services at Clovelly, Little Bay and Malabar.



Coastal infrastructure

New and improved walkways, toilets, surf club buildings.



Sustainable transport

Construction of new cycleways.

Clovelly Beach

VISITORS
70%
-TOP 3 LGAs-
SYDNEY
BAYSIDE
WAVERLEY

Coogee Beach

VISITORS
57%
-TOP 3 LGAs-
SYDNEY
BAYSIDE
INNER WEST

BEACH VISITORS

Randwick City's beaches receive more than nine million visits a year.

Maroubra Beach

VISITORS
56%
-TOP 3 LGAs-
BAYSIDE
SYDNEY
INNER WEST

Malabar Beach

VISITORS
64%
-TOP 3 LGAs-
BAYSIDE
INNER WEST
SYDNEY

La Perouse

VISITORS
84%
-TOP 3 LGAs-
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN
BAYSIDE
LIVERPOOL

Little Bay Beach

VISITORS
77%
-TOP 3 LGAs-
BAYSIDE
INNER WEST
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN

Yarra Bay

VISITORS
78%
-TOP 3 LGAs-
BAYSIDE
CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN
LIVERPOOL



Visitor pay parking investigation area

HAVE YOUR SAY

We are currently conducting community consultation to seek your feedback on the proposal to introduce visitor pay parking at beachside areas.

Ways to provide feedback:



Resident survey (paper version)

We have mailed a survey to every household in Randwick City. This information booklet was also sent with the survey. Complete the paper survey and mail it back to us using the supplied reply paid envelope (no stamp required). Or you can complete the survey online by following the link or scanning the QR code.



Resident survey (online version)

Complete the survey online by visiting our dedicated community consultation website at www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/visitorpayparking or by scanning the QR code. Note, the paper and online surveys are the same, please only complete one.



Telephone survey

Taverner Research is conducting a representative survey of 600 people from the Randwick City community. Look out for a phone call from them and please consider taking part.



Drop-in sessions

Council staff will be available to chat with people at the following drop-in sessions. No bookings are required. Just drop in at a time and location convenient for you.

Coogee Beach Promenade

Saturday 21 March
10 am - 12 midday

**McKeon Street Plaza
Maroubra Beach**

Saturday 28 March
10 am - 12 midday

Feedback period

This consultation is open for six weeks from **4 March and closing at 5 pm on Wednesday 15 April 2026.**

Questions

If you have any questions about this project, please reach out to us on **1300 722 542** or email council@randwick.nsw.gov.au or visit www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/visitorpayparking



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