



15.4 GOULBURN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING SURVEYS - PUBLICATION

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- Attachments:**
1. Final Draft Parking Survey - Dec 2020 [↓](#) 
 2. Final Parking Survey - Interim Update June 2022 inc. Appendices [↓](#)
 3. Cr Briefing Session - 11 September 2022 - CBD Carparking Utilisation [↓](#) 

Reference to LSPS:	Planning Priority 2: City, Town and Village Centres – Vision 2040 - Vibrant, accessible town centres which provide a range of services to meet the community’s needs.
Address:	Goulburn Central Business District

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The report from the Senior Strategic Planner on the Goulburn Central Business District Parking Survey December 2020 and Goulburn Central Business District Parking Survey-Interim Update June 2022 be received.
2. Council endorse the Goulburn Central Business District Parking Survey December 2020 and Goulburn Central Business District Parking Survey- Interim Update June 2022 for publication on the Council’s website.

Section 375A of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires General Managers to record which Councillors vote for and against each planning decision of the Council, and to make this information publicly available.

BACKGROUND

The *Urban and Fringe Housing Strategy* presents a vision for higher density residential development within and close to the Goulburn central business district (CBD) to encourage greater footfall, provide an increased diversity of housing options and in turn enliven the streets of the CBD. The strategy includes Action B5-3:

“Review controls in the DCP to provide incentives for certain residential uses, for example a reduction in car parking in certain circumstances or locations”.

The *Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)* also establishes priorities seeking an increase in residential occupancy in Goulburn CBD, facilitating a broader range of housing types and supporting the night-time economy. One of the primary actions to help achieve these priorities is to:

“Review LEP and DCP provisions including height, FSR and car parking controls to facilitate urban renewal of the Goulburn CBD”.

These two strategic documents both seek a review of CBD parking controls to assist in enlivening the Goulburn CBD.

Prior to reviewing and amending existing CBD parking controls within the DCP an on-going parking occupancy review program was initiated in December 2020 and continued in June 2022 to provide an underlying evidence base to inform future policy provisions and decision-making.

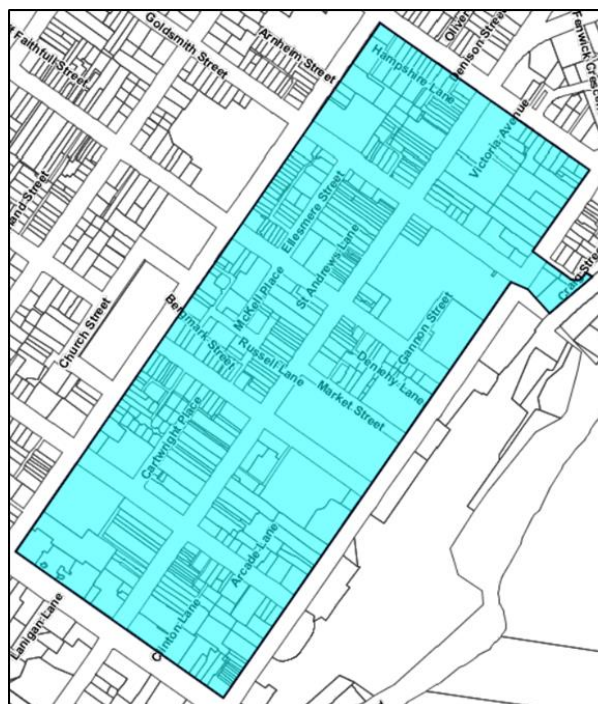
REPORT

Two parking occupancy surveys and reports have been undertaken to date, the first in December 2020 and the second in June 2022. These surveys comprise the first two in an on-going, parking occupancy review program for the CBD to build up councils parking data to inform strategic decision making in Goulburn's CBD.

This report is seeking Council's endorsement to publish these two parking surveys on Council's website as part of the existing suite to technical documentation.

The December 2020 Parking survey (**Attachment 1**) examined the overall parking capacity and occupancy rate of all existing on-street parking and council car parks within the B3 Commercial Core area, illustrated in **Figure 1**. The survey was undertaken by a senior Strategic Planner between 21st November and 13th December 2020 during mornings, afternoons and evenings.

Figure 1: Study Area for Goulburn CBD Parking Survey -Dec 2020



The June 2022 Interim Parking survey (**Attachment 2**) serves as an addendum to the previous and more comprehensive December 2020 parking survey. The interim survey was confined to the occupancy rate of all existing on-street parking on Auburn Street only and council car parks within the B3 Commercial Core. Despite the smaller study area the interim survey provided an opportunity to undertake a comparative analysis between the two datasets. This accounted for the post-Covid lockdown period and the impact of new development such as the opening of the Goulburn Performing Arts Centre and the Marima Medical Clinic relocation on parking occupancy levels on Auburn Street.

The survey was undertaken by a senior strategic planner between 30th May 2022 and 5th June 2022 during the morning, afternoon and evening.

A summary of the findings of the interim report were presented to Councillors on 11 September 2022 (**Attachment 3**).

Conclusion

The two parking surveys present a valuable dataset which forms an additional technical evidence base to inform decision-making and policy formulation. The availability of this evidence on Council's website enables council officers to reference the documents in official reports, use it to inform development applications, incorporate the data into Development Control Plan amendments and make the data available to the public, which in turn encourages transparency.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Goulburn Central Business District Parking Survey December 2020 and Goulburn Central Business District Parking Survey- Interim Update June 2022 be endorsed for publication on the Council's website.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no known financial implications arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no known legal implications arising from this report.