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## **Media Release**

### **Reciprocal Parking arrangements with Pittwater and Manly**

Warringah Councillor Vincent De Luca has proposed that Warringah Council enter into negotiations with Pittwater and Manly Councils to explore a reciprocal arrangement for ratepayers to park free in Council and beach car parks and tolled areas.

"Currently, if a Warringah resident has a Council sticker they can park free of charge in any Warringah Car park, beach car park or area. However, when a Warringah ratepayer ventures across the Queenscliff or Narrabeen bridges to and they park at a beach or use a public parking station they have to pay, and this is the same for Pittwater and Manly residents using Warringah parking or Warringah's beach car parks. The time has come for some type of reciprocal arrangement." Cr De Luca said.

"All Councils are part of SHOROC and we are meant to be working together collaboratively to provide better services, amenities and conditions for our residents. I think introducing a Memorandum of Understanding allowing those with Council stickers to park free in all beach car parks and Council parking stations and areas across the northern beaches goes a long way to serving the needs and interests of ratepayers and residents".

"The northern beaches is really one community. Pittwater Council only succeeded from Warringah in 1992 and such arrangements I would think should have been introduced back then."

"With the ever increasing financial pressures on people and families I think this is the least we can do to reduce such financial pressures" Cr De Luca said.

The Notice of Motion for Council staff to investigate such measures will be debated at Warringah Council's first Council meeting this Tuesday night.

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