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The Hon. Gabrielle Upton
Member for Vacluse
By email

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Dear Gabrielle

The Society has received countless requests from residents to bring to the attention of Woollahra Municipal Council the constant parking infringement from trailers. This includes boat trailers, box trailers, horse floats, sail lockers on trailers which stay parked on our streets for indefinite periods with no parking restrictions whatsoever. This parking is free and there is no compensation to Council.

Box trailers, boat trailers, sail lockers and “cubby house” trailers should be charged for staying over 24 hours and be verified by parking inspectors. Mostly these trailers come from other suburbs and come to the peninsula to enjoy facilities offered by the closeness to the harbour.

A good example a “cubby house” trailer has been parked in Etham Avenue for up to four months, picture attached. This is not acceptable to residents and amounts to a misappropriation of a scarce public resource, i.e. parking spaces, as trailers take up to two car spaces or more. These trailers are often dangerously parked close to a corner which means that any turning vehicle doesn't have a clear view to turn around that corner.

This parking misappropriation has been addressed in the northern end of New Beach Road where new street signs now show restrictions from 2P to 4P on different days and no overnight parking from camping vans. Why can't this reasonable policy be extended to all of Darling Point and bring some relief to residents. We request a fair equitable use of on street parking in our suburb before council elections in September 2021.

We have written to WMC traffic department and the reply was somewhat disappointing.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Kind regards

Charlotte Feldman
Chair
Darling Point Society Inc.

