



Public Questions In Writing

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 28 JANUARY 2025

Matthew Morgan, Bayswater
Subject: Traffic Calming on Traylen road

Question 1

Depending on the time of day and distance of travel, Google maps now conveniently recommends directions for City of Belmont residents to drive through Traylen road as a faster route and fuel saver. This removes main road traffic away from Guildford and Garratt road including the traffic lights and redirects it through Traylen road. Traylen road is stated as a Access road only under the Main Roads Hierarchy. Do the residents on Traylen road deserve better from the City of Bayswater?

Response 1

The City can request Google to reconsider the algorithms behind Google Maps so that arterial roads are prioritised over access roads for non-local traffic.

Question 2

According to Traffic Counters installed by City of Bayswater, 15 percent of road users are speeding on Traylen road. As referenced on the WA Police website: www.wa.gov.au/organisation/western-australia-police-force/speed-and-red-light-cameras; the WA police will install speed cameras under this criteria. Can the council forward this information to the WA police to arrange speed cameras on Traylen road?

Response 2

The City can forward traffic classifier data to the WA Police and request their consideration of placing a mobile speed camera on the road.

Question 3

The council has been aware of the continual 'rat running' and speeding on Traylen road, Bayswater for many years. Its residents are subjected higher risk of road trauma, excessive noise, greater air pollution, less vibrancy and less active streets. Residents such as seniors, children and wheelchair people are overrepresented in pedestrian road deaths and injuries. To date, the council has not implemented any safety improvements. Does CoB value the lives of its senior citizens on Traylen road?

Response 3

The City values the lives of all people within the City of Bayswater area.

Sheila Willis, Bayswater

Drake Street Bike Path – road conditions

Question 1

Due to the bike path work, Drake St has some extremely dangerous traffic hazards including potholes etc. resulting in drivers weaving whilst driving to avoid. When will this be fixed?

Response 1

The potholes were caused by the removal of kerbing. These areas will be repaired by Friday 31 January.

Question 2

Mature trees on Drake St are already showing signs of stress because soil has been removed for the bike path construction. The "additional" watering by council is not making a difference. What does council intend to do about this and are they monitoring the tree health?

Response 2

It has been noted that three mature (Queensland box trees) were already showing signs of stress from the extra dry summer last year. The health of the trees are being continually monitored as part of the Council normal tree maintenance program.

Question 3

Drake St residents are yet to have the driveways rectified and this has been delayed twice and cars are getting damaged from flying blue metal and dirt. What are council doing about this to assist residents?

Response 3

Three driveways along the route have been delayed once by two weeks. The extreme heat conditions have caused delays with the concrete contractor. All driveways are being monitored and kept to a safe, trafficable condition until the repairs are complete. The repairs to these driveways are scheduled for the week commencing 3 February 2025.

**Warren Lance, Maylands
Maylands Lakes**

Question 1

We were present at the Lakes Community Forum 12th December 2024. There was no discussion, voting or words from the Environment Manager that the City proposed to denude islands in the Lakes.

So, was the City already committed to this action without any community input and had or was in the process of seeking quotes for the work?

Response 1

At the last two community forums, and in particular, the one recently held on 12 December 2024, a slide was presented to community which stated that the City will prune trees on Maylands Lakes islands to 1m. The slide included aerial imagery of all islands. The City determined that this was an appropriate action to address nutrients entering the lakes, based on advice from the City's consultant.

Question 2

The City has already denuded an island in Lake Brearley some 2 years ago. What scientific evidence did the City rely on before this action and what evidence is there that this improved the water quality around the denuded island?

Response 2

The City has been undertaking comprehensive water monitoring testing over the past year. This level of testing was not in place when these earlier works were undertaken. We know that the Cormorant colony has been identified as a key nutrient input and removal of these habitats will assist in addressing this complex issue.

Question 3

Jualup Lake in Shenton Park is a man-made lake with currently low water level. The lake has a large wooded island in the middle with copious numbers of birds.

Can you explain how the water, although low, is crystal clear (bottom very visible) even with the large bird population present?

Response 3

Jualup Lake is a natural formation, while the Maylands Lakes are remnant claypits that were shaped by the developer of the Peninsula Estate. Whilst each wetland is unique, urban wetlands including Jualup Lake experience water quality challenges as a result of increased nutrient loading associated with urbanisation. The City is committed to addressing water quality concerns at Maylands Lakes and the cormorant colony was identified as a key nutrient input. Other drivers of poor water quality will be addressed as part of the Maylands Lakes Environmental Restoration Masterplan.