

VicSport Response

to the

Parks Victoria

Albert Park Reserve Draft Parking Strategy

August 2005

RE: ALBERT PARK RESERVE DRAFT PARKING STRATEGY

2nd August 2005

Dear VicSport Member,

Parks Victoria recently released a draft parking strategy to manage the increasing demands for parking without the need to expand the number of parking spaces.

While the basis for the changes have been a need to control non-park related parking, in particular by city commuters, changes proposed in the draft strategy will impact on members of the sport and recreation community.

A number of our members have already contacted VicSport regarding this issue and reinforcing the concerns of sport and recreation groups who use the Albert Park facilities to appropriate authorities.

While the Government has reiterated the fact that these changes are necessary to control non-park related parking by commuters, the proposal to enforce parking restrictions until 10pm on weekdays raises obvious questions, particularly given the majority of commuters have left the park by 5.30 or 6pm.

In order to get as clear a picture of everyone's concerns as possible I am interested in your feedback regarding the impact, if any, these changes will have on your organisation.

As it is always better to go to Government with not just a complaint, but a workable solution it would also be of great assistance if you have any strategies you think would assist in alleviating the parking problem without impacting too greatly on users.

I have attached for your information a brief outline of the proposed changes for your information in case you are not aware of the changes being proposed.

I have also been informed that a public meeting is being held tomorrow night, Wednesday August 3rd, to discuss this issue should you wish to attend.

Meeting Details:

6pm Wednesday 3rd August 2005
Albert Sailing Club
Aquatic Drive, Albert Park

I look forward to receiving your feedback on this issue

Regards,

Kate

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CEO
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Summary Brief:

Parks Victoria Albert Park Reserve – Draft Parking Strategy

The major changes proposed under Parks Victoria's new parking system are:

- Fee payable for all parking, with concessions for legitimate sporting and commercial users of the park;
- All-day parking on weekdays in Lakeside Car park and sections of Albert Road Drive;
- A 3 hour time limit across the rest of the Park on weekdays;
- No time limits across the whole Park for parking on weekends;
- Support for alternative transport: public transport, pedestrians, cyclists;
- Parking enforcement 7 days a week.

Proposed Parking Permits

Parks Victoria recognises that park users have different needs, and have proposed two types of parking concessions for users who require frequent (often daily) access to the park. These discounts will be available as permits for legitimate tenants, workers, sports officials and sports club members of Albert Park.

Sportsclub:	6 month or annual available Parking in kerbside and off-street car parks. Time restrictions apply \$50 for 6 months or \$100 annual (\$1.90 per week)
Tenant:	Annual Parking in kerbside and off-street car parks. Time restrictions don't apply \$500 per annum (\$9.60 per week)
Visitor:	Annual Purchased by Albert Park businesses for visitors. Time restrictions apply \$800 per annum (\$15.40 per week)
Tradespeople:	Short term Time restrictions don't apply \$9 per week

NB: concession cardholders receive a 50% discount off the permit fee.