



#### **PROPOSED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT**

### **21 OAKS AVENUE, DEE WHY**

## **Traffic and Parking Assessment Report**

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared to accompany a Development Application (DA) to Northern Beaches Council for a proposed mixed use development at 21 Oaks Avenue, Dee Why (Figures 1 and 2).

The proposed development site is located on the southern side of Oaks Avenue approximately 120m east of Pittwater. It has a total site area of 770.9m<sup>2</sup> with a frontage of 15.24m to Oaks Avenue. The development site is zoned B4 Mixed Use under the controls of the Warringah LEP 2011.

#### **Existing Site Development**

The existing site development comprises a commercial/retail building with a combined floor area of approximately  $740m^2$  comprising  $350m^2$  of commercial floor space and  $390m^2$  of retail floor space. The existing site development has no off-street parking or loading facilities.

An extract from the site survey is reproduced in the following pages.



Aerial photograph of the site













**Extract from Site Survey** 



#### **Proposed Development**

The development proposal involves the demolition of the existing building and construction of a new mixed use building comprising a small  $50m^2$  retail shop on the ground floor, 2 x commercial offices on the first floor and 22 residential apartments on the upper levels as follows:

Retail	
Retail 1	50.00m <sup>2</sup>
Commercial	
Commercial 1	$100.00m^2$
Commercial 2	$100.00m^2$
<b>Total Retail</b>	200.00m <sup>2</sup>
Residential	
1 bedroom units	10
2 bedroom units	10
3 bedroom units	2
<b>Total Units</b>	22

The proposed development is served by a total of 28 off-street car parking spaces over 3 basement parking levels comprising 18 resident spaces, 4 visitor spaces, 2 retail tenant spaces and 4 commercial tenant spaces. As per the current arrangement, delivery vehicles will temporarily park in the vicinity of the site along the Oaks Avenue frontage.

The development contains 21 storage rooms on Level 02 for residents to store bicycles if necessary. In addition, there are 6 bicycle racks on Basement 02 and 2 on Ground Level taking the overall bicycle parking provision to 29 bicycles.

Vehicular access to the proposed development is off Oaks Avenue via a 6m wide combined entry/exit driveway located adjacent to the western site boundary. The accessway narrows to a single lane approximately 8m into the site with the basement levels accessed by single lane ramps. Passing bays have been provided in the carpark with convex mirrors strategically installed to facilitate sight lines to oncoming vehicles.



Provision has also been made at the rear of the site for a Right of Carriageway that will connect the subject site with both neighbouring properties (ie 19 and 23 Oaks Avenue). The purpose of the ROW is to consolidate the vehicular access to all three sites and reduce the impacts on pedestrian safety and on-street parking.

In order to satisfy the intent of the pedestrian sight line requirements in the Australian Standard AS/NZS2890.1:2004, it is proposed to install a 2.5m long fence on the footpath as per the arrangement opposite the site. As can be seen below, a metal fence has been installed at the exit to the carpark serving the Meriton Retail Precinct to restrict pedestrian movements near the site boundary.



Pedestrian fencing opposite the subject site on Oaks Avenue

Plans of the proposed development prepared by Gartner Trovato Architects are reproduced in Appendix A.



#### Public Transport Accessibility

The subject site has convenient access to the following bus services that operate through Dee Why:



- B1 LineMona Vale to City Wynyard via Warriewood, Narrabeen, Collaroy, Dee Why,<br/>Brookvale, Collaroy, Mosman and Neutral Bay (operates daily)
- Route 154XDee Why to Milsons Point (Express Service) via Brookvale, Collaroy, Mosman,<br/>Neutral Bay and North Sydney Station (operates weekday peaks)
- Route 160XDee Why to Chatswood (Express Service) via Beacon Hill, Frenchs Forest,<br/>Forestville and Roseville Chase (operates daily)
- Route 166 Frenchs Forest to Manly via Beacon Hill, Dee Why, Curl Curl, Freshwater and Queenscliff (operates daily)
- Route 177 Dee Why to Warringah Mall via North Curl Curl and Brookvale (operates daily)
- Route 177XDee Why to City Wynyard (Express Service) via Brookvale, Collaroy, Mosman and<br/>Neutral Bay (operates weekday peaks only)
- Route 178 Cromer to Warringah Mall via Narraweena, Dee Why and Brookvale (operates daily)



Route 179	Wheeler Heights to Warringah Mall via Cromer, Narraweena, Dee Why and
	Brookvale (operates daily)
Route 180	Collaroy Plateau to Warringah Mall via Collaroy, Dee Why and Brookvale (operates
	daily)
Route 180X	Collaroy Plateau to City Wynyard (Express Service) via Dee Why, Brookvale,
	Collaroy and Neutral Bay (operates weekday peaks only)
Route 181X	Neuropean to City Wymyord (Express Service) via Colleroy, Dee Why, Preskyele
Noute 101A	Narrabeen to City Wynyard (Express Service) via Collaroy, Dee Why, Brookvale, Collaroy, Mosman and Neutral Bay (operates weekday peaks only)
	Conaroy, Mosman and Neutral Bay (operates weekday peaks only)
Route 190X	North Avalon to City Wynyard (Express Service) via Newport, Mona Vale,
	Narrabeen, Mosman and Neutral Bay (operates weekday peaks only)
Route 199	Palm Beach to Manly via Avalon Beach, Newport, Mona Vale, North Narrabeen,
	Narrabeen, Collaroy, Dee Why, North Manly and Queenscliff (operates daily)

The purpose of this report is to assess the traffic and parking implications of the proposed development.



#### 2. PARKING AND SERVICING ASSESSMENT

#### **Council DCP Parking Requirement**

Appendix 1 in Part H of the Warringah Development Control Plan (amendment 21) nominates the following parking requirements that are applicable to the proposed development <u>located within the Dee Why Town Centre:</u>

Multi-dwelling housing, Residential flat buildings, Serviced apartments (including holiday flats), Shop-top housing (residential component)

- 0.6 space per 1 bedroom dwelling
- 0.9 spaces per 2 bedroom dwelling
- 1.4 spaces per 3 bedroom dwelling
- 1 visitor space per 5 units or part of dwellings
- 1 car share space per 25 dwellings (for properties with more than 25 dwellings) with each car share space replacing one (1) regular car parking space)

Shop (includes retail / business component of shop top housing, retail premises and neighbourhood shop)

• 1 space per 23.8 m<sup>2</sup> GLFA (4.2 spaces per 100 m<sup>2</sup> GLFA)

#### **Office premises**

• 1 space per  $40m^2$  GFA

Application of those parking rates to the proposed development yields a total requirement of 29 spaces calculated as follows:

#### Residential

10 x 1 bedroom units @ 0.6 space per dwelling	6.0 spaces
10 x 2 bedroom dwellings @ 0.9 spaces per dwelling	9.0 spaces
2 x 3 bedroom dwellings @ 1.4 spaces per dwelling	2.8 spaces
Total resident parking	17.8 spaces (rounded to 18 spaces)
22 dwellings @ 1 visitor space per 5 dwellings	4.4 spaces (rounded to 4 spaces)
Total	22.2 spaces (rounded to 22 spaces)

2.1 spaces (rounded to 2 spaces)

#### **Retail Shop**

 $50\text{m}^2$  @ 1 space per 23.8m<sup>2</sup>



*Commercial Office* 200m<sup>2</sup> @ 1 space per 40m<sup>2</sup>

5.0 spaces

Total

29.3 spaces (rounded to 29 spaces)

The proposed development provides a total of 28 off-street car parking spaces comprising 18 resident spaces, 4 visitor spaces, 2 retail tenant spaces and 4 commercial tenant spaces. This parking provision represents a shortfall of 1 commercial tenant parking space.

As noted in the foregoing, the existing 740m<sup>2</sup> of commercial/retail floor space on the site is not served by any off-street car parking or loading facilities. Based on Council's DCP parking requirements, the existing site development would generate in the order of 25 parked cars as follows:

Existing Retail	
390m <sup>2</sup> @ 1 space per 23.8m <sup>2</sup>	16.4 spaces (rounded to 16 spaces)
Existing Commercial Office	
$350m^2$ @ 1 space per $40m^2$	8.8 spaces (rounded to 9 spaces)
Total	25.2 spaces (rounded to 25 spaces)

As can be appreciated, the shortfall of 1 commercial parking space is clearly outweighed by the existing shortfall of 25 parked cars. The removal of these cars that currently park on-street will have an enormous amenity effect for nearby commercial properties and local residents that do not have off-street parking.

#### **On-Site Loading Facilities**

Part C2 of the Warringah Development Control Plan notes the following with regard to onsite loading facilities:

#### On-site loading and unloading

6. Facilities for the loading and unloading of service, delivery and emergency vehicles are to be:
o appropriate to the size and nature of the development;



o screened from public view; and

o designed so that vehicles may enter and leave in a forward direction.

Table 5.1 of the RMS's "*Guide to Traffic Generating Developments*" (October 2002) specifies the following requirement for delivery and service vehicles:

Restaurants/Shops <2,000m <sup>2</sup> GFA	1 space per 400m <sup>2</sup> GFA
Commercial Office <20,000m <sup>2</sup> GFA	1 space per 4,000m <sup>2</sup> GFA

Based on the RMS Guidelines, the proposed development requires less than one-fifth of a loading space as follows:

Total requirement	0.15 loading bay
$200\text{m}^2$ office floorspace @ 1 loading bay per $4000\text{m}^2$ GFA	0.05 loading bay
50m <sup>2</sup> retail floorspace @ 1 loading bay per 400m <sup>2</sup> GFA	0.10 loading bay

As per the current arrangement, delivery vehicles will temporarily park on-street in the vicinity of the site. Furthermore, the substantial decrease in the size of the retail and commercial floor space will result in less demand for loading.

#### Carpark and Access Compliance

The basement carpark and access ramps have been designed to generally satisfy the following requirements of the Australian Standard AS/NZS2890.1-2004 – "*Off-Street Car Parking*":

- Parking spaces are a minimum 5.4m long and 2.4m wide
- An additional 0.3m has been provided for spaces adjacent to a wall or obstruction
- A 1.0m wide blind aisle extension has been provided as per Figure 2.3 of the Standard
- The access/manoeuvring aisle satisfies the minimum width requirement of 5.8m
- Pavement cross-falls at parking spaces do not exceed 5% (1 in 20)
- The maximum gradient of the accessway for the first 6.0m into the site does not exceed 5% (1 in 20)
- Maximum ramp grades do not exceed 25% (1 in 4)
- Ramp transitions do not exceed 12.5% (1 in 8) over a distance of 2.0m
- The two-way section of the accessway on Ground Level has a minimum width of 6.1m comprising a 5.5m roadway and 2 x 300mm wide kerbs
- The one-way accessway and basement ramps are a minimum 3.6m wide wall to wall comprising a 3.0m roadway and 2 x 300mm wide kerbs



• A minimum headroom clearance of 2.2m has been provided throughout the basement carpark

As noted in the Introduction of this report, a 2.5m long metal fence will be installed on the footpath to restrict pedestrian activity near the exit driveway. The metal fence will satisfy the intent of Figure 3.3 of the Standard.



FIGURE 3.3 MINIMUM SIGHT LINES FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The disabled parking spaces have been designed in accordance with the Australian Standard AS/NZS2890.6:2009 – "*Off-street parking for people with disabilities*" as follows:

- A 5.4m long x 2.4m wide dedicated (non-shared) parking space
- An adjacent *shared* area that is also 5.4m long x 2.4m wide
- A minimum headroom of 2.5m above the disabled spaces
- Pavement cross-falls in disabled spaces do not exceed 2.5% (1 in 40) in any direction

#### Swept Path Analysis

The ability of the Australian B99 vehicle and B85 vehicle to pass at the entrance to the site has been tested using the Autodesk Vehicle Tracking software. The swept path is reproduced in Appendix B confirming that these vehicles can pass and the B99 continue forward into the site.

Swept paths of the B99 vehicle circulating through the basement levels are also reproduced in Appendix B. As can be seen, passing bays have been provided in the carpark to facilitate



passing if required. A passing bay has been provided on the Ground Level and Basement Level 1 adjacent to the visitor parking.

As can be appreciated, passing bays are not required on the lower levels as these will be reserved for resident parking only. Residents generally exit the site in the morning peak and return in the evening therefore reducing the likelihood of passing. If necessary, a traffic signal arrangement could be provided in the resident carpark if deemed necessary by Council.

#### **Bicycle Parking Requirement**

Clause C3(A) in Part C of the Warringah DCP nominates the following bicycle parking requirements that are applicable to the proposed development:

#### **Residential Accommodation**

- 1 bicycle space per dwelling for residents
- 1 bicycle space per 12 dwellings for visitors

#### **Business and Retail Premises**

- 1 bicycle space per 200m<sup>2</sup> for staff
- 1 bicycle space per 600m<sup>2</sup> for visitors

#### **Office Premises**

- 1 bicycle space per 200m<sup>2</sup> for staff
- 1 bicycle space per 750m<sup>2</sup> for visitors over 1000m<sup>2</sup>

Application of those parking rates to the proposed development yields a total requirement of 25 bicycle spaces calculated as follows:

Residential		
22 dwellings @ 1 space per dwelling for residents	22 resident bike spaces	
22 dwellings @ 1 visitor space per 12 dwellings	2 visitor bike spaces	
Sub-Total	24 bicycle spaces	

#### Retail Premises

$50m^2$ @ 1 space per $200m^2$ for staff	0 staff bike spaces
$50m^2$ @ 1 space per $600m^2$ for shoppers	0 shopper bike space



*Office Premises* 200m<sup>2</sup> @ 1 space per 200m<sup>2</sup> for staff 200m<sup>2</sup> @ 1 space per 750m<sup>2</sup> for shoppers

staff bike spaces
visitor bike space

#### **Total Development**

25 bicycle spaces

As noted in the foregoing, the development contains 21 storage rooms on Level 02 for residents to store bicycles if necessary. In addition, there are 6 bicycle racks on Basement 02 and 2 on Ground Level taking the overall bicycle parking provision to 29 bicycles which exceeds Council's requirements.

The proposed bicycle racks will be installed in accordance with the Australian Standard AS2890.3:2015 – "*Bicycle Parking*".

In the circumstances, it can be concluded that the proposed development has no unacceptable parking, loading or safety implications.



#### **3. TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT**

#### **Existing Road Network**

The road hierarchy allocated to the road network in the vicinity of the site by the Roads and Maritime Services is illustrated on Figure 4 and comprises the following:

State Roads	<b>Regional Roads</b>
Pittwater Road	Dee Why Parade
	Fisher Road
	McIntosh Road

Pittwater Road is a classified *State Road* performing an arterial road function. It typically carries 6 lanes of traffic (3 lanes in each direction) separated by a central median island. Kerbside parking is generally permitted outside of the morning and afternoon Bus Lane restrictions.

Oaks Avenue is an unclassified Local Road with a primary function of providing vehicular access to properties to the east of Pittwater Road. It has a pavement width of approximately 12m and is restricted to a speed limit of 40km/h. The traffic signals at the intersection of Pittwater Road and Oaks Avenue permit right turns into Oaks Avenue however right turns onto Pittwater Road are not permitted.

The existing traffic and parking controls on the road network serving the site are illustrated on Figure 4 and include:

- The TRAFFIC SIGNALS at the intersection of Pittwater Road/Oaks Avenue, Pittwater Road/Howard Avenue and Pittwater Road/Dee Why Parade
- The NO RIGHT TURN restrictions those traffic signals
- The RESTRICTED PARKING along Oaks Avenue











#### **Existing Traffic Conditions**

An indication of existing traffic conditions on the road network serving the site is provided from a count of traffic activity on Oaks Avenue at the subject site conducted between 7.00-10.00am and 3.00-6.00pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The survey also counted the number of pedestrians walking east and west along the site frontage.

The results of these counts of traffic activity are reproduced in Appendix C revealing that:

- the AM peak traffic period occurred between 9.00-10.00am. At that time, 436 vehicles per hour (vph) travelled past the development site comprising 139vph heading westbound towards Pittwater Road and 297vph heading eastbound.
- the PM peak traffic period occurred between 4.45-5.45pm. At that time, 582vph travelled past the development site comprising 181vph heading westbound and 401vph heading eastbound
- the AM peak pedestrian period also occurred between 9.00-10.00am. At that time, 267 pedestrians per hour (pph) travelled past the site comprising 145pph heading westbound towards Pittwater Road and 122pph heading eastbound.
- the PM peak pedestrian period occurred between 4.15-5.15pm. At that time, 190pph travelled past the development site comprising 102vph heading westbound and 88vph heading eastbound

#### **Projected Traffic Generation Potential**

An indication of the traffic generation potential of the existing and proposed development is provided by reference to the Roads and Maritime Services publication *Guide to Traffic Generating Developments, Section 3 - Landuse Traffic Generation (October 2002.* The RMS *Guidelines* are based on extensive surveys of a wide range of land uses and nominates the following traffic generation rates which are applicable to the existing and proposed development:



Specialty Shops / Secondary Retail	5.6 peak hour trips per 100m <sup>2</sup> GLFA
Office and Commercial	2 peak hour trips per 100m <sup>2</sup> GFA

**Residential Flat Buildings (Metropolitan Sub-Regional Centre)** 0.29 vehicle trips per unit

#### Traffic Generation of <u>EXISTING SITE</u> Development

Application of the RMS's traffic generation rates to the existing retail/commercial floor space yields a traffic generation potential in the order of 29vtph during the weekday peak periods as follows:

Total Existing Development	29vtph
350m <sup>2</sup> commercial @ 2vtph per 100m <sup>2</sup>	7vtph
$390m^2$ retail @ 5.6vtph per $100m^2$	22vtph

#### Traffic Generation of <u>PROPOSED</u> Development

Application of the RMS's traffic generation rates to the proposed development yields a traffic generation potential in the order of 12vtph during the weekday peak periods calculated as follows:

Morning Peak Period	
$50m^2$ retail @ 5.6vtph per $100m^2$	2vtph (2 in / 0 out)
200m <sup>2</sup> commercial @ 2vtph per 100m <sup>2</sup>	4vtph (4 in / 0 out)
22 units @ 0.29vtph per unit	6vtph (0 in / 6 out)
Total	12vtph (6 in / 6 out)
Afternoon Peak Period	
$50m^2$ retail @ 5.6vtph per $100m^2$	2vtph (0 in / 2 out)
200m <sup>2</sup> commercial @ 2vtph per 100m <sup>2</sup>	4vtph (0 in / 4 out)
22 units @ 0.29vtph per unit	6vtph (6 in / 0 out)
Total	12vtph (6 in / 6 out)



It should be noted that the 5 of the 6 vehicle trips generated by the proposed retail and commercial will be contained on ground level. Only 1 commercial vehicle will be required to travel down to Basement 1. With the exception of this 1 commercial car space, the parking spaces in the basement are reserved for residents and their visitors. The visitors will also be contained on the upper level of Basement 1.

#### Traffic Implications

Based on the RMS Guidelines, the proposed development will generate 17 less vehicle movement during peak periods as follows:

Reduction in Traffic	17vph
Proposed Development	12vtph
Existing Development	29vtph

In circumstances where an existing development generates more traffic than a proposed development, it can be readily appreciated that the proposal will not have any noticeable or unacceptable effect on the road network serving the site in terms of road network capacity or traffic-related environmental effect.

In the circumstances, the proposed development will not have any unacceptable traffic implications.



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## **APPENDIX A**

### PLANS OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT









## **APPENDIX B**

## SWEPT PATH ANALYSIS







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**Basement Level 2** 





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## APPENDIX C

## TRAFFIC COUNT DATA

# TRANS TRAFFIC SURVEY

21 Oaks Ave, Dee Why

GPS	-33.753663, 151.287080		
Date:	Tue 07-11-23		
Weather:	Fine		
Suburban:	Dee Why		
Customer:	Terraffic		

Surroy Pariad	AM:	7:00 AM-10:00 AM
Survey Period	PM:	12:00 AM-3:00 AM

#### All Vehicles

Time		WB	EB	Hourly Total	
Period Start	Period End	VVD	D	Hour	Peak
7:00	7:15	20	49		
7:15	7:30	18	49		
7:30	7:45	30	56		
7:45	8:00	28	61	311	
8:00	8:15	22	59	323	
8:15	8:30	31	51	338	
8:30	8:45	36	72	360	
8:45	9:00	26	51	348	
9:00	9:15	37	75	379	
9:15	9:30	32	68	397	Peak
9:30	9:45	34	75	398	Period
9:45	10:00	36	79	436	

#### Pedestrians Crossing

Ti	Time		South Side		y Total
Period Start	Period End	Westbound	Eastbound	Hour	Peak
7:00	7:15	18	7		
7:15	7:30	15	14		
7:30	7:45	35	20		
7:45	8:00	37	13	159	
8:00	8:15	20	20	174	
8:15	8:30	38	31	214	
8:30	8:45	27	23	209	
8:45	9:00	31	22	212	
9:00	9:15	35	27	234	
9:15	9:30	33	22	220	Peak
9:30	9:45	41	34	245	Period
9:45	10:00	36	39	267	

15:00	15:15	28	70		
15:15	15:30	54	81		
15:30	15:45	30	84		
15:45	16:00	38	86	471	
16:00	16:15	28	92	493	
16:15	16:30	51	85	494	
16:30	16:45	38	82	500	
16:45	17:00	42	104	522	
17:00	17:15	40	87	529	Peak
17:15	17:30	49	99	541	Period
17:30	17:45	50	111	582	
17:45	18:00	66	76	578	

15:00	15:15	19	17		
15:15	15:30	35	13		
15:30	15:45	19	17		
15:45	16:00	20	16	156	
16:00	16:15	24	25	169	
16:15	16:30	31	18	170	
16:30	16:45	21	18	173	Peak
16:45	17:00	29	21	187	Period
17:00	17:15	21	31	190	
17:15	17:30	29	15	185	
17:30	17:45	32	10	188	
17:45	18:00	23	9	170	