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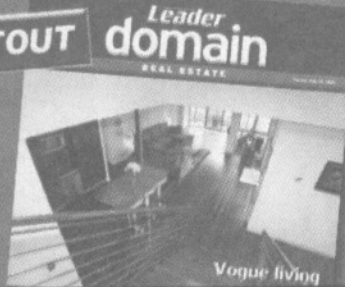
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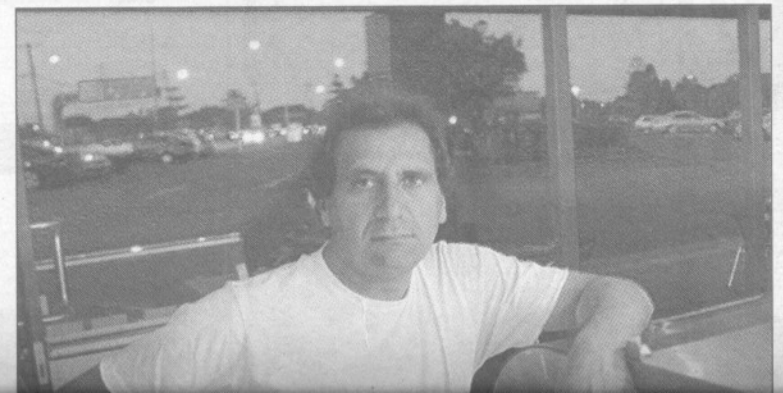
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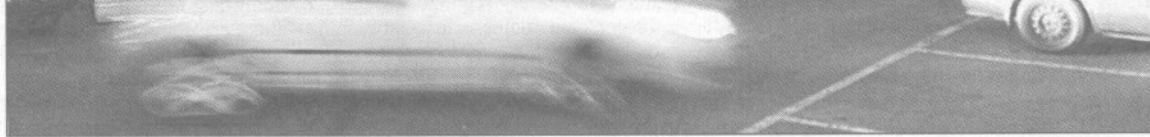
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Barry Manilow songs on the hit list to keep a Kyeemagh reserve safe

Tunes not for hoons





Clamp-down: Hasham car park is a known hotspot for young male drivers.



Hopeful: C-Side Restaurant manager Yianni Tsagaris said the music could drive away "all the hooligans".

By **Caroline Marcus**

BARRY Manilow songs could soon be piped into the Hasham car park, Kyeemagh, as early as next month in a bid to keep young troublemakers away.

Rockdale Council passed a motion last week to install a number of traffic control devices, including the music trial, in the space at Cook Park Reserve.

The spot is known as a popular hangout for young males driving modified cars.

Rockdale traffic committee chairman, Councillor Gary Green, moved the recommendation after initially suggesting it for Bay Street, Brighton-Le-Sands, in last June.

He said the idea was based on a music trial at the Old Town Centre



Music man: Manilow is behind such 1970s hits as *Copacabana* and *Mandy*.

Plaza, Bankstown, where he used to run a business.

"It was like garlic to vampires, Baygon to cockroaches," Cr Green said. "It sent the troublemaking hoons scurrying."

The plan would include a one-way spike traffic control device, a speed hump and parking restrictions between 9pm and 5am.

"No one's come up with a solution that deals successfully with antisocial hoons and their 'doof doof' music, short of the marshall law-like approach of street closures, boom gates, road spikes and uninviting signage," Cr Green said.

The manager of C-Side Restaurant next to the car park, Yianni Tsagaris, said the idea could attract more families to the area.

"A few people will stop and buy coffee or a drink or a meal," Mr

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MUSIC MAKERS

Kogarah: Classical music was played in the civic centre for three years from 2002 to deter schoolchildren from loitering in the foyer. The trial had to stop because of licensing agreements with record companies.

Hurstville: A spokesman said that a similar proposal had been considered, but the council had opted to improve lighting instead.

Sutherland Shire: A spokeswoman said the council had never felt the need to run a piped music trial in the area.



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