



A step closer to a 'hoon free' car park

Hoons and their antisocial behaviour have caused ongoing angst for many residents and businesses along our beachfront.

In particular, they have gathered at car parks – revving their engines, doing burnouts, playing loud music and making a nuisance.

Deputy Mayor Bill Saravinovski said this issue has been an ongoing problem. “They are driving away business from the local restaurants and intimidating our residents.”

Council has developed a range of new strategies to continue tackling this issue. These include the use of boom gates, speed humps, No Stopping restrictions between 9pm-5am, barriers between parking spaces and the use of music. These initiatives will be trialled at Hashams Car Park in Kyeemagh.

Councillor Saravinovski said Council had received plenty of attention about the trial program to use music as a deterrent.

“Council hopes that playing adult contemporary music will discourage these hoons from loitering in our car parks. Enough is enough!”

“We have received media attention because Barry Manilow was given as an example of the type of music,” he said. “However, at the end of the day it’s not about the singer, it’s about the fact that Council will continue to trial new ways to address this issue.”