

Gosford City Carpark

Opening Hours and Parking Rates

Engagement Summary



We understand that car parking options are a key concern to the community, and we want to hear from businesses to ensure operational hours and fees put in place meet our region's short-term and future needs to support visitation and local businesses.

If Council moves to increase the opening hours of the car park, it is important that it is at an affordable price point that accommodates all.

The community was invited to share their feedback between **Monday, 30 June and Monday, 28 July** by:

- Completing the online survey
- Attending the in-person pop-up on Thursday, 24 July at Kibble Park, Gosford
- Contacting Council directly via email or postal submissions to Council PO Box

Engagement Submissions

A total of 20 submissions were received from 16 different Central Coast businesses, of which 12 are based in Gosford.

What the Data Shows

Majority of responses (65%) indicated their preference for extended trading hours, with the most mentioned options being Friday close 11:30pm (10 votes), Saturday close at 11:30pm (9 votes) and Sunday 8am to 9pm (7 votes) as outlined in figure below.

When asked what all-day flat fee the preference was, majority (80%) of responses indicated \$10, with a small amount of responses (20%) indicating \$15 option, as outlined in figure over page.

How we connected



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Email with invitation to provide feedback sent to
688 Gosford Businesses



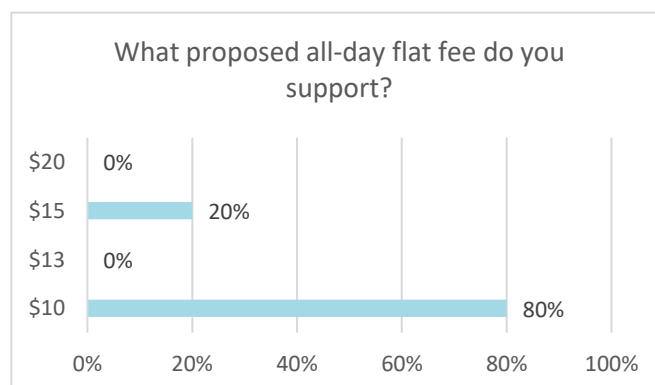
Flyer with information & link to provide feedback dropped to **over 30** Gosford Businesses

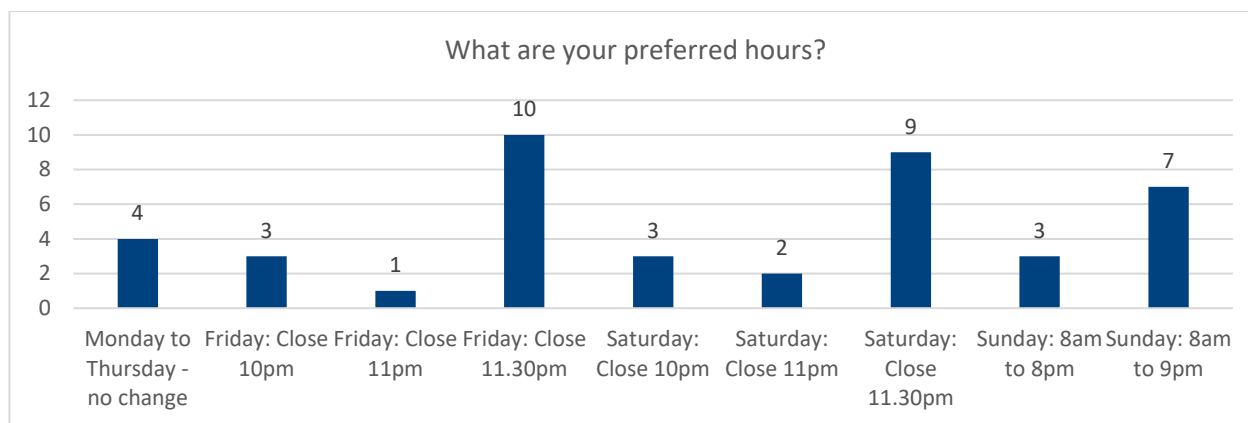


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1 pop up at Kibble Park, Gosford with **12** attendees.





Key Themes:

- **Extended Hours** – Strong support for later closing times to accommodate hospitality, nightlife, and late-trading businesses.
- **Affordable Parking** – Current fees considered too high; suggestions for \$4/day flat rate to boost usage and revitalise the CBD.
- **Equity Concerns** – Perceived unfairness compared to free parking in other Central Coast areas.
- **Economic Impact** – High costs seen as a barrier to attracting visitors and supporting local businesses; calls for free short-term parking (e.g., 3 hours).
- **Safety Concerns** – Concerns about Baker Street pedestrian crossing changes; requests for clearer communication and improved safety measures.
- **Permanent Parking** – Rates described as “exorbitant,” leading to reduced uptake; frustration over lack of return on levies paid by businesses.
- **Event Access** – Need for reliable parking for stadium events and night-time economy stakeholders.
- **Awareness of Parking Options** – Half of respondents were unaware that the Gosford Commuter Car Park offers free all-day parking on weekends, indicating limited awareness. In contrast, 70% were aware of parking availability on Baker Street.

What’s next?

This engagement program is part of a broader research initiative and will guide consultation with elected Councillors. Feedback collected will inform the next phase of the project, including potential changes to Gosford City Carpark opening hours. Updates on changes will be shared with car park users and business owners through Council’s communication channels and on Council’s website:

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