



## 7.2 Petition – Stop Parklets Occupying Valuable Parking Space

A Petition containing 44 signatures was received from local residents and businesses.

### The Petition states the following:-

*Stop parklets occupying valuable car space at the expense of other essential retailers, customers and residents.*

### OFFICER COMMENT

Council's Outdoor Trading (Dining) Policy was endorsed in November 2022. That policy formalised parklets as part of our municipality and is informed by key learnings from the initial trial.

The Policy considers the positive impact parklets have on the vibrancy of our local businesses and the wider community. It aims to ensure that business parklets are implemented in a balanced way and that businesses make an appropriate contribution for the use of public space and to their upkeep.

Since introducing parklets, Council have amended the maximum number of parking bays permitted in Ormond Road (between Pine and Beach Aves) down from 20, to 12, to 10 and in the most recent guidelines to 8.

For the past 18 months, 8 bays have been utilised in the precinct with no negative feedback from community. These 8 bays have been entirely offset by the creation of 8 new 2-hour parking spots in side streets, which were implemented at the start of the parklet trial to appease trader concerns. The current proposed number of bays allocated has been reduced to 7 with the closure of one trader who occupied 2 bays and the increase of another trader from 1 bay to 2.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Petition.
2. Notes that Council has recently endorsed an Outdoor Trading (Dining) Policy and Business Parklet Guidelines to ensure proper management of business parklets on an ongoing basis.
3. Continues to implement the Policy and Guidelines to manage parklets in Ormond Road, including adherence to the cap of 8 parking bays agreed upon.

### ATTACHMENTS

Nil