

## 5.2. Temporary Road Closure - Jacaranda Blooming Season - McDougall Street, Kirribilli

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### PURPOSE:

This purpose of this report is to seek committee endorsement for temporary road closures in McDougall Street, Kirribilli during the annual Jacaranda blooming season.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Each year between October and January, the Jacarandas that line both sides of McDougall Street in Kirribilli come into flower for a period of approximately 6 weeks.
- This seasonal occurrence which generally peaks in mid-November is a growing attraction for local North Sydney residents and tourists in recent years who wish to photograph themselves amongst the jacarandas which are flowering along the length of McDougall Street adjacent to Milson Park.
- The dates of the closures are dictated by the timing which the jacarandas bloom. The closures will be limited to six consecutive weekends from 26 October 2024 to 13 January 2025.
- This report has been prepared seeking endorsement for temporary road closures on McDougall Street and a section of Hipwood Street to manage the crowd for the 2024 jacaranda flowering season in McDougall Street, Kirribilli.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** the Committee endorse the temporary road closures in Kirribilli between the hours of 7am and 7pm on Saturdays and Sundays for six consecutive weekends between 26 October 2024 and 12 January 2025:

- a. On McDougall Street, between Broughton Street and Willoughby Street; and
- b. On Hipwood Street, between McDougall Street and Bradley Avenue.

## **BACKGROUND**

Each year between October and January, the Jacarandas that line both sides of McDougall Street in Kirribilli come into flower for a period of approximately 6 weeks. This seasonal occurrence which generally peaks in mid-November has become a growing attraction for local North Sydney residents and tourists in recent years who wish to photograph themselves amongst the Jacarandas which form a spectacular flowering avenue for the length of McDougall Street adjacent to Milson Park.

## **REPORT**

For the 2024 Jacaranda season, it is proposed to implement temporary road closures between the hours of 7am and 7pm on Saturdays and Sundays for a maximum of six consecutive weekends between 26 October 2024 and 12 January 2025:

- On McDougall Street, between Broughton Street and Willoughby Street; and
- On Hipwood Street, between McDougall Street and Bradley Avenue.

The temporary road closures would require vehicles to undertake detour routes. Vehicle access to and from the road closures can only be obtained by residents who live in the road closure areas and visitors who have visitor parking permits. Access will be gained via showing a licence or photo identification with your address to the traffic controllers.

Access to emergency vehicles will be provided at all times. Taxis, Uber and hire cars will not have access during the closure times unless they are being used by local residents who live in the street.

Five (5) on-street parking spaces will be temporarily removed, to accommodate five Variable Message Signs (VMS) stating “*Slow Down*” and “*Watch out for Pedestrians*”.

## **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council’s Community Engagement Protocol.

Council will notify affected properties in McDougall Street, Hipwood Street, Bradley Avenue, Broughton Avenue, Winslow Street and Winslow Lane as well as NSW Police.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of road closures identified for the six-week Jacaranda season will be covered by Council.

## **LEGISLATION**

The temporary road closures are proposed under Section 115 of the NSW Roads Act 1993.

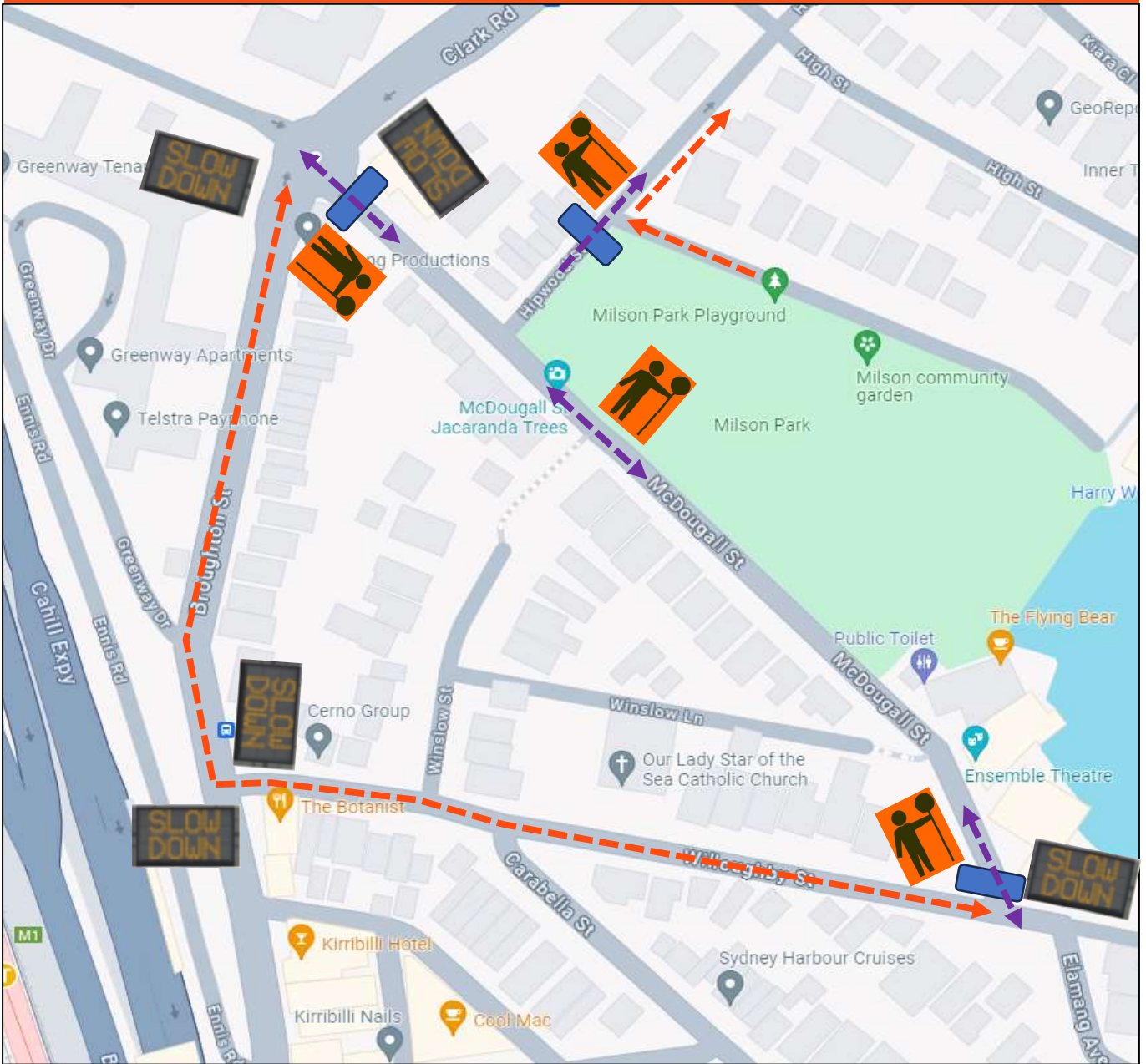
# **APPENDIX A**



# Traffic Management

McDougall Street, Kirribilli

Temporary Full Road Closure – 6 weeks, 7am-7pm



## Legend



Detour



Vehicle Access to Residents Only



Temporary Full Road Closure



Traffic Controller



Variable Message Sign (VMS)