

Nambour
As the commercial, services and employment heart of the Sunshine Coast hinterland, Nambour is expected to experience a 34% increase in population and considerable growth in local economic activity.

KEY ISSUES

Parking demand in Nambour is driven by employee and patient parking around the Nambour General Hospital and by the retail and employment parking around the Nambour town centre. Weekday parking demand is significantly greater than weekend parking demand.

Parking located close to key destinations is heavily utilised while parking locations further afield have available capacity.

Monitoring is required to ensure that future growth is catered for.

Private development contributes a significant amount of parking supply to the Nambour area. It is important that development continues to meet its generated demand to ensure that undue pressure is not placed on public parking infrastructure. Significant quantities of development parking have recently been added to Nambour.

Nambour acts as a key park and ride site for rail users.

Nambour General Hospital

Private paid parking is available at the Nambour General Hospital and has operated at capacity.

The public on-street and off-street parking in close proximity to the Nambour General Hospital has high utilisation and results in hospital related parking spillover into adjacent residential streets. Some spare parking capacity is available in the residential streets further from the hospital site however the surrounding topography may restrict some people from easily accessing these car parking spaces.

Council has taken a proactive role to maximise available public parking including acquiring land.

A 3P parking area is located north of the hospital site and a residential parking permit scheme exists for this area.

The opening of the Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital is shifting services away from the Nambour General Hospital which is likely to change demand for employee, patient and visitor parking in this area.

Parking in and around the Nambour General Hospital should be monitored to determine how parking demand changes as a result of the opening of the Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital.

Nambour town centre

High employee numbers drive parking demand in the Nambour town centre. While private off-street car parking facilities cater for some of this demand there is still a portion of employee parking that occurs in unrestricted on-street and public off-street parking locations.

The 2P time-limited on-street parking experiences high occupancy but regular turnover with minimal overstaying occurring. Some public off-street parking is also time-limited to ensure off-street parking is also available for short term users.

The unrestricted on-street parking locations experience high occupancy with long durations of stay occurring. Some on-street parking supply does remain available on the fringes of the CBD. People will need to walk slightly further to reach their destination and the topography may restrict some people from easily accessing some of these car parking spaces.

Some businesses in older developments have limited on-site parking and currently rely on on-street parking.

Duration and overstaying

In the town centre 2P on-street parking area, approximately 95% of vehicles stay less than 2 hours ensuring that frequent turnover occurs.

In the time restricted parking bays around Nambour General Hospital overstaying has frequently occurred which prevents turnover of vehicles in these high demand parking locations.



Weekday parking occupancy (typical peak)



Weekend parking occupancy (typical peak)

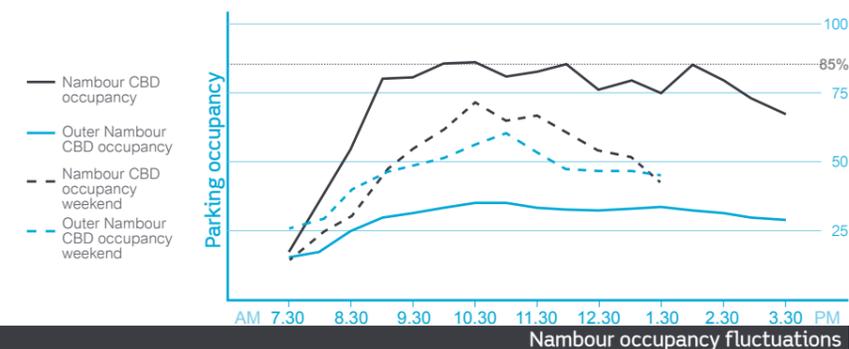
Aerial Imagery supplied by NearMap



2016 to 2026 population estimates

+5845 (Total 23,148)

Data reflects the combined growth figures for the combined area of Nambour, Burnside and district.



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The strategy aims to make better use of existing car parking infrastructure and proposes a range of targeted initiatives to increase management at observed parking 'hot spots', and meet the additional demand of future growth.

PARKING STRATEGY

- Enforce time-limited parking experiencing prolonged periods of high occupancy
- Promote use of existing off-street parking sites to reduce on-street parking demand
- Work with the State Government to achieve parking outcomes around the Nambour General Hospital
- Ensure all new development meets parking infrastructure requirements under the planning scheme
- Maintain implementation of resident parking permit scheme to support local residents that meet permit criteria
- Investigate and implement value for money technologies to optimise local parking management

BENEFITS

- Encourages return visits and manages the perception of parking deficiencies
- Promotes the local amenity and a quality urban environment
- Enables Nambour to function as a key regional destination and economic centre
- Improved enforcement and management of parking spillover from the hospital into surrounding residential streets
- Encourages sustainable travel behaviour
- Increases council's ability to adjust to shifting trends and demographics

ONGOING STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Ongoing monitoring in Nambour will be necessary to identify trends and actions, and ensure expected outcomes for parking are being achieved. The following actions will occur as required or on a regular repetitive basis.

- Create an interactive parking map to help journey planning
- Advocate to the State for improved public transport around Nambour to improve local journeys and support park and ride travel
- Continue monitoring of parking use in the Nambour area to improve understanding of parking trends
- Promote travel choice options which reduce parking demand
- Council will continue to require new development to provide for its generated parking demand in accordance with the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme
- Ensure private off-street parking remains accessible and promote opportunities of consolidated shared parking in the town centre.

Short term (1-5 years)

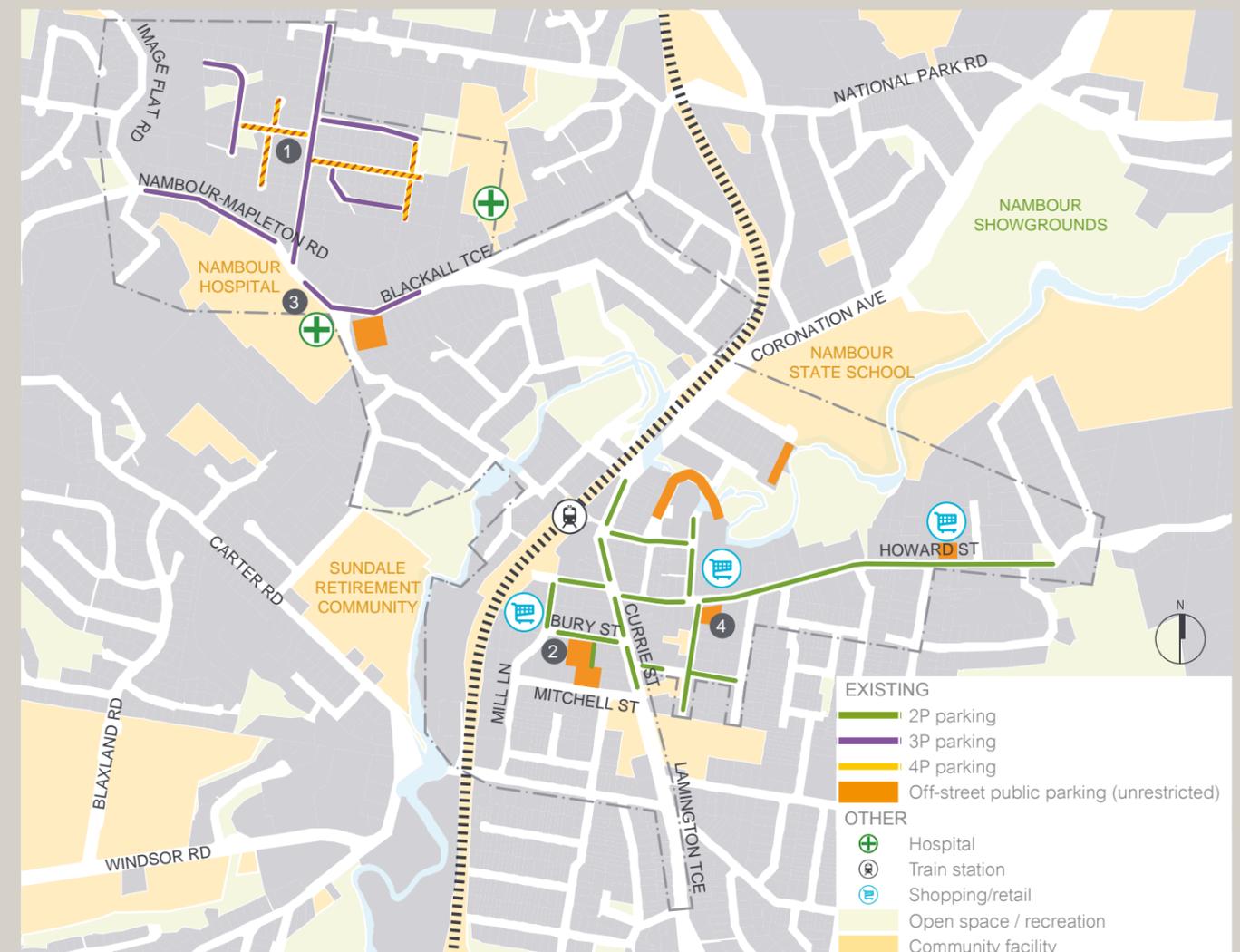
- Create a parking map for Nambour to assist finding appropriate parking
- Review 10 and 30 minute time-restricted parking arrangements in the inner Nambour town centre area
- 1 Increase enforcement of parking regulations in the area surrounding the Nambour General Hospital in order to maintain turnover in areas that are experiencing spillover from the hospital
- 2 Review the mix of parking and increase enforcement in the vicinity of Council Chambers and Nambour Library to maintain turnover
- 3 Continue to liaise with the State Government to achieve parking outcomes around the Nambour General Hospital
- 4 Investigate opportunities to provide additional parking supply for the Nambour town centre including a multi-storey parking facility at the Howard Street/Sydney Street public off-street car park site.

Medium to long term (5+ years)

- Investigate options for value for money technology which assists to optimise parking use and management.

TARGETED ACTIONS

The high parking demand in Nambour would normally result in a number of parking management measures being implemented. However, there is some spare capacity that borders the town centre and the Nambour General Hospital. Additional parking supply will not be provided in the short term in order to maximise the use of the existing surrounding parking supply and anticipating a change in demand at the hospital.



Parking actions - Nambour