



## Beerwah

Beerwah is an important public transport node within the Sunshine Coast region. Current growth projections indicate a 36% population increase in Beerwah and the surrounding area by 2026. Emerging trends will be monitored to ensure that additional demands of future growth are met.

### KEY ISSUES

Beerwah is an active and functional centre, well-served by its existing parking provision. Localised parking pressures relate specifically to the train station and existing private developments.

#### Station car park usage

Survey data suggests that the Beerwah Parade train station commuter car park is being appropriately used as a park and ride site and spills into the informal area. Survey data indicates that the Simpson Street station car park is being used to support the adjacent shopping precinct. Rail parking should be increased on the Beerwah Parade railway station car park site, as the Simpson Street site has limited capacity for expansion.

#### Duration

In all the on-street parking locations (west of the railway line), about 85% of vehicles stayed 2 hours or less. Along Mawhinney Street, 86% of vehicles stayed 3 hours or less.

#### Private development spillover

Most developments in Beerwah are well-served by existing private off-street parking arrangements. Occupancy is observed to vary throughout the area. Busy periods in Beerwah's private off-street development areas may result in parking spillover into adjacent on-street and off-street public parking areas.

#### Pressure points

Beerwah Library and Community Hall was observed to experience high occupancy and parking spillover on weekends. Survey data indicates weekday parking demand is adequately accommodated.

#### Public parking

The majority of public parking demand occurs west of the rail line. On-street parking fronting commercial premises is well used, as is the Simpson Street off-street parking area. Overall parking demand is higher on weekdays than weekends.

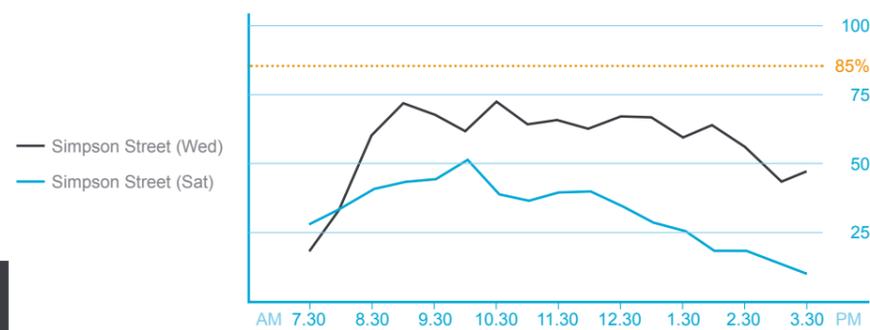
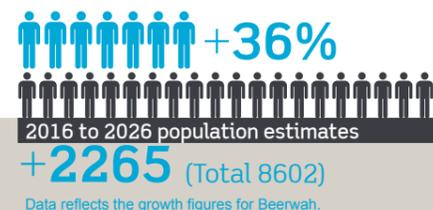


Weekend parking occupancy (typical peak)



Weekday parking occupancy (typical peak)

Aerial Imagery supplied by NearMap



Beerwah daily occupancy fluctuations



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The aim is to better use current parking provision by implementing a range of short and medium term changes that optimise the existing parking configuration.

### PARKING STRATEGY

- Investigate and advocate for expansion of existing off-street parking sites to meet future demand
- Strengthen and improve pedestrian links between key destinations and parking facilities located within appropriate walking distances
- Expand short-term parking in high demand locations to support higher turnover
- Monitor parking measures, emerging demographics and trends to inform decision-making

### BENEFITS

- Creates turnover and availability of parking in high activity commercial areas
- Helps parking through increased legibility and information availability
- Caters for projected future demands to support economic growth and encourage travel mode shift
- Improves management of parking spillover from high-use areas into the surrounding streets
- Creates opportunities for increased capacity once demand is demonstrated

### ONGOING STRATEGIC ACTIONS

The parking issues in Beerwah are largely associated with spillover from commercial sites and the Library site. The following actions will occur as required or on a regular repetitive basis.

- Promote walking, cycling and and public transport options to 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
- 1 Continued monitoring of parking use in the Beerwah area, particularly on Simpson Street, to improve understanding of parking trends and investigate opportunities for additional parking capacity.
- With the duplication of the rail project extent of work being known, a revision of this LAPP may be required to manage any potential impacts
- Support an interactive parking app to facilitate journey planning.

### TARGETED ACTIONS

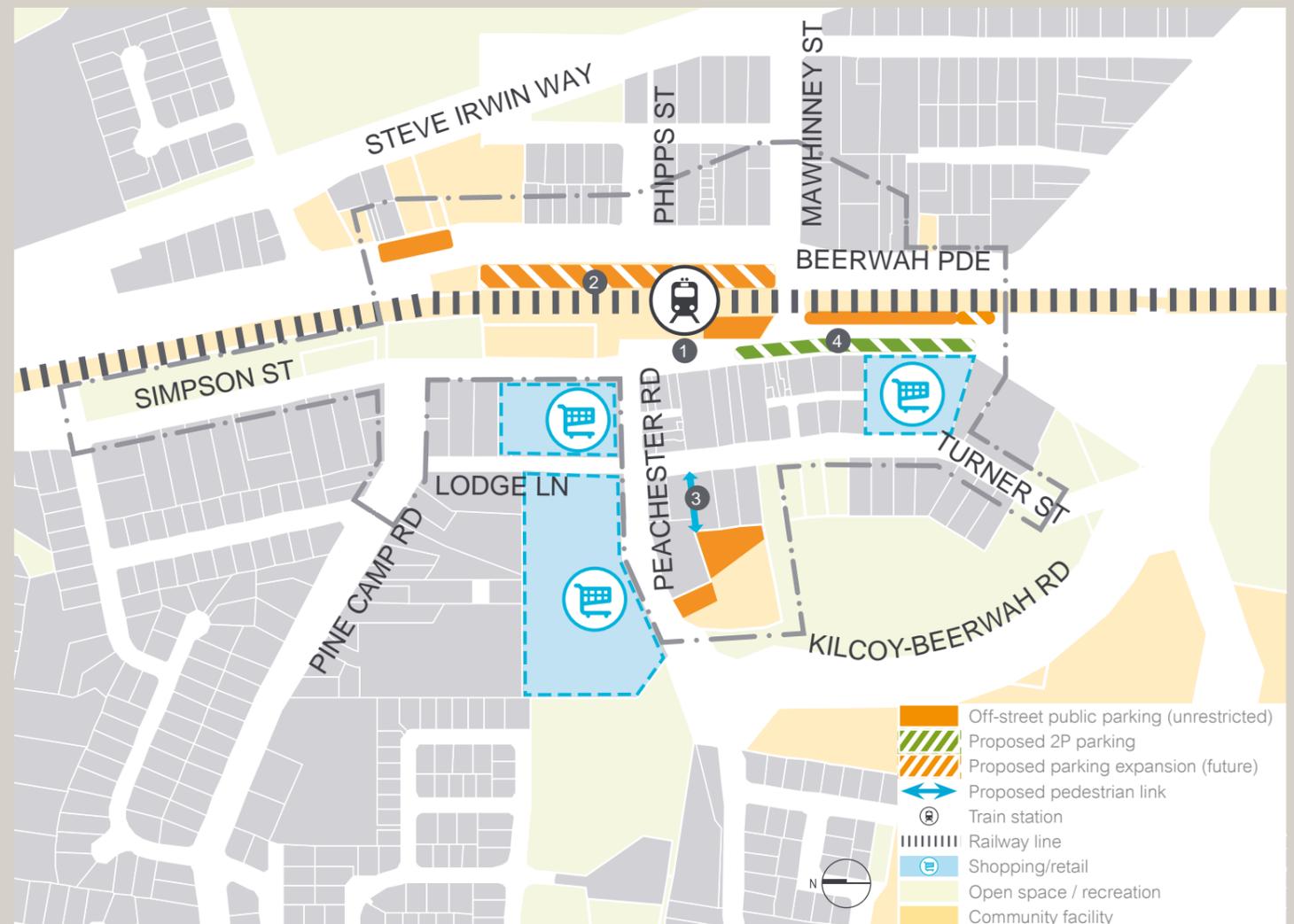
The existing parking arrangement in Beerwah has some capacity to cater for future needs. Significant growth projections may require intervention to accommodate future demand during peak periods. No significant changes to the public on-street parking arrangements are necessary to support local transport, commercial and retail activities in the near term. The following interventions are to be implemented over a 10 year period to minimise these impacts.

#### Short term (1-5 years)

- Create a parking map for Beerwah to enhance legibility and guide users
- 2 Advocate to the State Government for an expansion to the Beerwah Parade Station park and ride car park
- 3 Construct an improved pedestrian link between the Beerwah Library and Community Hall through to Turner Street. This will increase cross-block permeability and allow a shorter walking distance for pedestrians accessing the Library.

#### Medium to long term (5+ years)

- 4 Introduce 2P, time-limited on-street parking along parts of Simpson Street, south of Peachester Road to increase turnover and support the adjacent commercial uses
- Introduce use-restricted bays based on demonstrated need to support the associated land uses
- Park and ride capacity is increased.



Parking actions - Beerwah