



## Montville Chamber Of Commerce

### **Car Parking In Montville.**

At the recent general meeting of the Chamber, the issue of car parking was discussed. This issue is a constant concern and is exacerbated by high traffic events, for example a long weekend.

The chamber received correspondence from a number of members expressing concern over the traffic issue.

The general issues raised included;

- Car spots being used by main street business owners and their staff for the full day.
- Locals parking in the commercial zone, even to the point of moving temporary bollards placed to ensure large trucks could unload.
- Lack of a plan or timeline to redevelop the Russell Park car park.
- Closure of the gate at the end of Russell Park, which historically was used for overflow in peak periods.
- Parking on the curbside along Western Ave during peak periods creating a potentially dangerous situation. It was noted on occasion that the access to the Fire station was also impacted.
- Motor bikes parking "one to a spot", when three or more could use the same space.
- Lack of a drop off zone in front of the Post Office/Newsagents/supermarket area specifically for older residents.

The meeting was unanimous in deciding to act positively to these issues. As a first step it was agreed that a wider cross section of the main street businesses be surveyed before approaches are made to council.

The possible solutions raised were

- Owners and staff taking up main street parking be identified and asked to move their vehicles.
- The gate at the end of Russell Park be opened on high traffic days.
- No parking signs on one side of Western Ave.
- Lobby to quickly have the Russell Park car parking upgrade be undertaken.
- Ten minute parking spaces be created in front of the Post Office/Newsagent etc
- Timed (four hours) parking be introduced into the main street.
- Shuttle bus to bring people from the sports ground back into the village.

These options were put forward at the meeting and there may be others to consider.

Please complete the attached survey and return as an attachment to [montvillechamber@gmail.com](mailto:montvillechamber@gmail.com) by 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Thank you for contribution

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## Survey Questions

1. Do you think Montville has a car parking problem?  
YES  NO
  
2. Which do you think is the most pressing problem? Please rank from 1 the most pressing.
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Other problems not identified in the meeting:

3. Rank the solutions from in order of preference 1 being the best.
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Other solutions: