

PARKHEAD PLACE RESERVE ISSUES

Background

David from Gubba emailed NHBA in mid November raising concerns. Two issues:

1. People congregating under the Unitec building with sofas, tables and refreshments.
2. People using his forecourt area as a short cut endangering themselves and his staff.

Update

Issue 1 People congregating under the Unitec building

This area is marked as a black circle on the map below.

Unitec have responded quickly and are now going to remove all items from under their building and fence off the whole area. This is likely to be completed by the start of the new term 2014. They are also looking to undertake a tidy up of the area – removing cans, bottles etc.

The main access to that area has been down the back of Gubba's building and there is a well worn path. Once the area under the building is closed off the pedestrians should disappear.

Issue 2 People using his forecourt area as a short cut

There is a well worn path leading from Albany Highway down to Parkhead Place. This is shown in red on the map below and is a popular short cut.

The issue is around the final part of the path where it joins Parkhead Place. Pedestrians try and cut through the forecourts of number 6 & 4 Parkhead Place. These businesses have vehicles and forklifts operating in the area and the pedestrians are endangering themselves and the workers.

After a site visit Unitec and NHBA have suggested that a fence be put up running alongside 6 Parkhead Place. This would appear to be the quickest and easiest solution. David from Gubba has agreed to contact the building owner and see if they would agree to a fence going up and to possibly make a contribution.

Long term it would be great to get a formal path made through the reserve so that pedestrians could use it safely. This would encourage walking and public transport useage.

Other issues

There is another route which causes issues for businesses and this is marked in blue on the map. Pedestrians follow a concrete path that drops them into the car park of 2 Rothwell Ave. The pedestrians then walk through the car parks exiting through Clariant car park at 4 Rothwell Ave. Again this area has a high amount of vehicle movements ranging from containers to forklift trucks.

Clariant (at 4 Rothwell) have tried to restrict access to this area by using both pallets and containers but this hasn't really worked. If the red route was improved it might deter pedestrians away from this area and improve safety.

The area is really quite pleasant but could benefit from a tidy up as there is quite a bit of litter and dumped items.

MAP OF AREA

