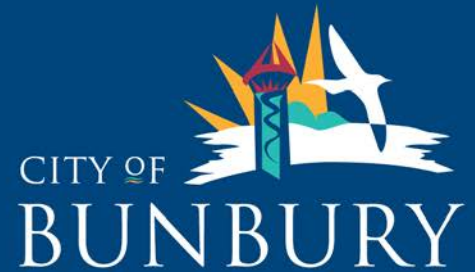


MEDIA STATEMENT



Tuesday, 13 December 2016

CBD shoppers praised for parking performance

Christmas shoppers have been praised for their patient parking practices with City of Bunbury Rangers reporting smooth sailing so far this festive season.

The City of Bunbury has increased the free time limit in its visitor/shopper car parks in the Central Business District (CBD) from two hours to three, which gives shoppers an extra hour of free parking to stock up on Christmas presents.

City staff continue to monitor vehicle numbers in the CBD and a focus on education is paying dividends as there has been a smooth turnover in parking bays.

There are five visitor shopper car parks – totalling 990 car bays – all conveniently located within close walking distance of CBD shops.

The locations of the visitor/shopper car parks are available on a map that can be downloaded from the City's website www.bunbury.wa.gov.au.

Extra parking maps are also available in shops throughout the CBD. The map shows the location of CBD shopping centre car parks and all-day car parks that are also available for people to use for longer stays.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said shoppers were making the most of the extra hour of free parking.

"The city centre has become noticeably busier over the first two weeks of December and it is encouraging to see traffic flowing well on our streets and in the car parks," Mr Brennan said.

"Other parking strategies, such as making the Cobblestone car park free for workers and other motorists in the lead-up to Christmas, helps to take the pressure off."

Parking changes will remain in place until Christmas Eve. On-street parking remains unchanged.

Dedicated parking bays for ACROD permit holders are also located throughout the city centre, both on-street as well as in public car parks.

ACROD permit holders do not need to obtain a ticket when parking anywhere in the City of Bunbury. A location map is available from the City's website with 18 ACROD sites available throughout the CBD.

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