

# Smarter Parking, Better Access

YOUR GUIDE TO UPCOMING PARKING CHANGES



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Council is making changes to parking across Airlie Beach (including Council-owned parks at Coral Sea Marina and Port of Airlie), Cannonvale Foreshore, Shingley Beach and Shute Harbour, with minor changes to time limits, digital monitoring technology and reduced infringement costs.
- These changes respond to growing demand in busy areas and are designed to improve parking availability, support local business, improve visual amenity and create fairer and easier access for everyone.
- We will continue to support local residents and workers, with no changes to resident parking permits and continued access to free long-term parking at Waterson Way, just a short walk from Airlie Beach Main Street.
- During the transition, warning notices will be issued by mail to build community awareness before full implementation begins in July 2026.

## TIMELINE

INFRINGEMENT  
WARNING PERIOD

MID JUNE - 30 JUNE  
2026

PARKING MONITORING  
& REDUCED  
INFRINGEMENT COSTS

JULY 2026 - ONGOING

INVESTMENT IN NEW  
PARKING - WATERSON  
WAY

SUBJECT TO GRANT  
FUNDING

## KEY CHANGES

Smarter Parking, Better Access. The changes are designed to improve customer access and support local business, by enhancing parking availability in high-demand areas.

### FREE SHORT-TERM PARKING



High-demand on-street parking will remain free, with minor time-limit adjustments throughout the precincts. See parking map QR code below.

Longer stays are supported at paid off-street carparks, or free in the Waterson Way Council car park

### IMPROVED PARKING AVAILABILITY



Through digital monitoring, parking availability in high-demand areas will improve, making it easier for more customers to access local businesses

### DIGITAL MONITORING



Digital monitoring will become more proactive across key precincts, with non-compliant parking receiving a letter to the vehicles registered address, rather than an infringement notice on windscreen

### REDUCED PARKING INFRINGEMENT COST



Penalty units on parking offences are either remaining the same or being reduced.

For example, offence for non payment and overstay reduced from 1 penalty unit to 0.75. The exception being accessible parking, increasing to 4 penalty units for non-permit holders.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Paid parking is now easier with upgraded ticketless machines accepting coin or card, plus the free EasyPark app for convenient online payment. EasyPark lets users pay digitally, receive reminders, extend parking remotely, store receipts and manage multiple vehicles.

For more details on parking changes, view our Frequently Asked Questions fact sheet and parking maps via QR code right.

