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PARKING PROBLEM: Meadowbank

Trapped in own driveways

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A SILENT battle over parking has been taking place between Meadowbank residents and students at the local TAFE.

Alicia Donnelly said the introduction of restricted parking areas on both sides of See St and Macpherson Lane had pushed TAFE students to park on other neighbouring streets.

Residents often end up with nowhere to park, and some have resorted to putting up "no parking" signs across their own driveways, Ms Donnelly said.

"Students have been parking in front of people's driveways, and sometimes they've been trapped in, or unable to enter their own property.

Meadowbank TAFE has not supplied an adequate amount of parking space for its students," she said.

"Traffic volume in the area has increased over the past few years, meaning more students and fewer parking spaces.

"I'd like to see more parking for the TAFE itself - there's room to build more parking on the campus."

Her mother, Doriana Battaglia said her building only had two visitor parking spots for seven



Residents Doriana Battaglia (left) and Alicia Donnelly complain that sometimes they can't get out of their own driveways because of students parking in the street.

Picture: DAVE SWIFT

"Sometimes TAFE students park in these spots. On occasions my own son hasn't been able to park on our property when he visits and has been forced to park blocks away."

Director of Meadowbank College Elizabeth Webb told the *Northern*

District Times yesterday that there are 624 parking spaces at college, of which 446 were available to students.

"The car parks are usually open between 8am and 10pm, and for members of the Student Association (which costs \$20 per year)

the parking fee is \$1.10 per day" Ms Webb said.

"There are generally spaces available in the lower car parks.

"Meadowbank College is not aware of any formal complaints from neighbours in the past three years," she said.

BRIEF

Staff exhibit

FINE Arts staff from the Gallery School at Meadowbank College will be showcasing their talents at the annual exhibition, called "FINE Arts" until Friday, August 10. The exhibition (below) at the See Street Gallery features a wide range of painting and drawing, printmaking and photography. Many of the staff are also artists with work in the Gallery School's permanent public collection.



Spring

THE Eastwood Community Centre will be holding its annual community concert on Saturday, August 11, at 7pm. The event will be attended by residents from all over the area and will be surrounded by a display of art at Eastwood Community Centre, 100 Rowe Street, from 10am to 4pm. There will be a variety of activities including music, dance, and a craft fair.