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Council impounds abandoned trolleys

Shoalhaven City Council's Rangers have impounded 18 shopping trolleys on Wednesday night that had been abandoned within the Nowra CBD and surrounding areas.

Rangers undertook a random 'round-up' of abandoned trolleys after Council received a number of complaints regarding shopping trolleys littering the streets, parks and reserve areas in Nowra.

Acting Ranger Services Manager Tony Pearman said: "Over the years Council has impounded hundreds of shopping trolleys that continually litter our streets, drains, and reserves. These trolleys are also being used by vandals to damage public and private property.

"Council's Rangers rounded up the abandoned shopping trolleys on Wednesday night and supermarkets may claim their impounded trolleys by paying a release fee of \$80 for each trolley impounded by Council.

"It is worth noting that the majority of trolleys impounded were not subject to a coin operating system."

Council will continue to hold periodic 'round-ups' of trolleys from parks, roadsides and CBD areas in order to combat vagrant trolleys, keeping numbers to a minimum.

All citizens are encouraged to report abandoned trolleys to 'Trolley Trackers' on 1800 641 497 or Council Rangers on (02) 4429 3111.

Photo caption: some of the shopping trolleys being impounded by Council Rangers.

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