

POLICY

Laws & Enforcements – Street Entertainment Approvals

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Related documents	
Responsible officer	Manager Planning, Building & Regulatory Services
Department/Section	Environmental & Community Services
Category	Regulatory Compliance
Community Strategic Plan priorities	<p>Priority 1 A connected community Priority 3 Thriving Economy</p> <p>Strategic Objective 1.6 Provide and support a range of community events, festivals and celebrations. Strategic Objective 3.4 Provide diversity in tourist attractions and experiences.</p>



Policy Statement

The General Manager has delegated authority pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 to issue approvals for street entertainment and busking in conformity with Council's Policy.

The General Manager may delegate that authority to the Director Environmental & Community Services or other staff as appropriate.

Objective

To set guidelines for allowing street entertainment within Council's Local Government Area.

Scope

This policy applies to all staff involved in the assessment and approval of applications for street entertainment.

Definitions

All terms used in this policy have the standard dictionary definition.

Policy Details

Council permits busking and public entertainment to be conducted on streets and reserves under its control, subject to:

- a) a written application;
- b) approval will be issued subject to compliance with the following requirements:-
 - the approval does not permit busking or street entertainment to be conducted within:-
 - ten (10) metres of a road intersection;
 - in any area adjacent to a place of public worship; and
 - in any area adjacent to residential premises
- c) a busker may solicit money by placing a receptacle on the ground but shall not ask nor approach members of the public for money;
- d) a busker may sell audio recordings of own music;
- e) not more than four (4) persons shall carry on busking together or in a group at any one time at the same location;
- f) a busker or persons conducting public entertainment shall not:-
 - obstruct or hinder the passage of pedestrians or vehicles;
 - cause any inconvenience or annoyance or obstruction to any person;
 - create any public nuisance or unreasonable noise;
 - display any advertising matter of a commercial nature; and,
 - display any political, religious, social or other propaganda.



- g) a busker or person conducting public entertainment shall comply with any lawful direction given by the Police or an authorised officer of Council;
- h) an approval may be cancelled at any time by notice in writing addressed to the person licensed upon the receipt of any complaint that the licensed person is in breach of any of the abovementioned conditions;
- i) the approval is issued for a period not exceeding twenty (20) days.
- j) where a busker or person conducting public entertainment is representing a registered business, or an incorporated or not for profit organisation, they shall maintain public liability insurance to the value of \$20 million.

Responsibilities

Director Environmental & Community Services

The Director Environmental & Community Services will ensure this policy is implemented effectively.

Manager Planning, Building & Regulatory Services

The Manager Planning, Building & Regulatory Services will ensure that street entertainment applications are determined in accordance with this policy.

Compliance Officers

Compliance Officers will assess applications and ensure that busking and street entertainment is conducted in accordance with this policy and any approvals granted by Council.

References and Related Legislation

- Local Government Act 1993

Version History

Version No.	Date	CD Ref	Reason for Review
1	26/08/2013		
	6/3/2017		Policy review – Replacing the former Scone Shire Council Policy Regulations Licences (1) Street Entertainment Approvals adopted on 26 August 2013
2	31/05/2021	CD-69/21	Policy review – Updated on new template
3	28/10/2024	CD-61/24	Timed review