

BUSKING

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NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL POLICY

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Statement of Intent

- To encourage performers and events which contribute to the cultural life of Narrandera Shire
- To provide alternative performance options to performers.
- To provide a platform for community expression.
- To identify and qualify locations suitable as busking sites.
- To manage busking within the Narrandera Local Government Area.

Eligibility

- This policy applies to any person or group performing in a public space in the Narrandera Shire local government area.
- Busking areas are in East St CBD, outside the Narrandera Railway Station, outside the Narrandera Tourist Centre, village centres of Barellan and Grong Grong, all Council Parks and Gardens and all Council sporting and cultural facilities.

Definitions

- **Busker:** A person performing an act/performance to be seen by the general public. The act may be arranged or impromptu performances including the playing of a musical instrument, dancing, singing, clowning or juggling, or doing other acts of a similar nature in public. Buskers may or may not accept volunteered monetary appreciations.
- **Performance:** Musical, dramatic or other entertainment involving musical, theatrical, or circus performance skills.
- **Non Profit Performer:** A person performing an act/performance to be seen by the general public but who or which does not accept volunteered monetary appreciations is still a Busker.
- **Soliciting funds:** The act of asking, begging, seeking or requesting money or goods from members of the public.

- Dangerous materials and implements: materials and implements that pose a risk, or uncertain outcomes for people. This includes material:
 - That gives off any kind of heat or toxicity. Dangerous materials include flammable materials and chemicals, fireworks, smoke, flairs, heated elements. Dangerous implements include knives, spears, swords, spikes, sharp implements and any other implement that pose a threat of harm to any person.
- Narrandera Shire Council does not define the following as a busking performance. These acts will not be eligible to apply for a permit:
 - Fortune, tarot, palm readers, masseurs or masseuses, vendors and artists selling portraits or other works.
- Structures (eg A-frames) are not permitted.

Provisions

- Applications for permit/s allowing busking in the Narrandera Shire Council designated areas must be sought through the Narrandera Shire Council. Buskers must hold their authorised permit on their person, to be shown at the request of Narrandera Council Rangers/Officers.
- Applicants for busking permit/s do not have to pay a fee
- Non Profit Performers must still apply for a permit.
- Children under 18 years old must still apply for a permit. Proof of parental consent must be provided for applicants under the age of 18 years.
- For the purposes of identification applicants are required to present proof of identity in one of the following forms at the time of application before a Busking permit will be issued:
 - A student identity/proof of age card
 - A current passport with photo
 - A credit card with signature
 - Current photo driver's licence
- Buskers must remain in their hired area.
- Buskers must display or have on their person their permit.
- Buskers must not solicit funds. Buskers can accept volunteered monetary appreciations.
- Permits are not transferable.
- Buskers must carry out directions issued by NSW Police force, Ambulance, Fire and any other Emergency Services or Narrandera Shire Council Rangers/Officer.
- Narrandera Shire Council Rangers and Officers may at any time request Buskers to immediately terminate their performance if the Ranger/Officer deems the act as too loud, offensive, dangerous or as causing harm to private or public property or for any other reason found to be a breach of the law.

- Buskers must not unreasonably restrict or cause obstruction to pedestrian flow or entrances to shops or buildings.
- Buskers must make sure their site does not pose a threat to public safety.
- Buskers must keep their designated site clean while performing and at the time of departure the site must be clean.
- Buskers must not use dangerous implements or materials as part of their performance.
- Buskers must not perform longer than three (3) hours at any one hired area without the permission of Narrandera Shire Council.
- Buskers must not sell or make offers for sale of any commodity without the permission of Narrandera Shire Council.
- Buskers must not advertise or be seen to be endorsing any product of any kind in conjunction with their performance without the permission of Narrandera Shire Council.
- Display structures must not be used i.e. A-frames.
- Buskers must not use mains voltage amplification without the permission of Narrandera Shire Council. Buskers may use battery-operated amplification without the permission of Narrandera Shire Council
- By signing the Hiring Application/Permit for Hired Busking Area in Narrandera Shire Council applicants must agree to comply with conditions laid out in the Narrandera Shire Council's Busking Policy

Insurance

- Buskers who have chosen to take insurance cover will be requested to provide to Narrandera Shire Council evidence of cover for Council's records.

Responsibility and Accountability

- Division of Corporate Services: responsible for issuing permits.
- Ranger Services: implementation of busking provisions.

Variation

Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this policy.

Policy History

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Signed: George Cowan, General Manager

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