

Media Release



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Camden is one step closer to busking

Camden Council is encouraging residents to have their say on the very first Busking Policy which, after being endorsed at last night's Ordinary Meeting, is now on public exhibition.

The policy was developed to ensure a coordinated process is in place for the management of busking activity within the Camden area.

Nine sites are proposed in the draft policy and were assessed in terms of clearance for pedestrian movement and minimal impact on businesses. They include:

- Corner John and Argyle Street, Camden, on the footpath near the NAB;
- Corner Elizabeth and Argyle Street, Camden, outside the Royal Camden Hotel;
- Camden Civic Centre;
- Alan Baker Art Gallery, facing John Street;
- Narellan Library, in the forecourt;
- Oran Park Library, in the forecourt;
- Camden Library, facing John Street;
- 146-148 Argyle Street, on the footpath, outside Blooms Chemist; and
- Corner John and Argyle Street, Camden, on the footpath, adjacent to Rawson Homes.

The policy, which applies to Council-owned land, requires all buskers to have a busking registration, including evidence of appropriate public liability insurance. It will ensure there is minimal impact on adjoining businesses and pedestrian safety.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said busking plays an important role in the community.

"It's entertaining, enhances the cultural and economic vibrancy of our local places and helps make public places inviting and warm," Cr Fedeli said.

"It's also a terrific way for our local artists to showcase their talent.

"Whenever we have our local artists perform at our events, I am always blown away by their skills and professionalism. This policy will help them perform and get valuable public exposure on a more regular basis."

The Busking Policy will be on public exhibition on Monday 2 December until 5pm on Friday 17 January 2020.

Residents can also have their say on Council's revised Tree Management Policy which, like the Busking Policy, will be on public exhibition from Monday 2 December to Friday 17 January 2020. This policy, originally endorsed by Council in February 2015, has been reviewed and updated to reflect changes in legislation and the organisational structure, and to improve the readability of the policy.

For more information on the Busking Policy and Tree Management Policy, visit camden.nsw.gov.au

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