

6.2.15 Temporary Suspension of Alcohol Free Zone Kandos Hall, Angus Avenue Kandos

REPORT BY THE HEALTH AND BUILDING SURVEYOR TO 2 APRIL 2014 COUNCIL MEETING
Temporary Suspension of Alcohol Free Zone Kandos Hall
GOV400038, P1553611

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. **the report by the Health and Building Surveyor on the Temporary Suspension of Alcohol Free Zone Kandos Hall, Angus Avenue Kandos be received;**
2. **Council allow the suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone for the outside area of the Kandos Hall in Angus Avenue Kandos on the 4 October 2014 to allow alcohol to be consumed/served to patrons at the Bicentennial Celebrations.**

Executive summary

A request has been received to suspend the Alcohol Free Zone outside the Kandos Hall on the 4 October 2014.

The suspension is requested in order to allow for alcohol to be consumed/served to patrons at the Bicentennial Celebrations.

Legislation requires that any suspension of an Alcohol Free Zone must be approved by resolution of Council in consultation with the Local Area Command.

Detailed report

The Bicentennial Celebrations will be held in Angus Avenue Kandos, with crowds expected to take part in the celebrations. Alcohol will only be served within the area of the Kandos Hall.

Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones

SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION OF AN ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE

(Section 645 Local Government Act 1993)

The power to suspend or cancel an alcohol-free zone during its period of operation is provided so that a council may respond to more immediate situations that arise within the area of the zone.

A council must pass a valid resolution to suspend or cancel a particular alcohol-free zone. Such action may be taken as a result of a request received from any person or body, or at a council's own initiative.

Liaison with the local police, before and after the council resolution, is essential to ensure that both groups are informed and action is coordinated. Additionally, a council may undertake any other consultation it considers necessary.

A council must publish notice of a suspension or cancellation as required under section 645 (1) and (3). In the case of cancellation of an alcohol-free zone the signs should be removed immediately.

A council is not limited in the reasons for which it may suspend or cancel an alcohol-free zone. A suspension would not usually be appropriate for any period longer than one month, and generally would be of a much shorter duration, e.g. to accommodate a specific community event.

The four year operation of an alcohol-free zone is not extended by any suspension occurring within that period.

The Local Area Command was consulted regarding the request. Constable Jason Turnball – Licensing Officer – advises that the Local Area Command have no objections to the suspension of the Alcohol Free Zones for the purposes of this event.

Financial and Operational Plan implications

All costs associated with the event are covered by the current budget.

Community Plan implications

Not applicable.

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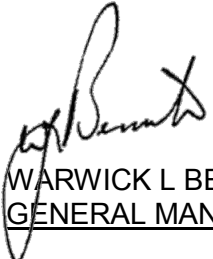


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Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:



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