

Corporate Plan Reference:	<i>Theme 2: Liveability</i> <i>Objective 2.3: Nurture arts and culture to enrich the identity and vibrancy of communities, highlight local talent, celebrate First Nations culture and encourage creative participation and expression.</i>
Street Performance Policy	Endorsed by Council: 23 October 2014
Policy Author:	Property

PURPOSE

This procedure outlines the operational requirements for street performance activities within the Noosa Shire. It aims to ensure street performers contribute positively to the cultural, social, and economic vibrancy of the region while managing impacts on the community and environment.

SCOPE

This procedure applies to street performances on Council-controlled community land including freehold and trustee land, such as:

- Parks and reserves
- Roadways (excluding state-controlled roads)
- Pathways and footpaths
- Foreshores

This procedure does not apply to private land or the following excluded activities:

- Percussion instruments
- Tarot, palm, or fortune reading
- Artists selling artworks (e.g. portrait artists)
- Masseurs or masseuses
- Any form of vending or solicitation
- Animal acts
- Pavement art
- Roving acts
- Face painting
- Spruiking or rallying
- Other activities deemed inconsistent with Council's goals for street performance, such as acts primarily commercial in nature or lacking entertainment/cultural value.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Performance locations are chosen based on community need and stakeholder input.
- Community use of land has priority over performance activities.
- Performances must enhance the Shire's atmosphere and not negatively affect residents, businesses, or the environment.
- Public safety is a key consideration.
- Fair and equitable access is supported.

REVIEW

This document will be reviewed once per Council term (every four years) or as required from time to time.

COUNCIL PROCEDURE

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit:

- Completed application form (available at: [Street Performance Application Form – Noosa Council](#))
- See **Insurance Requirements** section for full details
- Photographic ID (e.g. driver's licence, passport, student ID)
- A one-page summary of the act (including props and prior experience)
- A link to a video or website showcasing performance ability
- **Applicants under 18 years** must provide a parent/guardian signature and identification.
- Council may request a live audition.

APPROVAL AND PERMIT PERIOD

- Fee is payable on approval.
- Permits are valid for 12 months (from date of issue to 31 July) and are not automatically renewed.
- A single permit grants access to perform in all locations as listed below.
- Council may cancel permits due to non-compliance or complaints.
- Advertising, signage, and sales of products/services are not permitted.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Performers must hold and supply evidence of \$20 million public liability insurance and must list Noosa Council noted as an interested party.
- Apart from exceptional circumstances Performers are not covered by Council insurance.

PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS AND TIMES

Permitted Performance Locations

Suburb	Location	Day	Time
Cooroy	Maple Street	7 days	9am-5pm
Noosa Junction	Arcadia Street - footpath	7 days	9am-8pm
Noosaville	Gympie Tce – between Thomas St & Weyba Rd	7 days	9am-6pm
Peregian Beach	Shopping Centre & Town Square, Heron St – between Kingfisher Dr & Grebe St	Sat/Sun Public Holidays	9am-5pm
Pomona	Memorial Ave – between Reserve St & Pomona Hotel	7 days	9am-5pm
Sunshine Beach	Duke St – between Bryan St & Henderson St (on shop side of the road)	Sat/Sun Public Holidays	9am-5pm
Tewantin	Poinciana Ave – between Sidoni St & Pelican St	7 days	9am-5pm

Note: Specific performance sites, days, and times are determined through consultation with local business associations and confirmed at time of approval.

To perform at any location not listed by Council, the permit holder must first obtain support from the local Business Association, as well as permission from any affected business owners, that is, those in the immediate vicinity of the proposed performance site.

Special Permit Hastings Street:

A special permit has been issued to Hastings Street Association for performances along Hastings Street. Applicants requesting to perform in this area must contact the Hastings Street Association directly. A standard Street Performance Permit does not grant access to perform in Hastings Street.

Suburb	Location	Day	Time
Noosa Heads	Hastings Street - Special approval is required from the Hastings Street Association, please contact the HSA for further details. https://www.hastingsstreetassociationinc.com.au/contact-2	7 days	9am-5pm

SPECIAL PERMITS

Special permits may be considered for activities involving:

- Amplification
- Dangerous implements (e.g. swords, knives)
- Dangerous materials (e.g. fire, flammables, chemicals)

All requests will be reviewed for public safety and compliance.

STREET PERFORMANCE CODE OF CONDUCT

- Permits must be displayed prominently at the performance site;
- Permit holders must perform in areas permitted by Council;
- There are no rosters; first performer to arrive has priority;
- Each performance must not exceed 40 minutes, with a 15-minute break between sets;
- Maximum total time at any site: 2 hours per day;
- Any performer under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- If another performer is waiting, the current performer must finish after their current set;
- The permit holder must introduce themselves to proprietors adjacent to the performance site before commencing their street performance;
- The permit holder must perform in a safe manner and must not endanger themselves or members of the public.
- They must also ensure no damage is caused to public or private property, including vehicles, street furniture, and other infrastructure.
- The permit holder can ask the audience, if necessary, to move aside so pedestrians, vehicles, etc, can pass freely;
- Comply with all directions given by Council authorised persons, member of the Queensland Police Service, Ambulance, Queensland Fire and Rescue, Emergency Services, or other approved agency;
- Whilst voluntary donations from the audience are accepted there is to be no soliciting or touting for contributions from the permit holder;
- On completion of activity the site must be reinstated to its original condition. This includes removing all material which may have been used during the performance;

COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

For enquiries or to submit applications, please contact Council using the following:

- **Address:** Noosa Council, 9 Pelican Street, Tewantin QLD 4563
- **Postal Address:** PO Box 141, Tewantin, QLD 4563
- **Email:** mail@noosa.qld.gov.au
- **Phone:** 07 5329 6500

RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND POLICIES

- Land Act 1994
- Local Law (1) Administration
- Local Law (4) Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities, Infrastructure and Roads
- Noosa Council Street Performance Policy

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