

COUNCIL POLICY



Policy Name	Alcohol Free Zones - Suspension
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Abstract

To provide guidelines for the suspension of Alcohol Free Zones in the Gunnedah Shire Local Government Area.

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Policy Custodian	Director Planning and Environmental Services	
Relevant to	Council	
Superseded Policies		
Related documents		
Related legislation		

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONE: (Section 644 Local Government Act, 1993)

Council may from time to time establish Alcohol Free Zones in accordance with Section 644 of the Local Government Act, 1993 within Gunnedah Shire Local Government Area.

When Alcohol Free Zones are established or reviewed by Council the location of those zones and the expiry date of the zone shall be annexed to the this policy as Appendix 1.

2. SUSPENSION OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES: (Section 645 Local Government Act, 1993)

2.1 REQUEST FOR SUSPENSIONS OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES:

All requests for suspension of an Alcohol Free Zone, or part thereof, shall be forwarded to Council in writing at least 60 days prior to proposed suspension period.

A request for suspension of an Alcohol Free Zone shall be accompanied by a \$100 lodgement fee and detail the organisation requesting the suspension, the reason for the suspension, the portion of the Alcohol Free Zone to be subject of suspension, the date and timeframe for the suspension and proposed security and/or control measures to be implemented by the organisation

2.2 INSURANCE, INCORPORATION AND SECURITY:

2.2.1 An applicant seeking approval to suspend an Alcohol Free Zone shall provide relevant certificates in respect of a minimum \$10million insurance cover.

2.2.2 Community based organisations seeking approval to suspend an Alcohol Free Zone must be incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act.

2.2.3 An applicant shall nominate the registered security company they propose to use for the event.

2.3 DETERMINATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR SUSPENSION OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES:

2.3.1 Community, Social, Sporting or Cultural Organisation and Registered Business

An application by a community, social, sporting or cultural organisation or registered business for suspension of an Alcohol Free Zone shall be advertised in accordance with legislative requirements, with notification of the application forwarded to the Gunnedah Police Service and the Gunnedah Crime Prevention Committee.

Council shall assess the application under the following criteria:

- Consideration of comments by the Police Service in respect of the proposed suspension of the Alcohol Free Zone.
- Consideration of comments by the Gunnedah Crime Prevention Committee.
- The nature of the event with regard to the number of persons involved and security control measures to be instituted by the applicant
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- The timeframe proposed for the suspension having regard to the suspension being between the hours of 12:00noon and 10:00pm on any one day.
- The proposed suspension directly related to the conduct of an event by the applicant organisation which has a broad community benefit or interest.

2.3.2 Determination of Application:

Following determination of an application to suspend an Alcohol Free Zone, Council shall advise the applicant, Gunnedah Police and the Gunnedah Crime Prevention Committee of its decision and undertake public notification in accordance with legislative requirements.

APPENDIX 1

Council resolved on Wednesday, 16 May, 2001 (Minute No. 329.4) in accordance with Section 644 of the Local Government Act, 1993 to establish an Alcohol Free Zone over the following streets in Gunnedah for a three (3) year period expiring on **30 June, 2004**.

- i) Conadilly Street between Tempest Street and a point of 40 metres east of Henry Street.
- ii) Tempest Street between Little Conadilly Street and Little Barber Street.
- iii) Chandos Street between Bloomfield Street and Little Barber Street.
- iv) Marquis Street between Little Conadilly Street and Little Barber Street.
- v) Elgin Street between Little Conadilly Street and Little Barber Street.
- vi) Abbott Street between Little Conadilly Street and Little Barber Street.
- vii) Henry Street between Little Conadilly Street and Little Barber Street.

Version Control and change history

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