

Council Policy – Consumption of Alcohol on Shire Property

Responsible Directorate	Office of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Business Unit/s	Regulatory Services
Responsible Officer	Manager Regulatory Services
Affected Business Unit/s	Regulatory Services Facilities

Objective

To prescribe conditions to comply with, for the consumption of alcohol in and on Shire of Ashburton (Shire) owned or managed facilities and public reserves.

Scope

Applies to all property and facilities, owned, vested, or under the care, control or management of the Shire.

Policy Statement

This policy aims to achieve the following outcomes for the consumption and sale of alcohol at Shire owned and managed property:

- Safe consumption of alcohol,
- Responsible service of alcohol, and
- Minimise harm and alcohol related damage and violence.

Members of the public and organisations who wish to consume, supply, possess or sell alcohol on reserves managed by the Shire and in Shire owned facilities are to observe the following conditions:

- An application must be made to the Shire by submission of a 'Application to Consume Alcohol on Council Property' at least 14 days prior to the event date. If alcohol is being sold, the Shire must be provided with a copy of the liquor licence as approved by the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor, prior to the license period commencing.
- The permit holder listed on the 'Application to Consume Alcohol on Council Property' is responsible for the safety and wellbeing of all people involved in the event and managing the activity to ensure other users and residents are not impacted.

- Alcohol consumption is not to exceed six hours in any one day, must not commence prior to 11am and must cease before the following times:
 - Monday – Thursday 10.00pm,
 - Friday and Saturday 12.00am (midnight), and
 - Sunday 9.00pm.
- Any extension or variation to these hours requires the approval of the Officer in Charge of Police (in the relevant town) and the Chief Executive Officer of the Shire.
- All glass beverage and drinking containers are prohibited (unless the event has been identified as low risk and prior approval for use of glass has been requested and agreed to by the Shire.
- Events that are high risk, and/or events where the organisers have previously breached hire conditions (including damage to Shire property) may have their permits refused or be asked to provide additional information (such as risk management plans, evidence of crowd controllers etc.) before a permit is granted.
- For any perceived high-risk event, applications to consume alcohol should be forwarded to the local Police station for input before approval is considered.
- In the event of a cyclone, approval to consume liquor may be revoked for safety reasons.
- Depending on the nature and location of the event or function, the Shire may also place additional terms and conditions on the 'Application to Consume Alcohol on Council Property'.
- Where the event is on Crown land managed by the Shire, an application may be revoked if:
 - The event is not in accordance with the Reserve Purpose e.g., a facility subject to a community lease is hired for a Christmas party.
 - The event is not facilitated by the lessee e.g., the premises are hired to a third party.

Definitions

Nil

Relevant policies/documents

Guidelines for Concerts Events and Organised Gatherings – WA Department of Health 2022

Food Safety Standards

SOA CD 002 Application to Consume Alcohol on Council Property

Relevant legislation/local laws

Liquor Control Act 1988

Liquor Licensing Act 1988

Liquor Control Regulations 1989

Shire of Ashburton Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2023

Public Health Act 2016

Health (Public Building) Regulations 1992

Food Act 2008

Food Regulations 2009

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