



LATE ITEMS COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

19 SEPTEMBER 2023

Your attendance is required at a Communities Committee meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 19 September 2023 commencing at 9:00am for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
18 September 2023

Next Meeting Date: 17.10.23

Please note:

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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File No: 6097

Attachments: 1. [Black Dog Ball Request for Exemption](#)

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SUMMARY

The Black Dog Ball are requesting an alteration to the standard 10.30pm event programming curfew that is in place for the Rockhampton Showgrounds in support of their event offering for the 2023 Black Dog Ball on the 7 October 2023.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the alteration of the Rockhampton Showgrounds event program curfew of 10.30pm to the stated time on following evening -

- Saturday 7th October 2023 12.00 midnight – Black Dog Ball Robert Schwarten Indoor Pavilion

COMMENTARY

The Black Dog Charity Ball, which raises funds for mental health, occurs at the beginning of mental health week. In 2023 Black dog ball has hired the Rockhampton Showgrounds Robert Schwarten Pavilion to hold its annual event. The event will have a PA system and stage which is fully contained within the indoor element of the Robert Schwarten Pavilion.

The event will operate under a community liquor permit with service ending at 11.30pm, providing 30 minutes for guests to exit site by midnight.

BACKGROUND

Rockhampton Regional Council have a standard 10.30pm curfew for event programming in the Rockhampton Showgrounds. This has been in place since the Council assumed operation of the site. The curfew is maintained with regular users such as the Rockhampton Saloon Car Club. In this instance race meet event activities at 10.30pm with only quite operational activity and patron movement happening beyond 10.30pm.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Since 2015 significant events have been granted extensions beyond 10.30pm as follows -

Beef 2015 - Thursday 7th May 11pm, Friday 8th May 11pm, Saturday 9th May 11.30pm

Beef 2018 – Sunday 6th May 11pm, Friday 11th May 11pm, Saturday 11th May 11.30pm

One Hot Night (Busby Marou) – Fri 29 December 2019 11.30pm

Beef 2021 – Sunday 2nd May 11pm, Friday 7th May 11pm, Saturday 8th May Midnight

There have been numerous relaxations for similar events including Beef prior to 2015.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

NIL

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Governed by Queensland Legislation.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As the event operator Black Dog Ball is liable for adherence to noise regulation standards.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

While legal and reputational risks will reside with Black Dog Ball there may be reputational risks to Councils perceived good governance if there are significant noise complaints within the community. Conversely there may be reputational risks with broader community and stakeholders if restrictions affect the perceived success of the event.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Our Community – 2.1.1.

We ensure community assets are utilized and appropriate for the needs of the community.

CONCLUSION

That Council review the application for relaxation of curfew for the Black Dog Ball on Saturday 7th October and considering the benefits of this event to the broader community balanced against the risks support the recommendation.

BLACK DOG BALL REQUEST FOR ROCKHAMPTON SHOWGROUNDS NOISE CURFEW EXEMPTION

Black Dog Ball Request for Exemption

Meeting Date: 19 September 2023

Attachment No: 1

13th September 2023

To: Rockhampton Regional Council

Re: Request for exemption from Rockhampton Showgrounds noise curfew of 10.30pm

The Black Dog Ball is a charity ball held each year at the start of Mental Health Week. This event has become Central Queensland's Premier Event of the year.

To date we have raised \$320,000 for local mental health charities.

We have booked the Robert Schwarten Pavilion to host the 10th Annual Black Dog Ball on 7th October 2023.

Upon booking the venue we were advised there would be no problem with 12am finish time or noise restrictions.

Sponsors and their guests will arrive at 5pm for pre dinner drinks, with general admission arriving from 5:45pm. 730 guests are attending the Black Dog Ball to help us raise money for our 3 Beneficiaries this year - Headspace, Ourspace and Selectability. These non for profit organisations will be using the funds raised from this event to fund youth and adult mental health support programs.

Alcohol service will end at 11:30pm with the event closing at 12am

We are requesting an exemption from the Showgrounds noise curfew of 10.30pm for the evening.

We thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,
Tracey Watt, Natasha Price, Vicki Standen



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