

COUNCIL POLICY



Control of Noise from Recreation Reserves	Document No:	SCS - 015
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1. Purpose

This policy is to provide direction on the control of noisy activities taking place on recreation reserves that are owned or managed by Council.

2. Scope

This policy will assist with compliance of the State Environment Protection Policy No. N2–Control of Music Noise from Public Premises (the “SEPP-N2”) and to ensure protection of the residents living adjacent to Council owned and managed recreation reserves from high levels of noise.

3. Application

This policy will apply to all employees, Section 86 Committees of Managements and sports clubs who hire out all or part of recreation reserves including public halls and social rooms. It will also apply to the use of social rooms by clubs.

4. Definitions

Liquor Licence - A licence issued under the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*

5. Policy

The use of musical instruments and any electrical amplified sound reproducing equipment including a stereogram, radio, television and public address systems are not permitted on recreation reserves during these times:

Outdoor Venues

Monday to Thursday	before 7am and after 10pm
Friday	before 7am and after 11pm
Saturday and Public Holidays	before 9am and after 11pm
Sunday	before 9am and after 10pm
New Year’s Eve	before 9am and after 1am on the next morning (New Year’s Day)

Indoor Venues

Monday to Thursday	before 7am and after 11pm
Friday	before 7am and after 12 midnight
Saturday and Public Holidays	before 9am and after 12 midnight
Sunday	before 9am and after 11pm
New Year’s Eve	before 9am and after 1am on the next morning (New Year’s Day)

All non-emergency mechanical equipment other than that used for refrigeration, air conditioning and heating are not permitted to operate during these times.

All activity including cleaning up and closing down at outdoor and indoor venues is to cease within one hour of the times listed in the above tables.

Council may allow later operations where it is satisfied that music from the premises will be inaudible within all noise sensitive areas or is of special social significance. Applications to allow later operations must be submitted in writing and the applicant must notify residents living within a 200 metre radius of the location where the activity or event will occur.

If there is inconsistency between SEPP-N2, any relevant Liquor Licence issued for the premises or activity and this Policy, SEPP-N2 and the Liquor Licence takes precedence.

A liquor licence will generally state the allowed times that liquor can be served and a statement about compliance with SEPP N2 and not causing amenity issues in the area.

6. Records

Records shall be retained for at least the period shown below.

Record	Retention/Disposal Responsibility	Retention Period	Location

7. Attachments

Not applicable.

8. References

S.86 Committee Delegations.