

APPROVAL OF EVENTS

There are a number of changes happening to approval requirements for events in the Shire.

Council has made some recent changes to make events easier to hold, including rules for events that do not require any Council approval and an approval pathway for events that need consent.

There are some upcoming changes by Council and the NSW Department of Planning & Environment that will continue to expand the options for events on public and private land.

It is anticipated that these changes will make events easier to hold, providing greater certainty to event organisers and the broader community.

EXEMPT DEVELOPMENT

Council has made changes to planning rules to make it easier to hold events without the need for formal approval if they meet specified development standards.

Key Exempt Considerations

Maximum attendees

- 500 if land zoned Rural or Conservation,
- 150 if land within the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment,
- otherwise—1500 people.

Number of events

- maximum 12 occasions in any 12-month period if not on public land
- maximum of 3 consecutive days of use
- must not take place outside of the hours of 7am–10pm, including set up and pack down

Other requirements

- if on land zoned Rural or Conservation—must have parking within the boundary of the land
- must not take place on a lot if any part of the lot is bush fire prone land
- must be readily accessible by vehicles, including emergency vehicles, from a public road
- must have waste containers for the removal of waste at the conclusion of the temporary use,

The onus is on the event holder to decide if the event meets the exempt criteria.

Note: You may still require bookings, approval, licences, permits or authority that may be required under other legislation.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 also provides for exempt development which may relate to events. The information above is additional exempt development not included in that Policy.

APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

For events or farm activities that require approval from Council, key controls in the *Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan 2011* need to be considered. Council is currently preparing more detailed planning controls to guide this type of development where consent is required.

For applicants wanting to get DA approval before the finalisation of the more detailed planning controls, the following themes will form the basis of assessment of the impact of your event:

- Enhancing local character,
- Minimising environmental impacts, including tree removal and water quality,
- car parking and access management,
- Minimising land use conflict and amenity impacts, including noise, hours of operation, and
- Emergency planning; bushfire/flood and evacuation.

These matters will need to be considered and addressed through the development application process. They may require the submission of technical report/s to.

If you would like to discuss your proposed event and the need for approval contact Council 's duty planner on 4677 1100.

Note: You can check the land zoning, bushfire mapping and drinking water catchment at the NSW [Planning Portal](#).

Simply search for and select your property, then toggle the desired map layers.