

Busking and Street Performances

All buskers who wish to perform within the Livingstone Shire Council region must hold a current permit. These permits are issued by Council on receipt of a completed application form and the busker satisfying all relevant criteria.

What is busking?

Busking is the practice of presenting live performances in public places to entertain people. Buskers usually collect donations from their audience. Performances are primarily of a performing arts nature.

What is not considered busking?

Council will not issue permits to busk for any person who sells, offers or exposes for sale any article or commodity, or for acts that contain nudity or offensive, derogatory, sexual, racist or generally discriminatory material or inference. Activities such as fire twirling or the use of amplified devices will not be permitted.

What permission do I need?

You will need approval from Council to busk on any Council controlled area. You will also need signed permission from the shop owner on the application form. Applications will not be considered without this signature.

Are there any age requirements?

If the artist is under 18 years of age, the application form must be signed by a parent/guardian. Additionally, if the artist is under 16 years of age, council requires the parent/guardian to provide supervision during street performance activities.

What are the application fees?

Council does not currently charge application fees for busking; however this is subject to change. Please check with Council before submitting your application.

Do I need public liability?

If your application is successful you will be covered by council's Uninsured Stall Holders, Buskers and Entertainers Public and Products Liability Policy to perform **only** at Council approved performance locations. Should you wish to perform at other sites, you must hold your own public liability insurance.

Where can I perform?

Council will assess your site for suitability. Locations and times are subject to availability. Please check with Council before submitting your application to determine if your chosen site is available.

How long can I busk for?

Buskers are permitted to perform for a maximum of three and a half hours in any one session, this allows other buskers equal opportunity to perform.

What happens if I am involved in an incident while busking?

Please contact Council's customer service team with details as soon as possible after any incident.

Can my permit be cancelled?

Yes, if you fail to adhere to any of the conditions set out in your permit, your permit will be cancelled immediately.

Where do I display my permit?

Your permit will need to be displayed in a visible position so it can be seen during your performance.

How to I make application?

Applications must be submitted at least 5 business days before the first date required. Application forms are available on our website or by contacting Council's Customer Service Team to make a booking. Buskers must wait until the permit is approved and issued to start performing.