

# APPLICATION FOR BUSKING PERMIT

*Section 68, Part D4 of the Local Government Act 1993  
For fee or reward, play a musical instrument or sing (Busking)*

**TO:**

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council  
PO Box 420  
COOTAMUNDRA NSW 2590

Buskers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Buskers Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (if under 18 years of age): \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Performance or Act:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this application I agree to comply with:**

- The requirements for obtaining busking permits: (see reverse) and
- The standard conditions for busking: (see reverse)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees** - See Councils' website for relevant Fees and Charges

\_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use Only**

Fee Paid: ..... Receipt Number: ..... Date: .....

Proof of Identity Sighted (tick)

The Council hereby grants approval under Part D4 of the Local Government Act 1993 to the person/s listed above to play a musical instrument or sing for fee or reward (busking) within the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council area subject to the conditions as listed in this approval for the period specified.

Name of Council Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Council Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Privacy Statement**

The information and personal details provided by you on this Form are managed in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's policies and procedures as outlined in Councils *Privacy Management Plan*. Should you choose not to provide this information (wholly or in part) this may impact upon consideration of the matter by Council. The information will ultimately be stored in Council's records system.

## **Busking Permits Requirements and Standard Conditions**

### **Application Requirements:**

- Photo ID (International passport, Australian Driver's Licence or an Australian Government issued Proof of Age card) is required for proof of identity on application.
- Parental consent is required for a busking permit to be approved for each person under the age of 18 years.
- If busking activity content is directed at children, such as clowns / puppet shows / storytelling, Council requires the completion of a "Prohibited Employment Declaration" form. No approval can be provided without this completed Declaration.

### **Busking Locations:**

- Busking is only allowed within the Central Business Districts within the local government area.
- Busking permit holders must be at least six (6) metres away from the door of premises open for business.
- A busker shall perform no longer than sixty (60) minutes at any one approved location and must move at least thirty (30) metres from their current location to a new location within the designated busking area.
- Busking is not permitted within Murray Street, between Wallendoon Street and Adams Street during the Cootamundra Beach Volleyball Weekend.

### **Busking Access Times:**

- Each permit is valid between the hours of:
  - 10:00am and 5:00pm seven days per week (Eastern Standard Time).
  - 10:00am and 7:00pm seven days per week (Summer Daylight Saving Period).

### **Busking Activity Content:**

- If busking activity content is directed at children, such as clowns / puppet shows / storytelling, a "Prohibited Employment Declaration" form must be completed. No approval can be provided without this completed Declaration.
- Any activity of this nature should not engender fear or anxiety or present a risk of injury to children. If Council receives complaints of a nature that represents a potential risk to a child's wellbeing, the Busker's permit will be immediately revoked without refund.
- Dangerous acts, including use of fire, saws, swords, spears, knives, bicycles, etc. are prohibited. Animals are not to be used in any act.
- The following artists are not to be considered as buskers under the terms of the policy and as such will not be issued with a permit: balloon sculptors, tarot card / palm / fortune readers, aerosol artists, face painting, masseurs, or vendors of any kind soliciting money for any purpose

### **Busking Group Sizes:**

- No more than (3) persons shall carry on busking together or as a group at any one time at the same location, except as otherwise approved in a particular case by the office of the General Manager or such Officer delegated by the General Manager, having regard to the special nature of the group.

### **Promotions:**

- A busker shall not promote, distribute or advertise any commercial or promotional material relating to any goods or services of any description to members of the public.
- A busker shall not wear or display on or about himself any advertising matter whether or not such matter is of a commercial nature

### **Noise Compliance:**

- Amplification is permitted only by battery power and must be kept to a reasonable volume. Mains voltage is prohibited.
- Excessive amplification will not be tolerated. Loud acts may be asked to lower the volume or cease busking. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council reserves the right to impose a decibel limit on amplified sound in appropriate circumstances.
- Where a complaint has been received about the excessive noise, level of noise amplification, music of a percussive or repetitive nature, or excessive duration of an act, particularly in relation to the proximity of that act to a place or work or residence and the complaint is deemed justified, a busker may be directed by authorised officers to cease busking.

### **General Busking Rules:**

- A busker shall not:
  - A. Obstruct or hinder the passage of pedestrians or vehicles.
  - B. Cause inconvenience, annoyance or obstruction to any person.
  - C. Create any nuisance or unreasonable noise.
  - D. Beg or gather alms.
  - E. Operate closer than six (6) metres from the door of premises open for business.
  - F. Operate in an area adjacent to a place of worship. Any entertainment activity must not create any disturbances during funeral services or other occasions of solemnity.
  - G. Create a threat to public safety
  - H. Affix any matter or thing, or mark or draw on any footway or paved area.
- A busker may solicit money by placing a receptacle on the ground for voluntary donations and shall not ask members of the public for money, nor approach them, or sell them goods or services of any description.
- The permit shall be displayed with the receptacle used for collecting funds AT ALL TIMES.

### **Public Liability Insurance:**

- Council recommends that each busker obtains valid Public Liability Insurance cover for busking in the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council area for no less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000).

### **Compliance:**

- A busker shall comply forthwith with any lawful direction given by the Police or Council's Rangers, or other Authorised Officers.
- A busker must adhere to all conditions of the permit.

### **Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council:**

- Council reserves the right to change these conditions when it is deemed necessary.

- Permits are granted at the discretion of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's General Manager and may be revoked at any time.

