

DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

8th March 2005

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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the Riverside festival scheduled for the 2nd April 2005 at Riverside Park Kempsey, from 10am to 8pm.

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The Economic Development Office (Macleay Development & Promotion), is organising a tastes and sounds of the Macleay festival in April 2005. The purpose of the event is to highlight local food, wine and to encourage community development and tourism. It is anticipated that this festival becomes an annual event showcasing the Macleay.

Arrangements have been made with local chefs, growers, vineyards, bands, artists and the indigenous community to participate and perform. All participants will be required to have their own public liability and product insurance.

On site security will be arranged for the event. Police and emergency services will be advised and the SES will be assisting with onsite operations.

Volunteers will assist with this running of the festival and covered by Council's Activities Events insurance. Other community groups will be approached to support and assist with this event.

The licensee of the Macleay Hotel – Alan Neil, has offered to apply for an off site liquor licence for this event, and ensure all staff have appropriate qualifications. It is anticipated that local vineyards will work with the licensee promoting and selling their local product.

In order to sell and consume alcohol on Riverside Park, Council is requested to assist the organisers with providing an exemption to the existing "Alcohol Free Zone" on this day.

All required arrangements concerning the provision of alcohol concerning designated areas and barricades will be adhered to.

Security officers will be in attendance, with a minimum of two security officers working within the licensed area an additional four officers with Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) qualifications will be securing the remaining area.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

NIL

- *Social*

The Riverside festival is aimed at promoting community pride and development through showcasing the areas culinary and artistic attributes.

- *Economic (Financial)*

NIL

- *Policy or Statutory*

Council is requested to provide exemption of the existing Alcohol Free Zone at Riverside Park on the 2nd April 2005, between 10am and 8pm.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provide an exemption to the Alcohol Free Zone at Riverside Park for the Riverside Festival – Tastes and Sounds of the Macleay on 2nd April 2005 between 10am and 8pm.

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