

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**2 NOVEMBER 2022****3****ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS DINNER – EXTENSION OF EVENT HOURS**

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the conduct of event activities from the Eastern Event Lawn within the Cairns Esplanade until 12:00am (midnight) on Saturday 19 November 2022 for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Gala Dinner.

INTERESTED PARTIES:

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Ochre Restaurant and Catering

Note: The identification of interested parties is provided on a best endeavours basis by Council Officers and may not be exhaustive.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is in receipt of a proposal to conduct an event beyond the 10pm threshold as specified in the Cairns Esplanade Usage General Policy. Any decision to extend activities beyond this time requires a Council resolution.

Given the nature of the event and the proposed set up, officers do not anticipate activities will have an adverse or contentious effect on surrounding residents or the public.

BACKGROUND:

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Gala Dinner presented by Ochre Restaurant on Saturday 19 November, forms part of the Inaugural Tri-Society Cardiac and Thoracic Symposium being held in Cairns from 16 -19 November 2022.

This event, which was postponed a number of times due to COVID19, will now occur and accommodate over 300 guests from across Australia on the Eastern Events Lawn within the Cairns Esplanade Parklands. Activities will include dinner, a Q&A with three-time Paralympic gold medallist Kurt Fearnley and live music until 11pm when guests will disperse before 12am (midnight). Bump out will occur on Monday 21 November.

Cairns Regional Council's Esplanade Usage General Policy does not routinely support event activities and associated noise on the Cairns Esplanade for open air events past 10pm. Consideration to extensions beyond this time must be endorsed through full Council resolution.

OPTIONS:

Option 1

That Council approves the conduct of event activities from the Eastern Event Lawn within the Cairns Esplanade Parklands until 12:00am (midnight) on Saturday 19 November for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Gala Dinner.

Option 2

That Council does not approve the conduct of event activities from the Eastern Event Lawn within the Cairns Esplanade Parklands until 12:00am (midnight) on Saturday 19 November for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Gala Dinner but notes that the event will be conducted in line with the existing 10pm threshold.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Risk Management:

The projected noise levels between 10pm and 12 midnight will be in line with the conditions of the liquor licence for the event.

Given the nature of the event and its proposed set up, officers consider it to be generally in accordance with the principles of the Cairns Esplanade Usage Policy and do not anticipate adverse impacts to surrounding residents or the general public.

Conditions with the hire of the Eastern Event Lawn include notification to surrounding residents and businesses detailing the activities to occur past 10pm until midnight.

Policy:

Cairns Esplanade Usage General Policy

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil



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