

SPEAKERS' CORNER

Intent The intent of this policy is to allow any member of the public to speak in a public forum within Fogarty Park.

Scope This policy applies to public assembly and lawful free speech in Cairns city.

PROVISIONS

Designated Areas

All members of the public will be allowed to speak within Fogarty Park. A location within the park is to be marked as "Speakers' Corner" and will have a list of conditions displayed. Public assembly will be allowed within Fogarty Park without prior approval from Council. This area has been chosen so as to limit impact upon pedestrian or vehicular movement.

Conditions

The public are allowed to evoke their rights of free speech and public assembly at the Speakers' Corner within the following conditions:

- Speakers are allowed to speak for a maximum of one hour per day between 8.00am and 6.00pm.
- Members of the public can speak individually or as a group.
- Debate is encouraged in a respectable manner.
- Speakers are not allowed to:
 - make slanderous statements
 - discriminate any identifiable race, gender, religion or nationality
 - use obscene language.
- There is to be no touting or distribution of business advertising publications.
- Sound amplification is prohibited.
- Speakers may not interfere with other approved activities within Fogarty Park.

Failure to comply with the above may result in police action. Public assembly is allowed within the designated area without prior approval from Council officers.

Signage is allowed to be used however, immediately after the speaker has finished all items must be removed from display. At no time is any promotional material to be distributed.

This policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.

Director Responsible for Review:

Lifestyle and Community

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Fogarty Park

