

SPEAKERS' CORNER

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

Scope This policy applies to lawful individual free-speech activity in Cairns City.

PROVISIONS

Designated Areas

Individuals may exercise their free-speech rights within a designated area at Fogarty Park. A location within the park is to be marked as "Speakers' Corner" and will have a list of conditions displayed. Use of this area by individuals is permitted without prior Council approval. The location has been selected to minimise impacts on pedestrian and vehicle movement, as well as to avoid potential conflicts with park bookings.

Conditions

Users of Speakers' Corner must adhere to the following conditions:

- Debate is encouraged in a respectable manner.
- Speakers are allowed to speak for a maximum of one hour per day between 8:00am and 6:00pm.
- Speakers are not allowed to:
 - make slanderous statements
 - discriminate any identifiable race, gender, religion or nationality,
 - use obscene language or gestures
- There is to be no touting or distribution of business advertising materials.
- Sound amplification is prohibited.
- Speakers must not interfere with other approved activities within Fogarty Park or the surrounding area.

Failure to comply with the above may result in police action.

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.

Groups wishing to organise a protest or public assembly must obtain appropriate approvals via the Queensland Police Service available through [Protests and public assembly demonstrations | QPS](#).

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

Director Responsible for Review:

Lifestyle and Community

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REVOKED/SUPERSEDED:



**Ken Gouldthorp
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Fogarty Park

