



Guide to conducting a Peaceful Assembly at the Cairns Esplanade Parklands

Cairns Regional Council acknowledges and supports the right to conduct a peaceful assembly and as such provides the following guidelines to support organisations with conducting a harmonious event.

Peaceful assemblies can be held under the *Peaceful Assembly Act 1992* (the Act). For an assembly to be considered an authorised assembly, the organiser must comply with the provisions of the Act. The Act can be viewed on the Queensland Legislation website.

Before conducting a Peaceful Assembly

You must notify the Queensland Police Service (QPS) of your intention to hold a peaceful assembly. You can notify QPS using the following form:

<https://www.police.qld.gov.au/corporatedocs/form/Documents/QP0802.pdf>

You are required to notify Council under the *Peaceful Assembly Act* if your proposed assembly will be held in or pass through a park, reserve, pedestrian mall, square or other public place where Council has jurisdiction in relation to the place.

Organising your Peaceful Assembly

The options provided *overleaf* are Council's preferred locations for conducting a peaceful assembly and/or the commencement of any march or procession. These locations have been selected due to the following:

- general size and location
- availability of toilets and other amenities
- good pedestrian access and vehicle parking
- unlikely to be privately hired.

During a Peaceful Assembly

Please ensure all persons attending are advised of the following:

- in the interest of pedestrian safety, no vehicles are permitted on Cairns Esplanade Parklands except where approved by Council, fines and vehicle removal may apply
- be respectful of surrounding residents, businesses, existing facility users and hirers especially in relation to sound amplification and language

- dogs must be on lead and must not enter prohibited areas on the Esplanade - in Lagoon, playgrounds and other locations as per the below map



- no smoking in any amenities or around Lagoon precinct
- no glass or alcohol
- no drones without approval
- parking is free in the CBD after 2:00pm on Saturdays and free on Sundays, this includes the Lake Street multi-storey carpark
- parking is usually available on Abbott and Lake Streets
- parking is not free at the southern Esplanade (Pier/Lagoon) carpark.

For assemblies of greater than 2,000 persons, Council may give consideration to enacting the following measure:

- overflow parking on the Northern Event Lawn (north of the Esplanade Skate Park) is subject to prior approval by delegated Council officers and weather permitting. If activated, this area will be managed by Council officers.

Preferred Peaceful Assembly locations and commencement of march/procession (X)

Northern Esplanade - Coconut Grove / Fun Ship Parkland



Esplanade Activity Space

