

Busking Policy

Purpose of this policy

This Policy identifies the conditions that apply to all buskers undertaking performances within Sydney Olympic Park. This Policy has been developed to:

- encourage activities that contribute to the vibrancy of Sydney Olympic Park and provide opportunities for alternative voices to be heard through public performance,
- provide an equitable system of use for popular busking sites in the Park among the buskers earning a living through their art form,
- identify locations in the Park suitable as busking sites, and
- promote public safety and amenity, the protection of property and to help ensure the safety of buskers.

To whom this policy applies

This policy applies to all employees, consultants and contractors of the department.

Policy statement

Sydney Olympic Park Authority recognises that:

- Sydney has a strong tradition of busking and buskers contribute to a sense of place and vibrancy in other areas around Sydney and have an opportunity to enhance the character of the Sydney Olympic Park.
- Buskers make an important contribution to the cultural life of a public area by reflecting styles, values and the issues of society at large.
- Buskers provide entertainment and thought-provoking experiences to the local community, visitors and members of the general public.
- Busking is a valid means for artists and performers to make a living.
- Busking should not unduly interfere with pedestrian traffic, the conduct of business, contribute to a lack of safety or disturb public amenity.
- All Buskers must comply with this policy and all conditions outlined in the Sydney Olympic Park Busking Procedure.

Contact Officer

Any enquires relating to the Busking Policy and Busking Procedure should be directed to the Director, Place Management on 9714 7229 or susan.skuodas@sopa.nsw.gov.au.

Failure to comply with this policy

If you fail to comply with this policy, corrective action may be taken in accordance with the Code of Ethics and Conduct. All employees, and others covered by the code, are expected to adhere to the ethical and behaviour standards outlined in the code.

Review timeframe

SOPA will review this policy no later than 3 years from the date the document is approved. The document may be reviewed earlier in response to post-implementation feedback, changes to legislation, or as necessary.

Related documents

- Related Legislation, Regulations and Standards:
 - Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
 - Companion Animals Act 1998
 - Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009
 - Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998
 - Sydney Olympic Park Authority Act 2001
 - Sydney Olympic Park Authority Regulation 2018
 - Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Policy metadata

Table 1. Policy metadata

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Table 2. Version Control

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