

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **Buskers encouraged to share a spot**

Buskers are being encouraged to “share a spot” with fellow entertainers in the Bunbury CBD with a variety of free locations available without performers having to apply for a permit.

The locations are easily identified by a “Busk - #sharethespot” logo on the pavement and a range of guidelines have been developed to ensure they can be used in a respectful manner.

Free busking spots have been established at Bicentennial Square, Anzac Park, corner of Eliot and Victoria streets, Marlston Waterfront, corner of Prinsep and Victoria streets, Market Square, Guppy Park, Rocky Point, Bunbury Regional Art Galleries and the corner of Stephen and Victoria streets. Buskers are also welcome at the Bunbury Wildlife Park.

A permit is still required for Paisley Square, the CBD’s most popular area for performers.

The number of busking areas was expanded in April last year to add to the vibrancy and diversity of the Bunbury CBD following a survey and public feedback.

Performers and the public are being encouraged to hashtag “sharethespot” on social media to encourage a greater variety of performers and also interaction from passers-by.

Street performance, or busking, can take many shapes including traditional music performances through to acrobatics, magic, living statues and balloon twisting.

Guidelines are in place to make busking an enjoyable experience for everyone, such as no amplifiers, appropriate behaviour, and buskers under the age of 15 must be supervised by an adult.

A full list of the guidelines and a map of the locations are available from the City of Bunbury website.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said busking was another example of enhancing the CBD’s vibrancy and diversity.

“Attracting a greater range and number of street performances will add to the atmosphere around the city, in turn attracting a greater number of residents and visitors into the CBD,” Mr Brennan said.

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