

MEDIA STATEMENT



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City celebrates street entertainers with CBD Street Activity trial

Street entertainers such as buskers will no longer have to seek a permit to perform in the Bunbury CBD after Bunbury City Council on Tuesday approved the new CBD Street Activity Policy.

The policy seeks to reduce red tape whilst increasing activity in the CBD by allowing street entertainers, charity collectors and information distributors to carry out their business permit free and in all areas of the CBD.

It also includes new and improved rules for charity collection and fundraising by only allowing local branches or organisations to raise money.

A three-strike system will also be introduced for organisations or individuals who will be banned from street activity if they receive three complaints against them.

Street entertainers will also be able to perform on City streets without the need to take out their own public liability insurance under the policy.

From 1 April a 12-month trial will begin to test out the proposed changes and the City will be seeking feedback from activity organisers, local businesses and the general public.

Deputy Mayor Jaysen Miguel said the new policy would help to activate the CBD creating a more vibrant atmosphere.

“The policy will effectively manage street activities – such as busking and fundraising – in the CBD in a way that supports charities and other social causes whilst fostering a vibrant, welcoming and accessible environment encouraging stay and spend,” Cr Miguel said.

“We will keep a close eye on the street activities during the trial and report will be presented to Council once it has ended.”

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