

SCS-026 Circus Policy

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 Responsible Officer: Manager Economic Development & Tourism

Purpose

To outline that Council will not support circuses or other events with caged or restrained wild/exotic animals to be located or perform on Council owned or managed land.

Policy Principles

This policy provides for consistent decision making and direction in relation to the use of council land for circuses and other events using exotic animals.

Scope

This policy applies to Council, its employees, and all events conducted on land owned or managed by the Surf Coast Shire.

Policy

Surf Coast Shire Council will not allow circuses or events to be hosted or performed on Council owned or managed land where that circus or event includes caged or restrained wild/exotic animals.

This policy will be implemented by advising circuses of the policy and advising applicants at the time of a booking enquiry that the policy prevents the use of Council owned or managed land from hosting circuses and events with caged or restrained wild/exotic animals.

Local Government Act 2020 Principles

| Principles | Applicable to policy | If yes, provide details |
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| Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020) | Yes | Collaboration with the RSPCA |
| Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020) | Yes | The policy has not been through a formal community consultation process as it is not considered to impact on the community |
| Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020) | Yes | The decision to adopt a council policy is a public process |
| Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020) | No | |
| Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020) | No | |
| Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020) | Yes | A policy provides clear direction to officers for consistency in decision making over time which improves the performance of services |

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, the definition of an **event** means:

“Any planned activity where any structure (permanent or temporary), open area, road way, fenced or unfenced will contain a number of persons greater than that normally found in that area or location at one time. This activity may affect the location surrounding the area prior to, during or after the event.”

(Event Management: Planning Guide for Event Managers in Victoria, 2002).

For the purpose of this policy, the definition of a **wild or exotic animal** is:

- Any non-domesticated animal

Related Procedure

SCS-022 Events Policy

References

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) Policy Co 2 Performing Animals

RSPCA Policy Co 5 Public Exhibition of Wild Animals

Event Management - Planning Guide for Event Managers in Victoria 2002

Document History

| Version | Document History | Approved by – Date |
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| 1 | <i>Adopted</i> | <i>Council Resolution – 9 December 2014</i> |
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