

PUBLIC OPEN SPACES – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Can others use the space that I have booked?

Yes. A booking entitles you to use the space; however, it does not give you exclusive use of the area. Members of the public are entitled to access and always use Public Open spaces. Hirers must not request members of the public to move to another location.

What should I do with waste?

Hirers are responsible for the disposal of recyclable and non-recyclable rubbish into the bins provided at the Public Open Space. If no bins are available, all rubbish must be removed from the site at the conclusion of the booking.

If additional bins are required for larger Events, then event organisers are to put in a request with the Shire for additional bins, at a fee.

Can I host a fundraising sausage sizzle?

Yes. Anyone wishing to provide food for sale for fundraising purposes must ensure they comply with the Food Act 2008 Standards Code to ensure food is safe for public consumption.

If you have any questions or wish to conduct sausage sizzles, cake stalls or similar activities, please contact the Shire's Health Department on 9729 0300.

Can I have a Bouncy Castle?

The Shire may grant permission for a bouncy castle to be erected in certain locations, provided the following requirements are met:

- Public access is not blocked or restricted.
- The bouncy castle is securely installed in accordance with engineering specifications.
- The operator can provide a copy of their Public Liability Insurance and last WHS inspection report.
- A site map showing the proposed location is submitted to and approved by the Shire.
- Any line marking required to identify underground services will be at the hirer's expense.

Can I set up a gazebo or temporary structure?

Temporary structures, including gazebos, windbreaks, umbrellas or similar structures are permitted and should be secured with weights where possible. Any temporary structure with a floor area greater than 15m² requires formal approval from the Shire before installation.

How do I access power?

If power is available at the area you have hired, you may request access by submitting a written request at least 14 days prior to the booking date.

Can I serve alcohol at my gathering?

No. Alcohol is not allowed in Public Open Spaces. For wedding ceremony bookings, a one-hour toast may be permitted within the approved booking period. Approval must be obtained from the Shire prior to the ceremony.

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Can I host my Wedding Ceremony on Public Open Space?

Yes. Wedding ceremony bookings are available for a maximum two-hour period, allowing for set up and pack down, ceremony and photos. Only the use of biodegradable compostable confetti is permitted. Wedding receptions are not permitted on Public Open Spaces.