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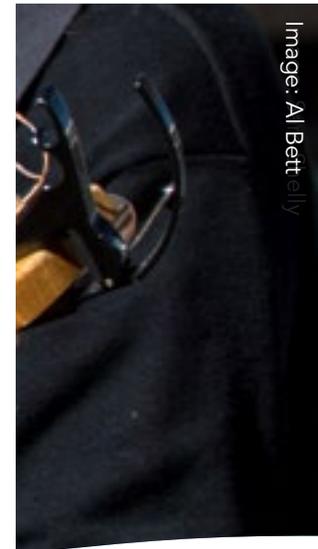


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## CITY OF HOBART BUSKING AND STREET PERFORMANCE PROGRAM 6-MONTH TRIAL

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The Busking and Street Performance Program 6-month trial aims to create more vibrant and appealing public spaces throughout Hobart by increasing opportunities for informal performances and creative expression.

The City of Hobart is trialling an increase to the number of locations where busking and street performance is permitted, as well as more flexible terms and conditions. The trial supports the aspirations of the Hobart Community Vision that acknowledges Hobart as a creative and cultural capital, with programs that bring creativity to our city.

The 6-month trial allows buskers and street performers holding a permit from the City of Hobart to perform at 27 identified locations throughout the Hobart local government area, including a mix of city and suburban shopping precincts along with a selection of parks. The trial involves expanding the hours during which busking and street performance is permitted, to between 8 am and 8 pm on weekdays, Monday to Friday and 10 am and 8 pm on

weekends, Saturday and Sunday. Given the social and economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, the trial aims to expand opportunities for local musicians and street performers to perform across Hobart and potentially generate a financial income whilst also activating public spaces and positively impacting on local businesses.

The public – residents, business owners, buskers and street performers – are being encouraged to provide feedback via the City of Hobart Your Say website [yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking) for the duration of the trial, 1 October 2020 to 30 March 2021.

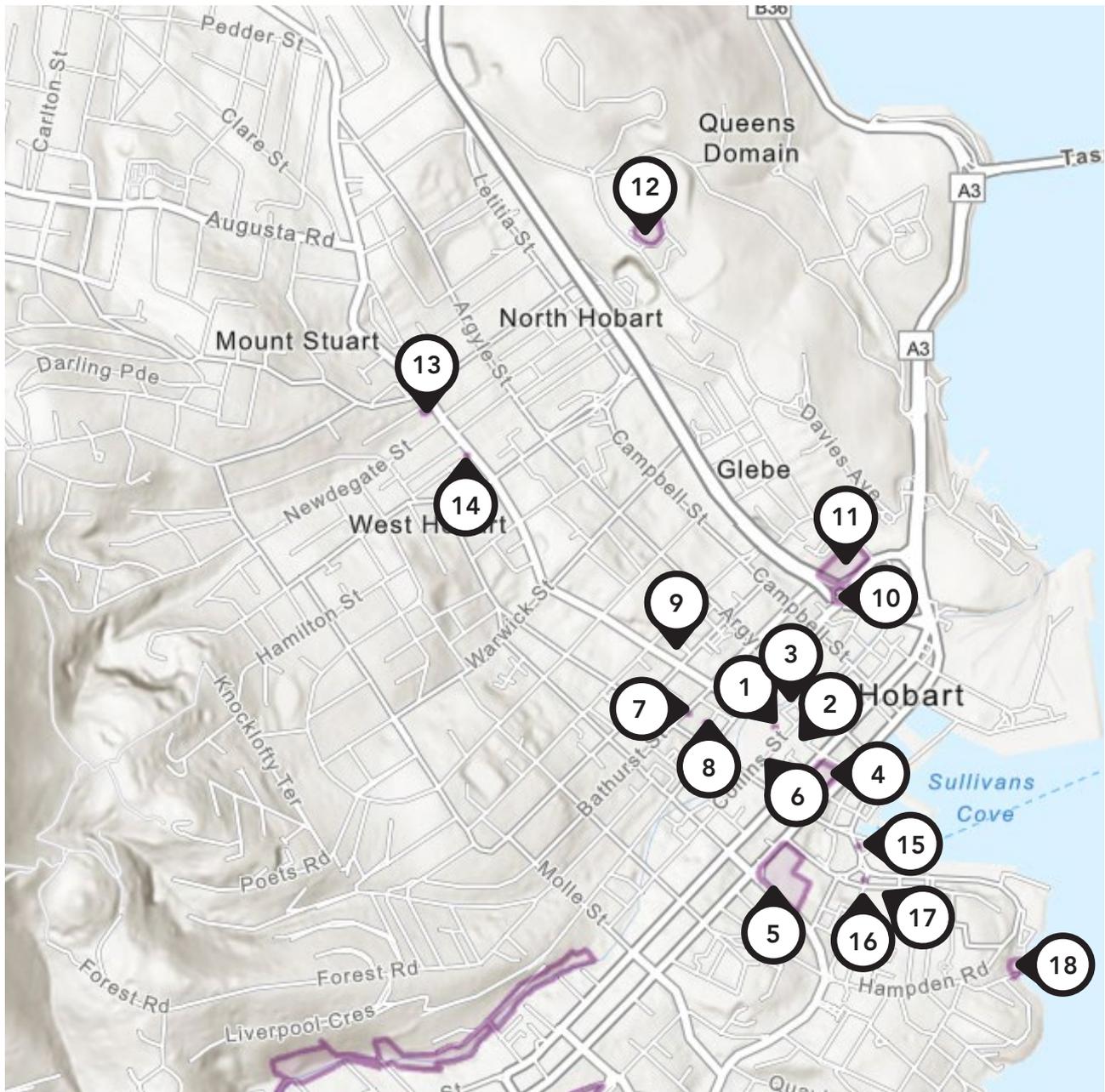
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City of **HOBART**

# LOCATIONS OF 6 MONTH TRIAL

## CITY/MID TOWN, NORTH HOBART AND QUEENS DOMAIN LOCATIONS



- |   |   |
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| 1. Elizabeth Mall – Liverpool Street end, Hobart                          | 10. Railway Roundabout, Hobart  |
| 2. Elizabeth Mall – Collins Street end, Hobart                            | 11. University Rose Gardens, Glebe                                    |
| 3. Wellington Court, Hobart   | 12. Legacy Park, Queens Domain  |
| 4. Franklin Square, corner Macquarie, Davey and Elizabeth streets, Hobart | 13. Swan Street Park, corner Swan and Elizabeth streets, North Hobart |
| 5. St David's Park, Salamanca Place and Davey Street, Hobart              | 14. Tony Haigh Walk, off Elizabeth Street, North Hobart               |
| 6. Collins Court, Hobart  | 15. Morrison Street, Salamanca  |
| 7. Mathers Lane – Bathurst Street end, Hobart                             | 16. Salamanca Plaza, Salamanca  |
| 8. Mathers Lane – Courtyard, Hobart                                       | 17. Kennedy Lane, Salamanca   |
| 9. Corner of Melville and Elizabeth streets, Hobart                       | 18. AJ White Park, Finlay Street, Battery Point                       |

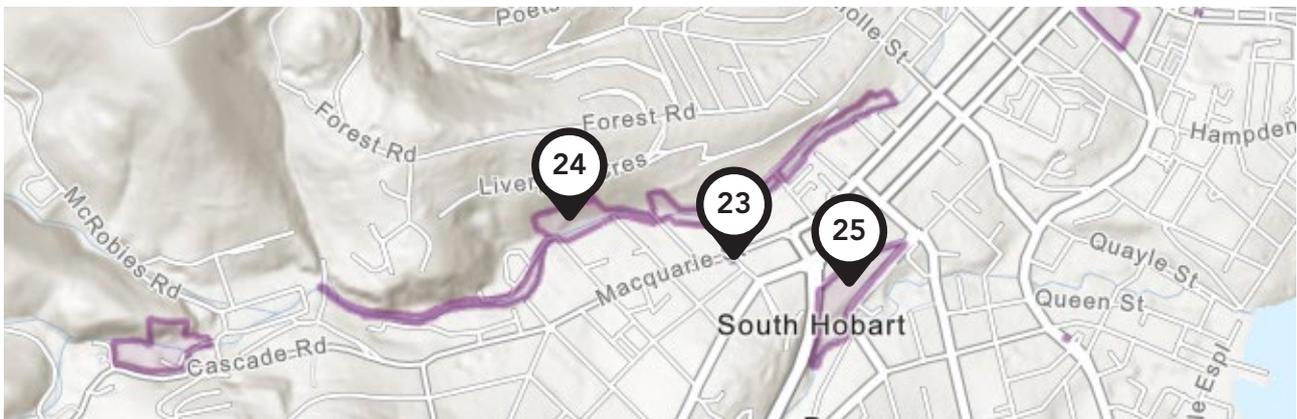
## LENAH VALLEY, NEW TOWN AND CORNELIAN BAY LOCATIONS



- 19. New Town Rivulet, Lenah Valley Road, Lenah Valley
- 20. John Turnbull Park, corner of Creek and Lenah Valley roads, Lenah Valley

- 21. Ancanthe Park, corner of Brushy Creek and Lenah Valley roads, Lenah Valley
- 22. Queens Walk, Cornelian Bay

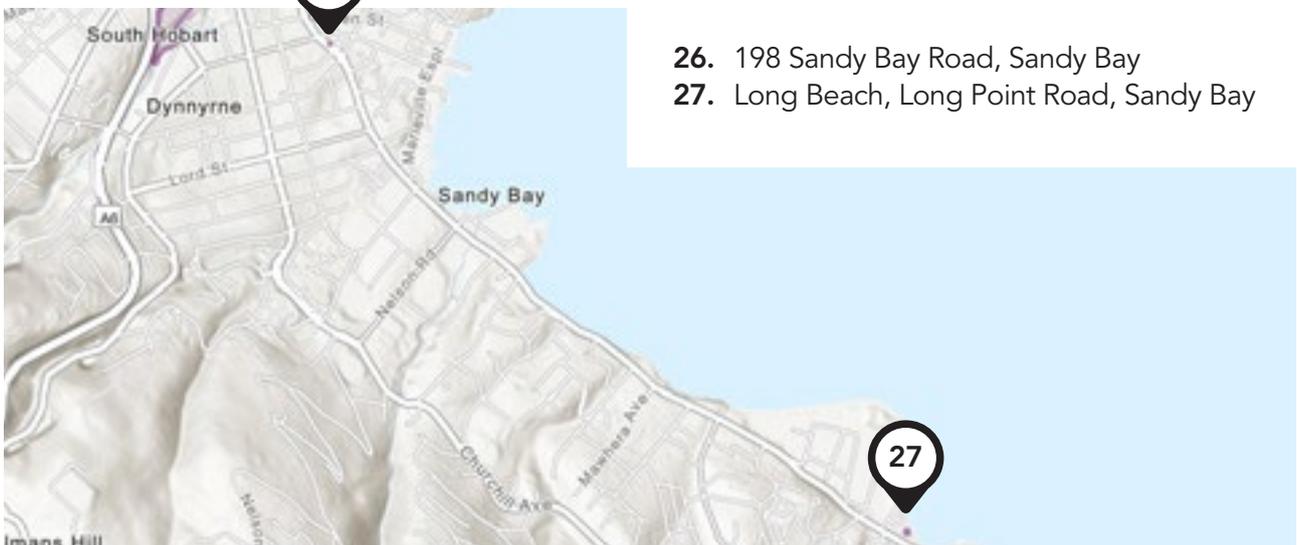
## SOUTH HOBART



- 23. Corner of Elboden and Macquarie streets, South Hobart
- 24. Hobart Rivulet, Mollie Street until Tara Street, South Hobart

- 25. Fitzroy Gardens, corner Fitzroy Crs and Digney Street, South Hobart

## SANDY BAY



- 26. 198 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay
- 27. Long Beach, Long Point Road, Sandy Bay

# BUSKING AND STREET PERFORMANCE PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## OVERVIEW

### What does the Busking and Street Performance Program 6-month trial involve?

The City of Hobart is trialling an increase to the number of locations where busking and street performance is permitted as well as more flexible terms and conditions for busking and street performance.

The number of permitted locations for busking and street performance is being increased from 3 to 27 locations and includes a mix of city and suburban shopping precincts along with a selection of parks.

The trial also involves expanding the hours during which busking and street performance is permitted, to between 8 am and 8 pm on weekdays, Monday to Friday and 10 am and 8 pm on weekends, Saturday and Sunday.

### Why is the City of Hobart undertaking this trial?

We are trialing changes to our Busking and Street Performance Program with the aim of creating more vibrant and appealing public spaces throughout our city.

The expansion of the current program aims to activate and breathe new life into our streets by increasing opportunities for informal performances and creative expression and supports the aspirations of the Hobart Community Vision that acknowledges Hobart as a creative and cultural capital, with programs that bring creativity to our city.

Given the social and economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, the trial also aims to expand opportunities for local musicians and street performers to perform across Hobart and potentially generate a financial income. It is also hoped that increased vibrancy within retail precincts will have a positive impact on local businesses.

### How long will the trial last?

The trial will last 6 months beginning 1 October 2020 and finishing 30 March 2021.

### How will the trial be evaluated?

The public – residents, business owners and buskers and street performers themselves – are encouraged to provide feedback via the City of Hobart Your Say website [yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking) for the duration of the trial. This site has an interactive map that allows feedback to be 'pinned' to specific performance locations.

In addition, buskers and street performers who are given a permit and perform during the trial period will be invited to share their experiences via a separate survey.

Officers will evaluate whether the locations nominated for the trial are suitable as performance sites on an ongoing basis as well as the trial terms and conditions.

### What happens after the 6-month trial is over?

A report detailing all feedback and findings will be presented to the Council. The Council will then decide whether the trial permit terms and conditions along with performance locations will be incorporated permanently into the City's Busking and Street Performance Program.

## LOCATIONS

### How were the busking and street performance trial locations selected?

The trial performance sites were chosen for their proximity to potentially large numbers of passers-by, while also aiming to reduce possible negative impacts on residents and businesses by ensuring minimum distances from shop frontages and footpath areas for pedestrians.

If successful, the trial performance locations should enhance the vibrancy of public spaces where people naturally congregate and make these places more inviting.

### I am a busker or street performer, how do I know that I am in the right location?

You will find the list of locations at [hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://hobartcity.com.au/busking). Busking and street performance is allowed anywhere within a designated park however locations in a mall, shopping precinct or on a footpath are specifically designated.

You must also display the 'Permitted Performer Card' at all times when performing so the public knows that you have a permit to participate in the trial.

# FAQs (Cont.)

## **I have concerns about a location that has been selected for this trial.**

Some of the locations selected for the trial may work better than others. Please provide your feedback via the City of Hobart Your Say website [yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking)

## **I am a resident and have concerns about a location that is close to my property. What should I do?**

Please provide your feedback via the City of Hobart Your Say website [yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking). Alternatively contact the City of Hobart Activation Programs and Tourism Unit on 6238 2890 during business hours or email [events@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:events@hobartcity.com.au)

## **PERFORMERS**

### **Who is eligible to participate as a performer in this trial?**

Anyone can apply for a Busking and Street Performance Program 6-month trial permit.

The City defines busking or street performance as the act of performing in a public place often, but not always, in exchange for money.

Busking and street performance can include playing a musical instrument, singing, juggling, puppetry, living statue performances, magic, chalk art, spoken word/poetry, mime, physical theatre or dance.

There are limits on the size of groups that wish to perform and these are outlined in the terms and conditions.

The City of Hobart 'Permitted Performer Card' must be on display at all times when performing as this identifies the busker or street performer has a permit to participate in the trial.

## **What has changed?**

There are now 27 designated locations available for busking and street performance during the trial and they include a mix of city and suburban shopping precincts along with a selection of parks. The trial also involves expanding the hours during which busking and street performance is permitted, to between 8 am and 8 pm on weekdays, Monday to Friday and 10 am and 8 pm on weekends, Saturday and Sunday.

A permit holder is allowed a maximum of 2 x 40 minute performances, with a 20 minute break between each performance at each designated performance location per day.

There is an expectation that buskers and street performers work in cooperation with each other in a respectful manner within the framework of the Busking and Street Performance Program. The trial requires buskers and street performers to adhere to the terms and conditions of the program so that the system is fair to participants and the program is able to meet its objectives.

If you wish to participate in the trial, you should refer to the terms and conditions available on [hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://hobartcity.com.au/busking)

### **I would like to perform in a group of four or more people but the terms and conditions prohibit this – what can I do?**

Please get in contact with the City of Hobart Activation Programs and Tourism Unit on 6238 2890 during business hours or at [events@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:events@hobartcity.com.au) and we can help with information and options within the city for you to perform.

### **My permit is only valid for 6 months. What happens after that?**

Permits can be extended on a month by month basis.

# FAQs (Cont.)

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### How were the Busking and Street Performance Program 6-month trial permit terms and conditions developed?

The permit conditions are based on our existing busking permit conditions as well as incorporating additional terms and conditions relevant to the new locations.

### Where can I see the new Busking and Street Performance Program 6-month trial terms and conditions?

These can be found at [hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://hobartcity.com.au/busking) or [yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking)

### What can I do if a busker or street performer is having a negative impact on my business?

Buskers and street performers are required, as part of their permit's terms and conditions, to move on if a business owner has a reasonable concern that the busker's performance is having a negative impact on the business, their staff or customers.

Alternatively if a business owner does not want to engage with the busker or street performer directly they can contact us on the contact details outlined below.

If you have specific concerns that require a quick response, please contact the City of Hobart Activation Programs and Tourism Unit on 6238 2890 during business hours or email [events@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:events@hobartcity.com.au)

### I enjoy buskers and street performers and want to show my support – how do I do this?

Please provide your feedback via the City of Hobart Your Say website [yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

### Where can I get more information about the trial or performance sites?

More information about the Busking and Street Performance Program 6-month trial including map of performance locations, terms and conditions and link to the permit application form can be found at [hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://hobartcity.com.au/busking) or [yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking)

### Who can I contact if I have general questions about the Busking and Street Performance Program 6-month trial?

Please contact the City of Hobart Activation Programs and Tourism Unit on 6238 2890 during business hours or at [events@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:events@hobartcity.com.au)

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To have Your Say go to [yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/busking)

To apply for a permit go to [hobartcity.com.au/busking](https://hobartcity.com.au/busking)

If you would like to speak to a member of the City of Hobart Activation Programs and Tourism Unit about any part of the trial please call 6238 2890.