City of Hobart

Policy

Title: Use of Salamanca Square for Events

Category: Community Services and Events

Date Last Adopted: 17 March 2025

1. Objectives

To enable the controlled use of Salamanca Square for events by not-for-profit organisations or groups providing they have some entertainment or public interest value.

2. Background

Salamanca Square is a public space and as such the legal basis for controlling and managing conduct, including events, is the City of Hobart's Public Spaces By-law, which requires users to obtain a permit or licence, pursuant to the by-law. As Salamanca Square is not a defined mall, control of events or activities is not as clearly defined as for a mall. As such, a policy is required to capture the type of event that it is believed the majority of the community would enjoy.

3. Policy

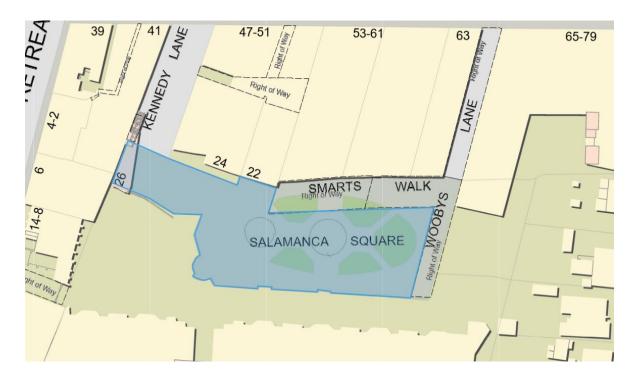
That:

- Salamanca Square, excluding Kennedy Lane and Woobys Lane, may be used for the following events:
 - (i) Entertainment being provided by bands, dance groups and similar not-for-profit organisations or groups;
 - (ii) Activity by not-for-profit organisations and agencies that is of public interest, community and cultural value and is of an apolitical nature;
 - (iii) Entertainment or display events, including busking, that are associated with a Council owned or Council supported festival or similar;
 - (iv) Entertainment or events, including busking, owned and managed by Salamanca Square Inc.
- 2. Kennedy Lane and Woobys Lane from Salamanca Place to Salamanca Square may be used for approved busking activities associated with Salamanca Market



4. Legislation, Terminology and References

For the use of events and entertainment, Salamanca Square is defined as the area bound by Kennedy Lane, Woobys Lane and Smarts Walk, also incorporating the stage area at the western end of the precinct. The image below shows the area that constitutes Salamanca Square for use of entertainment and events.



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