

## Harvest Launceston Buskers Code of Conduct

### Intent

To encourage quality activities which contribute vibrancy and life to the Harvest market, and to allow opportunities for public performances.

To provide an equitable system of use for busking sites at the Harvest market.

To minimise complaints, criticism and other problems associated with buskers performing at the market site.

### Scope

This policy shall apply to busking carried out on the Harvest Launceston market site. Authorised busking is permitted in approved busking areas under the conditions outlined in this policy. Harvest reserves the right to limit the number of approvals at any time.

### 1. PROVISIONS

- 1.1. Harvest recognises that buskers contribute to a sense of place; provide entertainment and enrich social and community activity.
- 1.2. Busking should not interfere with pedestrian traffic, the conduct of business, or contribute to a lack of safety.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. Busker: An entertainer who provides performances for the public by playing a musical instrument, dancing, singing, clowning or juggling, or doing other acts of a similar nature in public places.
- 2.2. Performance: Musical, dramatic or other entertainment substantially involving musical, theatrical or circus performance skills.
- 2.3. Soliciting of funds: The act of asking, begging or requesting money or goods from members of the public.
- 2.4. Offering for sale: The display or demonstration of items, particularly multiples of items, with an implication that they are available for sale or otherwise in exchange for money at that time (for example, CDs or cassettes).
- 2.5. Dangerous materials and implements: Materials and implements that pose a risk, hazard or uncertain outcomes for people. Dangerous materials include flammable materials and chemicals, fire, fireworks, smoke, flairs, heated elements or anything giving off a level of heat or toxicity that poses a threat of harm or damage to members of the public and public property. Dangerous implements include knives, spears, swords, spikes and sharp implements of any kind that pose a threat of harm to the general public.
- 2.6. Offensive acts: Any act by way of direct or implied sexual nature, lewd or offensive language or behaviour.

### **3. OBTAINING AN AUTHORISATION TO BUSK AT HARVEST**

**3.1.** Harvest will assess a proposed busking activity based on the following criteria:

- Presentation and appearance of the performer/s
- Entertainment value and uniqueness of the performer/s
- Professionalism of the performer/s
- Quality of performance

**3.2.** For the purposes of registration, applicants will be required to present or provide the following items at the time of application:

- Proof of parental consent for applicants under the age of 18 years. Consent forms signed by applicants' parents or guardians must be lodged at the time of application for a permit to busk.
- A completed registration form

**3.3.** The following is not considered to be busking under the terms of this policy and as such permission to busk at Harvest will not be issued:

- tarot card and palm readers, fortune readers;
- artists selling their works (such as portrait artists);
- masseurs or masseuses;
- Any like act or activity.

### **4. CONDITIONS FOR BUSKING:**

**4.1.** Buskers must have Harvest approval to busk, authorised by the Harvest Launceston Market Manager.

**4.2.** Buskers must perform between the hours of 8:30am and 12pm on Saturday but may take breaks from time to time by agreement with the Harvest Market Manager

**4.3.** Buskers must keep the site in use clean while they are working and ensure that their use of the site does not pose a threat to public safety.

**4.4.** Buskers may receive voluntary donations from the audience but may not solicit funds.

**4.5.** Buskers using amplification must be conscious of nearby Harvest patrons and work with the on-site Harvest Market Manager to ensure noise levels are reasonable.

**4.6.** Buskers may not offer goods and services for sale, display, demonstrate or advertise goods for sale or associate themselves with such advertising in conjunction with their performance. The only article that may be displayed or advertised is CD/s consisting of the busker's own work however these cannot be offered for sale whilst busking at Harvest.

**4.7.** Buskers must not interfere with pedestrian flow or cause obstruction to traders or delivery vehicles, including by way of encouraging audience formation in such a manner as to cause such interference.

**4.8.** Buskers may not use dangerous implements and materials.

**4.9.** Consumption or use of drugs and/or alcohol is not permitted.

**4.10.** Appropriate clothing and footwear must be worn at all times.

**4.11.** The Harvest Market Manager is authorised to revoke permission for a busker to perform at the market if they are causing public inconvenience,

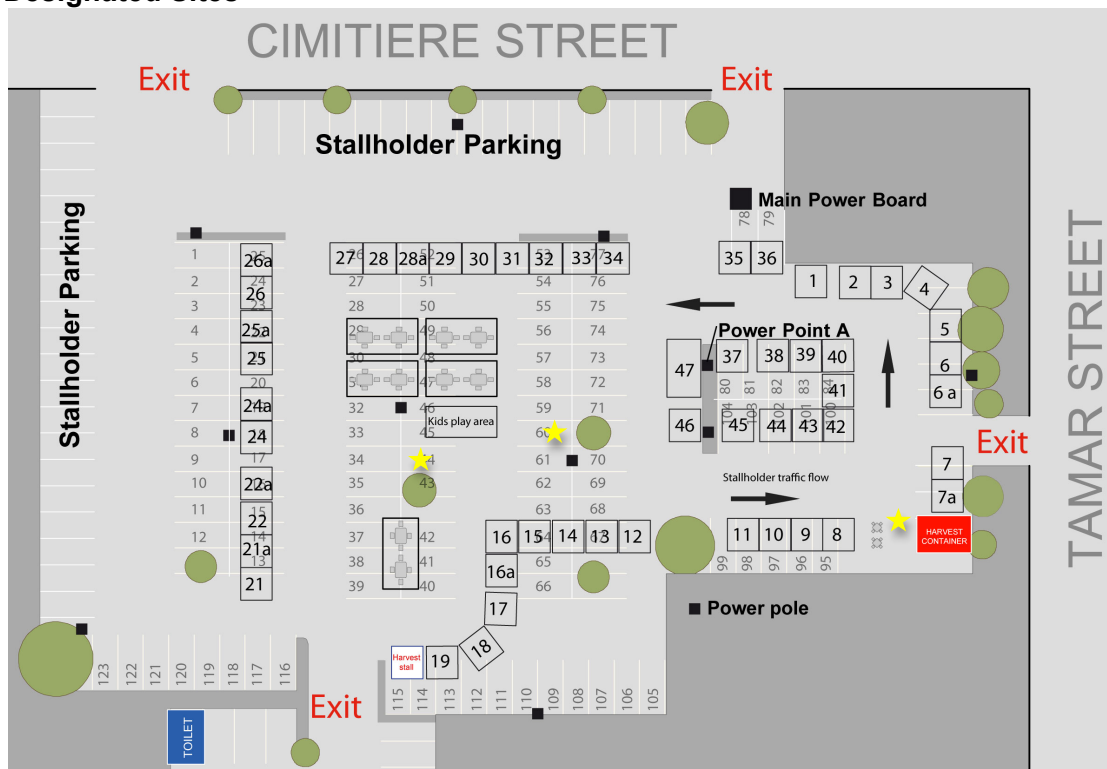
are likely to cause harm to the public or property, or are otherwise in breach of this Policy.

- 4.12. Offensives acts will not be tolerated and a written warning will be issued. Upon receiving a written warning, the busker's permission to perform at the Harvest market shall be revoked.
- 4.13. Designated sites and conditions for their use will be recorded in a schedule and provided to all approved buskers.
- 4.14. Buskers must also comply with directions issued by authorized officers of the TAS Police Force, Ambulance, Fire and any other emergency services.
- 4.15. Buskers are not covered under any public liability or personal accident insurance policy Harvest Launceston may have in place.
- 4.16. By issuing approvals to buskers, Harvest Launceston does not assume any responsibility for any public liability claims made against buskers, nor does the issue of an approval imply that the busker is independently insured for public liability.

**5. DESIGNATED SITES**

- 5.1. Use is subject to review.
- 5.2. Busking acts may only be performed at one of the designated areas marked with a star on the map below, unless otherwise directed by the Harvest Market Manager.

**Designated Sites**



**BUSKING APPROVAL REGISTRATION FORM**

**Busker Details**

Name:

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Performance Name:

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Phone number and email address:

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Date of Birth (if under 18 years of age):

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I (print name)

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of (address)

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Agree to all terms and conditions as outlined in this Code of Conduct.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian (if under 18 years of age):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_