

Public Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Questions from Geoffrey Conaghan

Stated that he was part of the newly formed Residents Action St Kilda (RASK) group. Asked if Council would protect resident's amenity from noise, particularly from events staged in and around the St Kilda foreshore on weekends? Stated that although Council's local law bans commercial deliveries and general noise before 9 am on Sundays, recent events, permitted by Council had amplified announcements from 7.30 am on a Sunday.

Response

Council is acutely aware of the impacts of these events, including traffic and amenity, to residents. In addition to the Events Strategy adopted last year, this Summer we engaged external advice to help improve our practices around noise management specifically.

Council does have noise controls and is adapting to resident feedback regarding potential noise impact from events (for example, by ensuring making sure speakers face away from homes and towards the Bay). Where a larger event has music as a focus, we require that an independent party undertake noise monitoring during operation.

Triathlons and fun runs are permitted to have amplified announcements early in the day to ensure safety of patrons, and low-level background music can be played in the reserve from 8 am. There are strict requirements on the noise levels and testing is outlined in a Council-issued Noise Management Plan. This plan was developed by an acoustic consultant who attended a number of the events in early 2017, as well as deliver training to event providers in proper methodology for ongoing monitoring of noise levels.

The event is compliant under the local law conditions of a 'special event'.

Other points:

- There have been no complaints regarding noise from the triathlons or fun runs this season.
- There were 5 early morning events in Catani this year - there will be one less next year (no City to Sea)

**Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*