



<b>8.3</b>	<b>EVENT FIREWORKS EXEMPTION</b>
<b>WARD:</b>	<b>GATEWAY</b>
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<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Nil</b>

**PURPOSE**

To propose a recommendation to allow use of fireworks at the Dad’s Footy Carnival, which is produced by Port Melbourne Primary School.

**I. RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- 1.1 Notes the application of Port Melbourne Primary School to hold an event with fireworks on Saturday 2 September 2017.
- 1.2 Notes under the current City of Port Phillip Outdoor Events Policy, officers do not have a provision to permit fireworks.
- 1.3 Notes an exemption for fireworks at this event last year was approved at a Council meeting on 23 August 2016.
- 1.4 Notes the review of City of Port Phillip Outdoor Events Policy has commenced and will be presented before Council in November 2017.
- 1.5 Notwithstanding Council policy, resolves to grant an exemption for the Port Melbourne Primary School Father’s Day event on Saturday 2 September 2017 to include discharging fireworks at JL Murphy Reserve, if the following conditions are met:
  - Preparation of a risk and emergency management plan
  - Provision of security to ensure the exclusion perimeter is maintained
  - Payment of a bond to ensure any damage to turf or synthetic wicket would be covered
  - Distribution of extensive neighbourhood notification, with a letter drop to local residents within a 2km radius 10 days prior to the event.
  - Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) notification and adherence to all their requirements.
  - Adherence to all other conditions as outlined on the event permit.
- 1.6 Continues the review of the Outdoor Events Policy which is currently seeking community feedback as part of the event strategy review.



## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Port Melbourne Primary School (PMPS) has applied to hold an outdoor fundraising event on 2 September 2017 at JL Murphy Reserve, Port Melbourne. Consistent with their permitted event held last year.
- 2.2 The event includes football matches, family entertainment, bar facilities and fireworks.
- 2.3 Under the City of Port Phillip outdoor event policy officers do not have a provision to permit fireworks. Fireworks had previously been banned due to concerns regarding safety, impacts on the community and potential damage to Council assets. The Outdoor Events Policy provides for an exemption for events of cultural significance. Any approvals outside this scope require Council approval.
- 2.4 Fireworks at the same event in 2016 were endorsed through a Council motion. The following was ratified by Councillors at the 23 August 2016 Council Meeting:
- Notwithstanding Council policy, resolves to grant an exemption for the Port Melbourne Primary School Father's Day event on Saturday 3 September 2016 to include discharging fireworks at JL Murphy Reserve, if the following conditions are met:*
- *Preparation of a risk and emergency management plan*
  - *Provision of security to ensure the exclusion perimeter is maintained*
  - *Payment of a bond to ensure any damage to turf or synthetic wicket would be covered*
  - *Distribution of extensive neighbourhood notification, with a letter drop to local residents within a 2km radius 10 days prior to the event.*
  - *Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) notification and adherence to all their requirements.*
- Investigates an SMS to all pet owners within a 2km radius, to advise them of the proposed fireworks.*
- Commences a review of the Outdoor Events Policy, to be completed in 2016/17*
- 2.5 The review of the Outdoor Events Policy is being reviewed as part of the Events Strategy and community consultation is currently underway.

## **3. KEY INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The 2016 PMPS Father's Day event was well run and there were no amenity complaints, no damage occurred and all safety requirements were met. The application for the 2017 event is similar and will be delivered by the same operator.
- 3.2 The Outdoor Events Policy is currently under review and it will be considered by Council in November 2017. Approvals of fireworks is being considered as part of this review.
- 3.3 It is recommended that Council endorses the use of fireworks at this event due to the fact that there were no impacts from the previous event and the Outdoor Event Policy review is underway.



## **FURTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **4. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY**

- 4.1 The event's key focus is to provide entertainment and connections in the community. Therefore it aligns with the Council Plan's Direction 1: We embrace difference and people belong.
- 4.2 The Outdoor Events Policy is currently under review and will consider the use of fireworks for community events through this process.

### **5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS**

- 5.1 The following stakeholders have been consulted and approve the event, inclusive of fireworks, as long as all safety, asset management and risk conditions are met:
  - 5.1.1 External Stakeholders: Victoria Police
  - 5.1.2 Internal Council Stakeholders; Parks Services, Risk Management, Local Laws, Sport and Recreation and Major Events Teams.

### **6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 As with all events, risk and emergency management plans would need to be submitted and approved before final permits were provided.
- 6.2 Further approvals will also be required from regulatory bodies before final approval would be provided, e.g. Work Safe, Ambulance Victoria, MFB
- 6.3 Legal discharge of fireworks require WorkSafe and Civil Aviation Safety Authority CASA notifications and approvals. It will also require the operators to work within the Dangerous Goods (Explosives) Regulations 2011 (reg155) and have appropriate licences and insurances.

### **7. SUSTAINABILITY – Triple Bottom Line**

#### **7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1.1 The event will be balloon free and will consider other sustainable options.

#### **7.2 SOCIAL & CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.2.1 The event is providing an active opportunity for the community to connect.

#### **7.3 ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.3.1 The event is a fundraiser for PMPS.

#### **7.4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.4.1 There are no financial implications, the event is self-funded.

### **8. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

#### **8.1 TIMELINE**

- 8.1.1 The event will be permitted with relevant conditions once all required documentation is approved.



**8.2 COMMUNICATION**

- 8.2.1 The decision for the fireworks will be communicated immediately following the meeting
- 8.2.2 The event organiser will be required to send notifications to the local community 10 days prior to the event.

**9. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST**

- 9.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in the matter.