

The City of Hawkesbury is predominantly situated on Dharug Country and includes Darkinjung Country in the Colo Heights and St Albans areas.

Hawkesbury City Council recognises and acknowledges the Dharug and Darkinjung Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land.

Hawkesbury City Council pays respect to all Dharug and Darkinjung Elders past and present and acknowledges their continuing contribution to the life of this city and the region.



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Introduction



There's much more to staging a successful event than most people realise. While everything may appear smooth and effortless on the surface, behind the scenes is a whirlwind of planning, coordination, and quick problem-solving. Every detail, from logistics to timing, requires careful attention to ensure everything runs seamlessly when the spotlight is on.

Whether big or small, every event requires careful planning to ensure the safety and security of the people coming to enjoy the event, as well as those behind the scenes.

There are many regulations to comply with, permissions to be sought, and each event requires a careful assessment of the likely risks and how they can be managed.

Beyond the procedural requirements, there's the task of creating an event vibe – setting out your objectives, defining your audience, flavour and tone of the event.

This Event Planning Toolkit will:



Help event organisers to plan and deliver successful, safe and compliant events within the Hawkesbury



Be a one-stop shop for both Council and external event organisers, providing useful check lists, templates, timelines and links to help plan your event



Provide consistency in Council's approach to events across its various teams.

Events Strategy

Hawkesbury City Council has an Events Strategy which identifies how Council will attract, partner, access, find and produce, promote and approve events in the Hawkesbury.

Assistance

Hawkesbury City Council is dedicated to supporting community groups and organisations in planning safe, successful, and vibrant events.

Our Events Team is here to assist with events held within the Hawkesbury LGA, offering guidance on event planning, traffic and risk management, and coordination with local emergency services.

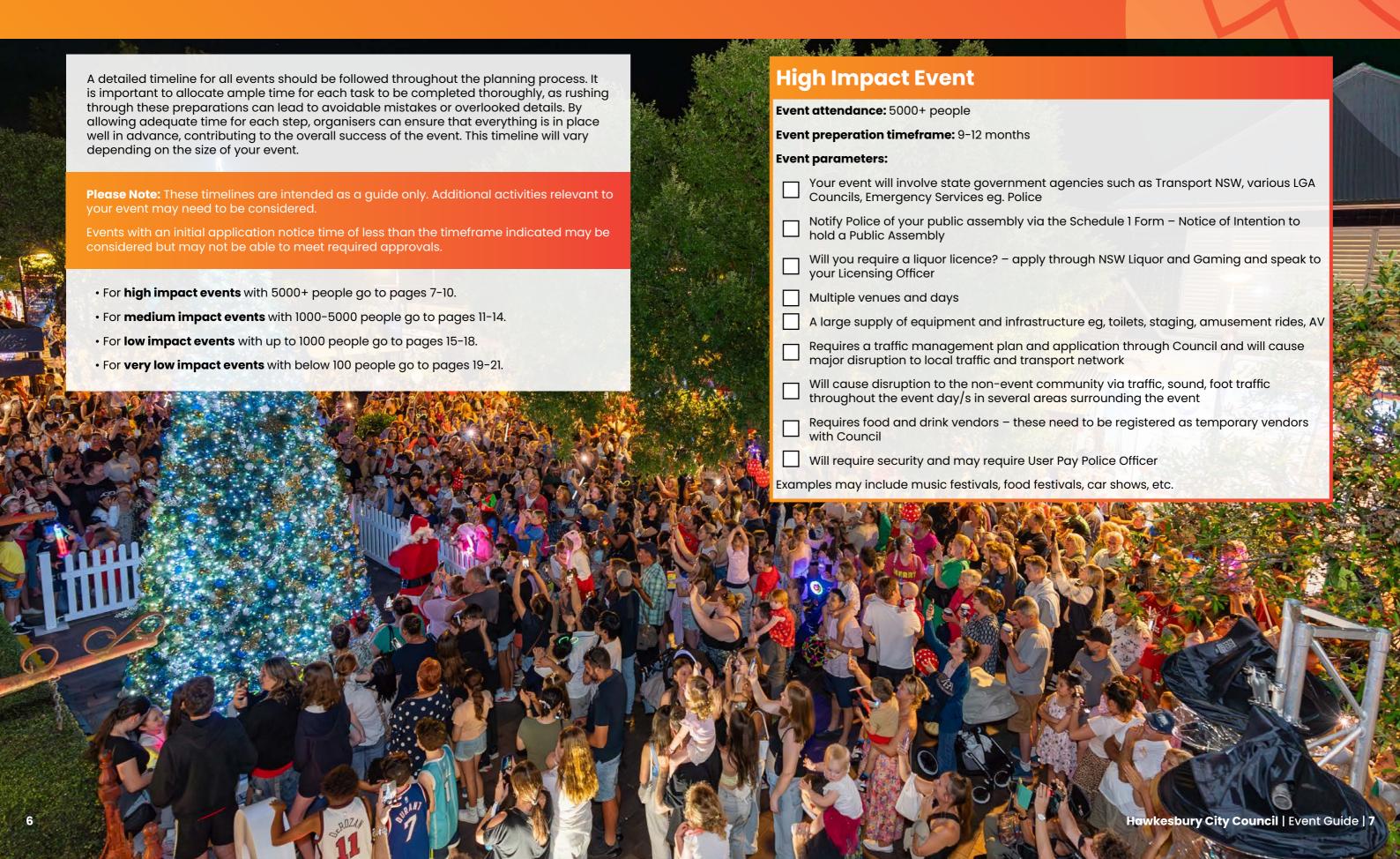
For assistance please call council on 4560 4444 or email the team directly events@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Disclaimer

Hawkesbury City Council's Event Planning Toolkit is intended as a general guide and may be subject to change. It is the responsibility of the event organiser to ensure compliance with all applicable laws, including obtaining any required approvals and permits from Council. Council accepts no liability for any loss or damage incurred by the event organiser or any third party in connection with the use of this Event Planning Toolkit. It is strongly advised that professional advice be sought where appropriate.

Indemnity

The event organiser indemnifies and keeps indemnified Hawkesbury City Council against all or any loss or damage incurred or suffered by Hawkesbury City Council from and against any claim, demand, action, cost or expense (including reasonable legal costs), suit or proceeding that may be made or brought by any person against Hawkesbury City Council or its employees, professional consultants or agents of Hawkesbury City Council arising out of, or in connection with, the supply or provision of the event by the event organiser or its employees, agents or sub-contractors and also from any costs and expenses that may be incurred in connection with any such claim.



γ.	Н	igh Impact Event Checklist
.	9-12	months before event
1		Purpose/ scope of event
		Target audience
The same		Who is planning the event with you (i.e. a committee)
		Research venues
		Prepare budget
		Sponsorship opportunities
1	6-9	months before event
		Book your venue – Exclusive use for Council land
		Apply for a Public Liability Insurance Policy
5		Community support
		Set fees for stallholder applications
3		Prepare forms for stallholders
		Prepare risk management plan
		Traffic management applications must be submitted to Council a minimum 6 months before event
		Complete any funding applications
1	3-6	months before event
		Prepare marketing plan
Z.		Check event requirements – power, water, access, etc.
		Apply for licences, permits, approvals e.g. Liquor licences
		Notify Local Area Command Police of your event via Form 1
		Book first aid
No.		Quotes - AV, equipment, security, seating, infrastructure, entertainment, traffic control
		Confirm contractors once quotes are received
		Begin stallholder applications
		Order merchandise if required
		Book your venue – Large to medium events on Council land

High Impact Event Checklist Continued 2-3 months before event Collect public liability insurance policy documents from suppliers, contractors, stallholders, and entertainers Implement marketing campaign Check budget Begin local business consultation if the event is within a town centre Prepare staffing/volunteer roster (do they require Working with Children Checks?) Prepare your waste management plan (refer to Council's checklist) Book a Welcome to Country with a local community group (refer to page 34) 0-2 months before event Mail out for traffic or fireworks notification to surrounding residents and businesses Confirm your risk management and emergency plans Start preparing your event plan Prepare signage for the event venue Temporary Food Permit applications must be submitted to Council a minimum of 2 weeks before event Events with amplified music: Provide your noise management plan to Council's Environmental Health team a minimum of 1 week prior to the event Send your noise management plan to Council, if applicable week before event Site inspection Check all bookings Increase promotion Confirm stallholders, AV, equipment, security, seating, infrastructure, entertainment etc. are locked in Send event plan to contractors, suppliers, staff and stallholders

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High Impact Event Checklist Continued		
Day before and Day of the event		
Erect directional signage		
Pre-inspection of space		
Bump in equipment, infrastructure, stallholders		
Check emergency exits and assembly points		
Brief contractors and staff		
After the event		
Debrief with key stakeholders		
Post event survey		
Review of budget and pay suppliers		
Promote event achievements		
Thank Sponsors		
Check budget and pay suppliers		



Medium - High Impact Event		
Mediam - High impact Event		
Event attendance: 1000 - 5000 people		
Event preperation timeframe: 6-9 months		
Event parameters:		
Your event may involve state government agencies such as the Transport NSW, various LGA Councils, Emergency Services eg. Police		
Notify police of your public assembly via the Schedule 1 Form – Notice of Intention to hold a Public Assembly		
A medium supply of equipment and infrastcuture eg, toilets, staging, amusement rides, AV		
Will you require a liquor licence – apply through NSW Liquor and Gaming and speak to your Licensing Officer		
One Venue		
Requires food and drink vendors – these need to be registered as temporary vendor with council		
Requires a traffic management plan and application through Council and will cause a medium disruption to local traffic and transport network		
Will have some disruption to the non-event community via traffic, sound, foot traffic throughout the event day with roads leading into the event space		
May require security		
Examples may include park-based fun runs, cultural festivals, commemorative events, food		



Medium - High Impact Event Checklist 6-9 months before event Purpose/scope of event Target Audience Who is planning the event with you ie. A committee **Research Venues** Prepare Budget Sponsorship opportunities Book your venue - Large to medium events on council land Apply for Public Liability Insurance Policy **Community Support** Set fees for stallholder applications Prepare forms for stallholders Risk Management Plans Traffic Management Applications must be submitted to Council a minimum 6 months before event Complete funding applications 3-6 months before event Prepare Marketing Plan Check event requirements - Power, Water Apply for licenses, permits, approvals Eg. Liquor Licenses Notify with Local Area Command of your event with form 1 **Book First Aid** Quotes for AV, equipment, security, seating, infrastructure, entertainment, traffic control Confirm contractors once quotes are received. Begin Stallholder applications Order merchandise if required

Medium - High Impact Event Checklist Continued 2-3 months before event Implement marketing campaign Collect public liability insurance policy documents from suppliers, contractors, stallholders, and entertainers Check budget Mail out for traffic or fireworks notification to surrounding residents and businesses Begin local business consultation if the event is within a town centre Prepare staffing/volunteer roster (do they require Working with Children Checks?) Prepare your waste management plan (refer councils checklist) Book a Welcome to Country with a local community group (refer to page 34))-2 months before event Confirm your risk management and emergency plans. Star preparing your event plan Prepare signage for the event venue Temporary Food Permit Applications must be submitted to Council a minimum of 2 Events with amplified music: Provide your noise management plan to Council's Environmental Health team at least one week prior to the event. Send your Noise management plan to Council if applicable week before event Site Inspection Check all bookings Increase promotion Confirm stallholders, AV, equipment, security, seating, infrastructure, entertainment, traffic control etc. are locked in Send event plan to contractors, suppliers, staff and stallholders

Medium - High Impact Event Checklist Continued Day before and Day of the event Erect directional signage Pre-inspection of space Bump in equipment, infrastructure, stallholders Check emergency exits and assembly points Brief contractors and staff After the event Debrief with key stakeholders Post event survey Review of budget and pay suppliers Promote event achievements **Thank Sponsors** Check budget and pay suppliers

Low Impact Event		
Event attendance: Below 1000 people		
Event preperation timeframe: 3-6 months		
Event parameters:		
A low supply of equipment and infrastucture eg, toilets, marquees, chairs, tables, AV		
Requires food and drink vendors – these need to be registered as temporary vendor with council		
One Small venue		
No disruption to non-community throughout the duration of the event		
Examples may include markets, corporate challenges, Easter egg hunt or charity events.		



Low Impact Event Checklis	t	Low Impact Event Checklist Continued
6 months before event		2-3 months before event
Purpose/ scope of event		Implement marketing campaign
Target Audience		Check budget
Who is planning the event with you ie. A comm	nittee	Collect public liability insurance policy documents from suppliers, contractors, stallholders, and entertainers
Research Venues		Begin local business consultation if the event is within a town centre
Prepare Budget		Prepare staffing/ volunteer roster (do they require Working with Children Checks?)
Book your venue – small events on council lan	nd	Prepare your waste management plan (refer councils checklist)
Sponsorship opportunities		Book a Welcome to Country with a local community group (refer to page 34)
Apply for Public Liability Insurance Policy	-	
Community Support		0-2 months before event
Set fees for stallholder applications		Confirm your risk management and emergency plans.
Prepare forms for stallholders		Star preparing your event plan
Risk Management Plans		Prepare signage for the event venue
Complete funding applications		Temporary Food Permit Applications must be submitted to Council a minimum of 2 weeks before event.
Prepare Marketing Plan		Events with amplified music: Provide your noise management plan to Council's Environmental Health team at least one week prior to the event.
Check event requirements – Power, Water		
Apply for licenses, permits, approvals		Send your noise management plan to Council if applicable
Notify with Local Area Command of your even	t with form 1	1 week before event
Book First Aid		Site Inspection
Quotes for AV, equipment, security, seating, in	fr <mark>astructure, entertainment, etc</mark>	Check all bookings
Confirm contractors once quotes are received	d.	☐ Increase promotion
Begin Stallholder applications		Confirm stallholders, AV, equipment, security, seating, infrastructure, entertainment, are locked in
Order merchandise if required		Send event plan to contractors, suppliers, staff and stallholders

Day before and Day of the event | Erect directional signage | Pre-inspection of space | Bump in equipment, infrastructure, stallholders | Check emergency exits and assembly points | Brief contractors and staff After the event | Debrief with key stakeholders | Post event survey | Review of budget and pay suppliers | Promote event achievements

Thank Sponsors

Very Low Impact Event		
Event attendance: Below 100 people		
Event preperation timeframe: 0-2 months		
Event parameters:		
One Small venue		
Has mimiual equipment required eg chairs, tables, AV		
No food vendors (supply of food and drink is supplied by event organiser)		
No disruption to non-community throughout the duration of the event		
Examples may include small community event such as public meetings, rally or assembly.		





Very Low Impact Event Checklist 0-2 months before event I week before event Purpose/scope of event Site Inspection Check all bookings Target Audience Who is planning the event with you ie. A committee Increase promotion Research Venues and book Prepare Budget Sponsorship opportunities Day before and Day of the event Apply for Public Liability Insurance Policy Erect directional signage Community Support Pre-inspection of space Risk Management Plan Bump in equipment, infrastructure, etc. Complete funding applications Check emergency exits and assembly points Prepare Marketing Plan Brief contractors and staff Check event requirements - Power, Water After the event **Book First Aid** Debrief with key stakeholders Quotes for AV, equipment, security, seating, infrastructure, entertainment, etc Post event survey Confirm contractors once quotes are received. Review of budget and pay suppliers Collect public liability insurance policy documents from suppliers, contractors, and Promote event achievements entertainers **Thank Sponsors** Order merchandise if required Implement marketing campaign Check budget Begin local business consultation if the event is within a town centre lawkesbury Valley Junior Prepare staffing/volunteer roster (do they require Working with Children Checks?) irls and boys from Prepare your waste management plan (refer councils checklist) inder 6 to Under 16's Book a Welcome to Country with a local community group (refer to page 34) Spaces still available Confirm your risk management and emergency plans. Star preparing your event plan Prepare signage for the event venue

Event Management and Approvals

Initial Planning

The success of any event begins with a well-thought-out initial plan. This crucial stage involves defining the purpose and goals, identifying the target audience, setting a realistic budget, and choosing a suitable date and venue. Effective initial planning lays the foundation for smooth execution and helps anticipate potential challenges. By outlining key objectives, gathering input from stakeholders, and developing a preliminary timeline, organizers can ensure the event is both impactful and efficiently managed from the very start. In the initial planning process these areas should be considered:

The date of the event. Check what else is happening in the region at the time to ensure minimal double-up occurs
What is the purpose of the event? Have a clear objective
Where are you planning to host the event? Why that space and location? If the event is on private land, does it have the correct Development Consents?
Budget/sponsorship opportunities
Who is the event manager?
Is there adequate parking available?
Do you have a wet weather contingency plan?
Check with council what approvals are needed for your event
How many staff/volunteers are needed to host the event safely?
Do the staff or volunteers need a 'Working With Children's Check?
What contractors are needed? For example amusements rides, security, traffic control, food vendors, structures, equipment, audio visual etc.
How will you evaluate the events' success? e.g. By in-event and post-event surveys, emails, letters, social media data etc.
Will you require a welcome to country or smoking ceremony at your event?
Will you require two way radios for staff communication purposes?
Do you require a liquor licence?
Do you need a traffic management plan?
Do you have a Public Liability Insurance Policy?
Plan your budget - expenditure and income.
Federal, State and Local grant funded events, check that a representative from the rosponding body is available on your proposed dates.

Budgeting

Successful events are ones that do not exceed their allocated budget. A budget should be prepared at least 9-12 months ahead of the event to ensure it captures all incoming funds and all expenses.

☐ First aid
☐ Infrastructure
Traffic management
Security
Toilets
Waste
Licence fees
Public liability insurance cost
Cost of venue
Cleaning
Staging and audio visual
Staffing
Insurances
Marketing and communications
Welcome to Country
Activities
☐ Theming
Artists and performers
A budget estimate for income from stallholder fees, sponsorship and contributions should also be included or considered.

Event Management and Approvals

Event Management Plan

Event management plans are important documents that provide a complete overview of the event for Operational Staff and Stakeholders. Details that should be included in this plan are:

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	Event name
	Event location
	Date/start and finish times
	Event manager name and contact information
	Forecast weather and cancellation plans for bad weather
	Staff responsibilities and rosters
Ù.	Key event information such as roving entertainment, stage times, workshop times etc.
	Run sheet, including times for bump in and out
	Stakeholder contact information e.g. Market/food stallholders, equipment suppliers, security, traffic, first aid, VIP's, entertainment, etc.
	Risk Assessment
	Welcome to Country details
	Emergency services contact information
	Accessibility
	Lost Children Procedure
	Parking location for staff and event attendees
	Stage running order/runsheet and MC contact details
	Public liability information for all stakeholders
	Plans for signage, crowd management, security, waste management, site, equipment, stallholders
	List of approvals – temporary food applications, traffic management, liquor license, aquatic license
	Emergency evacuation plans
	Detailed event site map including stallholder locations
	Traffic management plan

Site Plan / Map

An event site plan should clearly identify the location of all inclusions at your event. This will be an important tool fo your staff, contractors and supplies. A more fun and engaging map should be created for promotion.

When preparing a site plan you should consider all potential risk and crowd management issues. You might consider including:

	Emergency evacuation locations
4	Entry and exit points
	First aid location
	Amusement rides
	Free water stations
	Defibulator locations
	Bin locations
	Toilet facilities including accessible toilets
	Quiet spaces
	Stage/green rooms
	Vehicle and pedestrian access points to the event space
	Parking for general public, emergency services, VIP's
	ATM sites
	Smoking areas
	Food and market stall locations
	Special zones e.g. Emergency Services Zone, Youth Zones
	Shelter locations
	Off-leash pet areas
	Fireworks exclusion zones
	Activity locations
	Lost children and lost property points
	Liquor licence areas
	Information stall locations
	Signage locations
	Security check points/ bag checks

Event Management and Approvals

Event Schedule/ Run Sheet

A detailed event schedule is essential for managing site bump-in and bump-out and for keeping everyone informed, both on and off site. It helps coordinate equipment deliveries, inform contractors of arrival times, and guide on-site operations so key staff are aware of what's happening and when. It's also a valuable tool for communicating clearly with stallholders, volunteers, and event staff. Details that should be included in this schedule are:

Chronological breakdown of the event Bump-in and bump-out times and locations Equipment delivery times and location details Specific times of activations or presentations VIP arrival times Person responsible for each item on the run sheet
Person responsible for each item on the run sheet

Operational Staff

Operational staff refers to employees or workers who are directly involved in bumping-in, bumping-out and being onsite during the event. When considering operational staff you should ensure they have the correct permits and licenses to carry out their work.

People who have 'working with children checks' if they are working directly with children at the event. For example, face painters or staff dealing with lost children
Security guards
Traffic controls
Electricians
Pyrotechnics
First aid
Sound and lighting technicians
Entertainment



Funding Opportunities

Incoming Sponsorship for Events

If you are proposing to create sponsorship opportunities for business groups to support your event, start preparing a comprehensive sponsorship prospectus and include various levels of packages for example:

- Naming rights
- Major
- Gold
- Silver
- Bronze
- Stage

Ensure that packages have onsite activation opportunities as well as marketing and awareness inclusions for their business name and logo to be included on.

A legal sponsorship agreement should be created outlining the event details, the package inclusions, and when the value of sponsorship is required to be paid. Both parties should sign this agreement.

Part of your preparations for sponsorship should ensure you can deliver everything you have included in your packages have a dedicated person managing the agreement. They should manage, invoices, invitations, logos etc.

A full report should be created post event detailing what has been delivered.

Council Event Sponsorship Program

Council is committed to supporting the community to host public events to ensure they are safe, successful and well-run.

Council is looking to assist Community events that highlight Hawkesbury's heritage, celebrate our river, enhance our town centres, assist towns and villages to become local hubs, create cultural experiences, promote and assist tourism, and that create community and business connections.

- · Round 1 opens for funding applications in February each year
- Round 2 opens for funding applications in September each year

Please refer to our website for more information on the Council event sponsorship program.

Note: Council's Sponsorship Program only supports community not for profit events.

Community Sponsorship Program

The Community Sponsorship Program enables Council to work in partnership with our community to build a vibrant, connected, and liveable Hawkesbury.

Council's Community Sponsorship Program provides financial assistance to support Hawkesbury based community organisations or individuals wanting to undertake activities that address key strategies and directions within Council's Community Strategic Plan.

A great place to find information about additional funding that is currently available from a wide range of funders is <u>Council's Community Grants and Support page</u>.

There are three categories within the Community Sponsorship Program.

- 1. Resilient Hawkesbury
- 2. Participation
- 3. Access to community facilities

You can find information on the Community Sponsorship Program and Strategy.



Child Safety

Pre-Event Site Visit and Risk Assessment

Identify all entrances and exits to the event area – the security of boundary fences, hedges, or walls, and whether any of the space needs to be cordoned off.

- Identify any specific potential risk features
- Check that the facilities and activities are accessible for children and young people with disability or accessibility needs
- · Identify the nearest emergency healthcare facilities in your event plan
- · Check that the parking facilities and event space include access for emergency vehicles
- Establish if other activities will be held on the site at the same time of the planned event or activity and assess any risk
- · Check that mobile telephone coverage is available across the whole area



Staffing

- Determine areas that require event staff/volunteers as per the pre-event risk assessment.
- Ensure all event staff/volunteers have been vetted and have current valid Working with Children Checks (WWCC).
- Provide event staff/volunteers with identification and identifiable clothing.
- Ensure event staff/volunteers have access to a working mobile telephone and have been provided with key contact information.
- If the area has poor mobile reception, then other forms of communication should be considered, such as two-way radios.
- Provide event staff/volunteers with clear roles and responsibilities and code of conduct documents, including their safeguarding obligations.
- Develop event staff briefing notes that include, but are not limited to, missing children and young people procedures, group control measures etc.

Working with Children Check - WWCC

- A working with children check is mandatory for any person working on or in a child-related activity or event.
- You can find more information on Working with Children's Checks <u>here</u>.

Signage

- Prepare signage (appropriate for children and young people, including at their eye level) to help them find their way around the site/s and to locate event areas such as first aid etc.
- Prepare signage that details the schedule of event/activity and location (if multiple events occurring). Depending on the size and complexity of the site, provide site maps for staff, volunteers, participants, and community.
- Establish and signpost an information/lost children point and establish a procedure to respond to lost/found children who have become separated from their parents/carers.
- Prepare signage that clearly states that photos will be taken at your event and used for promotional purposes. Have a contact/ location listed for attendees to speak with if they do not want their child photographed.

Child Safety

Lost Children Procedure

Having a lost children procedure is a very important element to your event management plan. You should make sure that all operational staff are briefed about the procedure.

You may include operational staff such as: • Review all safeguarding concerns/issues arising at the event Clear communication channels: Establish a clear communication system, such as two-way radios or a dedicated phone line, so staff can quickly report any lost Evaluate and recommend any future changes children. Relay information to MC onstage **Designated reporting points:** Set up a specific location where children can be taken if they are found, and where parents or guardians can report lost children. This could be a "Lost and Found" station or a help desk **Emergency Services:** Alert police and security Event signage: Ensure there are signs and visible information about the lost child procedure in key areas around the event. This should include where to report lost children and who to contact for help Record keeping: Ensure all details of the lost child incident (time, location, description of the child, any interactions with the child or guardian) are logged for future reference and to ensure proper follow-up if necessary Incident report: After the event, make sure that an incident report is completed and reviewed, including any improvements or updates needed for future events Hawkesbury City Council | Event Guide | 33

Photo Permission

• Ensure written consent is given by a parent or guardian for any child under 16 years of age.

Post-event Review of Safeguarding Procedures

First Nations Protocols

Key Considerations for First Nations Inclusion in your event:

Acknowledgement of Country

Begin events with an Acknowledgement of Country, expressing respect for the Traditional Owners of the land. This can be done through a formal statement or a Welcome to Country.

Welcome to Country

If possible, invite a First Nations Elder or community representative to perform a Welcome to Country, which is a traditional and respectful way to acknowledge the land and welcome quests.

Smoking Ceremony

Invite a First Nations Elder or community representative to perform a Smoking Ceremony. This is a traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practice used for cleansing and spiritual renewal, often performed before major events or as part of a Welcome to Country.

Cultural Elements

Incorporate First Nations cultural elements into the event, such as artwork, music, storytelling, or food. Be sure to do so with sensitivity and in a respectful manner, and only if appropriate and in consultation with First Nations community members.

Engage with First Nations Communities

Reach out to local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations or communities to discuss event planning and ensure culturally appropriate practices.

Respectful Language

Use respectful and inclusive language when referring to First Nations peoples. Consider terms like "First Nations," "First Peoples," or "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," as these terms are more encompassing and respectful of diverse identities.

Representation

Ensure First Nations representation on event committees, as speakers, and in other event roles. This can help to ensure that the event is inclusive and reflects the diversity of the community.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Promote DEI principles throughout the event planning and execution. This includes addressing biases, promoting representation, and ensuring that all voices are heard.

Local Knowledge

Utilize local First Nations knowledge and expertise. This can include hiring local Aboriginal artists, storytellers, or musicians to perform or share their knowledge at the event.

Our local community groups are:

- Merana Aboriginal Community Association merana.org.au
- Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation <u>darugcorporation.com.au</u>



Infraskruckure and Equipment

Providing the correct infrastructure is vital for any event. When planning for infrastructure, one of the key considerations will be how many people you anticipate will attend your event.

Questions to consider are:

- · How many toilets will you require?
- How much waste does the event generate?
- How much power will you need and will generators be needed (large or small)?
- Does the venue have a water supply, and
- Will you be providing free water to your attendees?

Consider the following when planning the infrastructure for your event:

Toi	ilets If using Council facilities, it is the responsibility of the event organiser to ensure they are left clean after the event is completed.
W	aste
	General bins can be ordered when you book a Council venue, or by emailing customer service: council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au – associated fees are listed under fees and charges in Council's Operational Plan or you can book these on Bookable if using a council space.
	Recycling services should be booked through JJ's Waste and Recycling on 1800 689 332.
	Consider having volunteers at your event to help people sort their items into the right bins.
Po	wer
	Does the venue have accessible power?
	Do you need to hire generators?
	What type of power do you need – 3 phase, standard 10/15 Amp?
	Have all cords been tag and tested?
	Do you require an electrician onsite to check the power and cords?
W	ater
	Does your event site have access to clean drinking water?
	Do you need to hire a drinking water station?
	Do your food stallholders have access to clean water for washing purposes or will you ask them to provide this?
	Do you need a specific nozzle or key for taps?

Toilets

Portable toilets may need to be provided for the event. A suggested ratio of 1 to 25 females and 1 to 50 males applies.

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€ √500	Alcohol 13	No Alcohol	Alcohol 2	No Alcohol	♀ ₹500	Alcohol 8	No Alcohol	Alcohol 3	No Alcohol	Alcohol 2	No Alcohol
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<2000	18	12	7	6	<2000	15	8	9	4	7	6
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Infraskruckure and Equipment

Lighting	Amusement Rides
Evening events need to be well lit. Does your event space have lighting?Do you need to hire lighting towers?	Amusement rides are required to be registered by Workcover NSW under Work Health and Safety Regulation include powered amusements rides or children under 12 years old. These rides may be subject to council inspection prior to
Does the parking area have lighting?	operation. These amusement rides are for example ferris wheels, roller coasters, dodgem cars etc
Does your pedestrian walkway have adequate lighting?	Amusement rides not required to be registered under Work Health and Safety
Will your stallholders need to BYO battery powered lighting?	regulation 2011 may be operated without prior inspection of Council. These are mainly small amusement rides such a jumping castles, battery operated railways etc.
Structures and Stages	Ensure you gather all insurance paperwork from the amusement provider
Ensure all structures are weighted or pegged into the ground	Public Liability Insurance minimum \$20 Million from each of amusement ride
Conduct a safety inspection of all structures before the event starts	Safework NSW registration certificates for all mechanical rides (not inflatables)
Ensure that stage structures comply with NSW State Legislation	A plan of where each amusement ride is being placed including where power will be located
A DA might be required depending on the size and engineering of the structure and length of time it is in place	Ask provider for a risk assessment
Ask for a design concept of the stage to ensure it is built and weighted in correctly	Include the amusement rides in your risk assessment and site plan
Public Liability Insurance is required from all contractors that supply structures and stages	

Infraskruckure and Equipment



Fireworks

Fireworks displays can only be held with a pyrotechnicians license or fireworks (single use) licence issued by SafeWork NSW.

The licensee must notify SafeWork NSW and the local Council of an intention to use any fireworks, crackers, distress signal or model rocket propellant device at least 7 working days before the fireworks, signal or device is to be used.

Licensees must include in their notification to Council the following:

- 1. A completed SafeWork NSW notification form.
- 2. A completed SafeWork NSW Fireworks Display Checklist.
- 3. If the display is under a flight path, evidence that CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority) has been notified.
- 4. If the display is on water (i.e. on a barge) an Aquatic Licence from RMS (Roads and Maritime Services)

Once the applicable information above has been submitted, Council will assess your notification based on the following criteria:

- 1. The appropriateness of the location of the display, for example proximity to residences, hospitals, aged care facilities, animal shelters and overhead obstructions such as trees and power lines.
- 2. The reason for the display.
- 3. The types of firework that are proposed to be used, for example aerial fireworks (in particular salutes) are considered to have a much greater impact on surrounding areas than ground display fireworks. Councils can impose conditions on, restrict or prohibit the use of aerial fireworks.
- 4. The impact on any affected residents and businesses noting, neighbouring properties must be notified appropriately of the intended display such as by the way of a letterbox drop. Council will need to decide what it believes to be a reasonable area of notification.
- 5. The impact on animal welfare in proximity to the display.
- 6. Public liability issues.
- 7. Noise and other pollution.
- 8. Public nuisance.
- 9. The proposed procedure for the disposal of spent fireworks.
- The appropriateness of crowd and traffic management issues where the display is likely to attract crowds.
- 11. Any local conditions that the council may consider relevant.

If Council has no objections to the display a letter will be issued from Council outlining conditions to be adhered to.

Further information can be found here.

Bookings, Permiks and Public Areas

Booking Requests

Booking requests are made through the online bookings system.

Not all events require a booking, if you are just coming to the park with family or friends and wish to use a BBQ or shelter – you are welcome to. All shelters and BBQs are first come first served, they cannot be booked.

However, you will need a booking for a proposed event if you are brining anything into the park such as marquees, a PA/speakers, gym equipment or any other equipment or infrastructure, as these require permission. No vehicles are to be driven within a park without specific approval.

For use of any sporting grounds, please contact the Hawkesbury Sports Council

Parks, Reserves, Malls and Community Halls Register as a new user on the Council's bookable page. Make the booking request, providing as much information as possible including: Map depicting the location you would like to use Equipment you are bringing – e.g. PA, staging, fences, food trucks, petting zoo, fireworks, marquees. If you intend to sell alcohol and/or tickets to the event If you intend to drive on the grass Any supporting documents; risk assessment, public liability insurance, draft marketing materials, liquor licence request. When making a booking you can request bins, power, water and access. A Council officer will usually respond to your request within five days of it being Depending on the scale of the event, your application may need to be discussed at a Council meeting. An application fee is charged. Please see Council's current Fees and Charges for details. A refundable bond for damages and keys may be required. If electricity is available in the park, applicants will be charged per hour for its use. If exclusive use of a park or reserve is required, allow additional time for requests to be assessed as it will require a report to Council. Additional fees apply. For Crown Reserves, Native Title Advice may be required.

Booking Timeframes To book exclusive use of a park or reserve – six months' minimum notice is required. Large events or markets – three months' notice is required. Small events – two weeks' notice is required. Contact Customer Service – (02) 4560 4444 or council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Markets

Hawkesbury City Council has developed a Market Policy and Guidelines to assist market operators interested in setting up markets on Council-managed land within the Hawkesbury. This policy aims to establish a consistent process for assessing markets, guiding market operators through the application process, identifying suitable sites, and considering other key factors when starting out.

If you are considering setting up a regular (rather than temporary or short-term) market on Council land, you can find separate guidelines <u>here</u>.



Music and Performers

Music Licencing

<u>OneMusic Australia</u> offers joint music licences so there is no longer any need for separate licence agreements and invoices from PPCA and APRA AMCOS.

Live Music

If you plan to use only live music at your event, and that music is protected by copyright (as most music is), you will need to apply for a licence at least three weeks prior to your event. APRA AMCOS grants licences for the live performance, broadcast, communication, public playing and reproduction of its members' musical works through <u>OneMusic Australia</u>.

Recorded Music

If you plan to use recorded music (including music videos or pre-recorded music that is part of a live performance by a DJ or other performer) you will need to apply for a licence.

PPCA (Phonographic Performance Company of Australia Ltd) grants licences for the broadcast, communication or public playing of recorded music (such as CDs, records and digital downloads or streams) and music videos through OneMusic Australia.

First check with the venue or premises operator whether a blanket licence is already in place, in which case separate licences from <u>OneMusic Australia</u> may not be required, depending on the nature and details of the event and the scope of any existing licences which may be in place.

Paying Performers

Refer to the Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance to ensure you pay arts workers correct wages.

Noise Management Plan

Events with amplified music should have a noise management plan which describes how the noise from the event will be managed, the times the event will finish and the plan to keep noise to an acceptable level. The plan needs to be provided to Council's Environmental Health team at least one week prior to the event.

Offensive noise is determined when the activity increases ambient background noise levels by 5 decibels or more.

Event organisers should consider the layout of the event including the positioning and direction of any amplified music and/or public announcement devices, to ensure that potential noise generating activities are positioned in areas less likely to impact on sensitive receivers (such as geographical, natural or built acoustic barriers).

All events are to comply with noise restrictions.



Food and Alcohol

Food Management

As an event organiser it is your responsibility to manage food vendors, including risk management and any required approvals.

All businesses, including not-for-profit and charity fundraisers, are required to sell safe and suitable food in compliance with the Food Standards Code. This includes businesses that sell food to the public at temporary events, such as festivals, markets and shows.

u plan to have food at your event you will need to ensure that all vendors have following:
Mobile food vendors must be registered with Council. A \$30.00 application fee applies. Applications must be submitted a minimum of two weeks before event. The application form can be found on Council's website .
Food vendors coming from outside the Hawkesbury must also be registered with their local Council and be able to provide evidence of their registration.
Each vendor needs to have a Food Safety Supervisor available on site, with a copy of their certificate. Other food handlers should have completed the online NSW Food Authority Food Handler Basics training.
Food vendors must comply with the NSW Food Authority " <u>Guidelines for food businesses at temporary events</u> " and " <u>Guidelines for mobile food vending vehicles</u> "
Public Liability Insurance Certificate (minimum \$20M).

Council Officers can conduct inspections at temporary events under the Food Act. Inspection charges will only apply if an inspection is undertaken. Please see Council's current fees and charges for details. Council Officers will always show their identification before an inspection.

PLEASE NOTE: Food vendors are not allowed to trade on road reserves or easements.



Alcohol Management

As an event organiser, it is your responsibility to manage the responsible service of alcohol at the event. This includes all events, whether they are BYO, licensed with alcohol sales, or if tastings are offered.

To sell or supply alcohol at your event, you must obtain the appropriate liquor licence from Liquor and Gaming NSW.

Applications and more information for a temporary liquor licence can be found at the <u>NSW Department of Industry, Liquor and Gaming website</u>.

You will also need to contact a local NSW Police Licensing Officer to obtain in-principle support for the sale, serving or consumption of alcohol at your event, as well as the following:

All vendor staff and volunteers involved in the sale of alcohol must hold the mandatory Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certification and be aware of their responsibilities under the RSA legislation.

Your alcohol management plan should include actions for briefing staff in relation to their duties in the responsible service of alcohol including, identifying and not serving minors.

A condition of the liquor licence and certificate of registration is that drinking water must be available free to patrons at all times that liquor is sold or supplied on premises. Penalties apply for not adhering to this condition.

Engage a licencee.

Contact- Windsor Police - 4587 4099



Traffic and Parking

Traffic Management for Special Events

A special event (in traffic management terms) is any planned activity that is wholly or partly conducted on a road, requires multiple agency involvement, requires special traffic management arrangements, and may involve large numbers of participants and/or spectators.

Examples include marathons, fun runs, cycling events, parades, horse rides, marches and street market days. The definition also applies to events conducted in their own venue, if the event requires special traffic management arrangements and multiple-agency support.

It is necessary to have qualified and experienced traffic controllers to ensure the safety of all participants, such as pedestrians, motorists and the controllers themselves. Information on traffic controllers and training can be found on the <u>Safework NSW website</u>.

An event organiser planning to hold a special event has to submit an application to Hawkesbury City Council a minimum of six months before the proposed event.

Applications should include details of the event and public liability insurance, a transport management plan, traffic control plan, route of the event, proposed road closures and any other transport aspects of the event.

Hawkesbury City Council's Local Traffic Committee will assess the traffic aspects of the event.

<u>Hawkesbury City Council's Special Event - Traffic Information Package</u> provides information regarding traffic applications and procedures for special events.

Event organisers are also advised to refer to Transport for NSW's <u>Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events.</u>

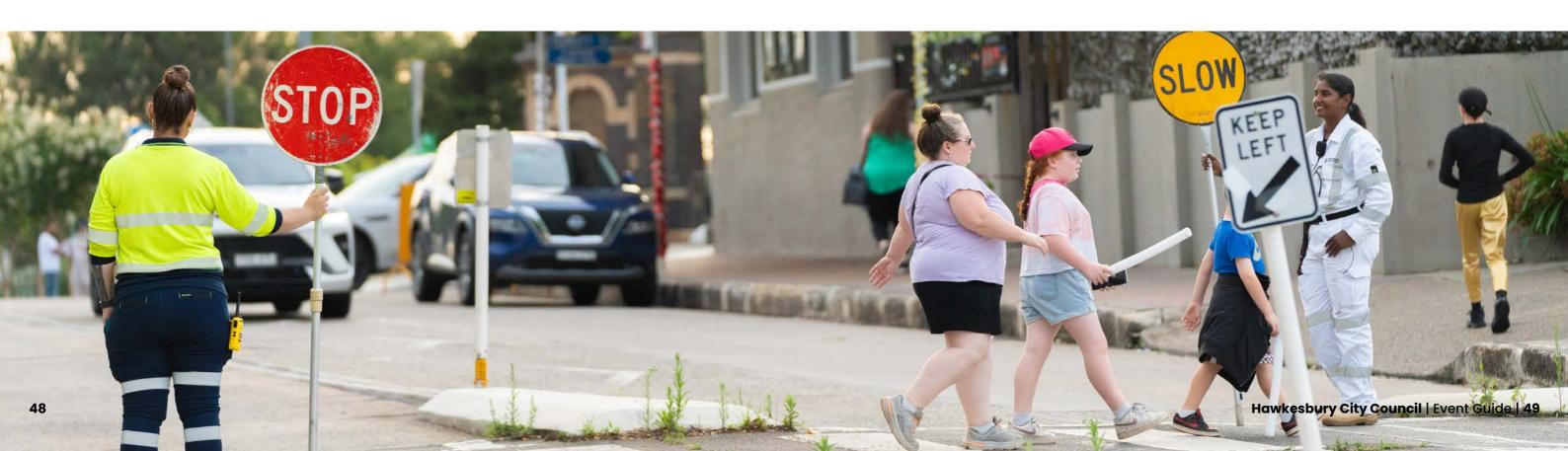
Forms and Guides

These forms must be submitted with your traffic management plan and merged within one document.

- Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events Information Package
- Form A Initial Approval Application Form
- Form B Initial Approval Application Form
- Form C Final Approval Application Form
- Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events
- RMS Special Events Form to be sent to Hawkesbury Local Area Command and Council.

NOTE:

- Applications must be submitted to Council a minimum six months prior to the event date.
- Late applications will incur a late fee, please see Council's current Fees and Charges for details.
- Applications will NOT be accepted within three (3) months of the event date.
- All applications and documentation are to be emailed to: council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au



Accessibility

When planning an event, you are <u>legally required</u> to provide access for people with disability.

Council is working to improve access and inclusion for all residents and visitors. A good measure of inclusion is when residents and visitors have equal access to participate in community life regardless of their disability, age, language, gender and sexuality, cultural observances or attitudinal barriers .

In the planning and delivery of an event, consideration should be given to how the program can eliminate barriers, improve access, and be inclusive of all people.

Budget Have you factored in the additional budget to address accessibility requirements? Venue Do you have the option to choose a fully accessible venue? If not, are you and the venue prepared to implement accessibility provisions required? Are there accessible public transport services near the venue? Are there drop-off points for vehicles close to the entrance of the venue? Are there clearly identified accessible car parking spaces available near the entrance? Is there a clear, continuous accessible path of travel (CAPT) from any public transport, parking or dropoff points to the venue entrance? A CAPT is defined as a delineated pathway (minimum 1 metre wide) with no steps or barriers. Is there a clear, continuous accessible path of travel from the entrance to all the areas being used as part of the event? Are all doors wide enough (minimum 1000mm) for a wheelchair user to get through? Is the information/registration desk at a height that is accessible for a wheelchair user? Are there accessible unisex toilets? Is there a hearing loop? If not, can you install a temporary one? Will audio description be provided for blind and low-vision attendees? If the venue has fixed seating, are there removable seats for wheelchair users? Is there provision for a breakout space or quiet room? Is there a changing places amenity available for people with high-support needs? Is there provision to provide a tactile touch tour for the blind and low-vision community?

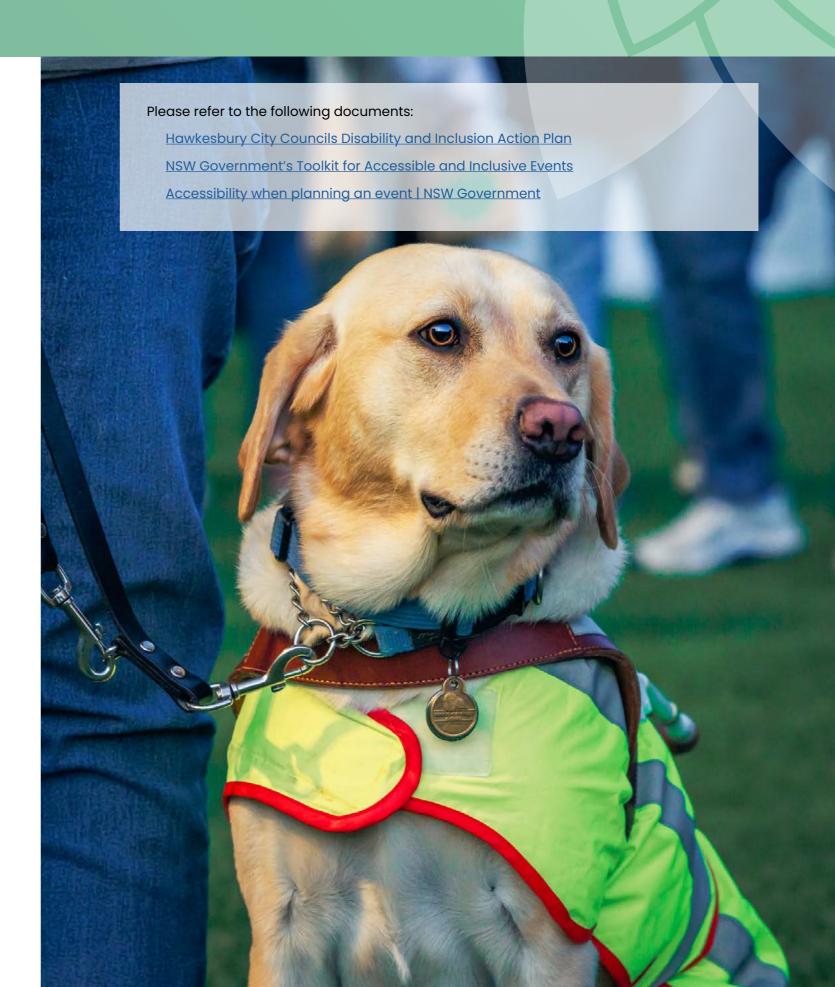
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In	frastructure and Seating
	Have you planned for alternative arrangements where any of the pre-existing infrastructure has been identified as inaccessible?
	Are any stages and risers accessible for performers and speakers, if required?
	Have you designated an accessible seating area at the front of audience areas with an unimpeded view of the stage, speaker and/or Auslan interpreter? For a mediumsized event, aim to provide seating for 20 people as a minimum.
Tr	ansport
	Are any additional accessible parking or drop-off points required?
	Have you provided the closest transport hubs to your event with estimated walking times and gradients?
	Have you provided information about transport services affected by road closures?
Si	gnage
	Do you have clear signage to direct people to all event areas as well as amenities such as info booths, toilets and first aid?
	Have you ensured signage is printed with clear contrast colours (white on blue) using the International Symbol of Access icon and is installed at a height visible to wheelchair users?
	Are accessible pathways clearly identified?
	Is there an accessibility map which highlights all the accessibility elements available?
Ot	utdoor Events
	Are there any structures obstructing any kerb ramps?
	Are accessible portaloos and accessible water stations provided?
	Do any street closures or fencing maintain the accessibility of kerb ramps or accessible paths of travel?
	Will you be providing a break-out space or quiet space in a shaded area?
	Do any grassy areas need to be covered with flooring materials for easier mobility?
	Are all cable trays wheelchair accessible?
	Will a wheelchair charging station for power-wheelchairs and scooters be provided?
	Is there a priority queue with a wider lane for accessibility guests provided at all security entry points?

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Assistance Animals
Are there facilities for assistance animals (e.g. bathroom, water, shade)?
Have staff been briefed on the rules and regulations pertaining to assistance animals? (Refer to NSW State Legislation)
Tickets and Registration
Do you have a registration form for accessibility guests? If not, can they note their specific requirements at the time of booking?
Are registration forms and booking systems in an accessible format with different submission options such as web, telephone and email?
Content and Information
Is any written information, such as programs, available in an accessible format for people who are blind or with low vision?
Is there an opportunity to provide audio description or other accessible formats for any visual information such as a presentation or video?
Do you need captions or an Auslan interpreter for any speakers or video?
Staff
Have your staff (including venue-supplied staff) and volunteers had disability awareness training and been briefed on any accessibility measures or requirements including emergency evacuation procedures?
Sound and Lighting
Have audiences been informed if there will be any flash lighting, strobes, smoke, loud noises or other special effects?
If the lights are dimmed for presentations, are any sign language interpreters still adequately lit?
Are portable microphones available for members of the audience who are invited to ask questions from the floor?
Catering
Are the catering tables or food vendors (including food trucks) at a suitable height for wheelchair users?
Are accessible seating and tables available?



Insurance and Rish Management

Identify, Mitigate and Manage Risks

Risks at events should be carefully analysed and then rated according to likelihood and impact. Control measures should then be developed to reduce the likelihood of risks occurring. Comparing the benefits and costs will help you decide your mitigation strategies. Focus on risks that have significant impacts or consequences.

Your risk management plan should form part of your emergency management approach. Once you have developed your plan, continue to monitor, assess and manage risks throughout the planning of the event, and during the event itself. See Event Risk Assessment template on page 68.

Reputational risk or the public perception of event risk is an important consideration, in addition to operational or public safety risks. Engage your communications team and organisational executives to consider communications risk or reporting requirements.

Invite as many people as possible involved with the event to identify potential risks. Risks can include, but are not limited to:

- medical emergencies, e.g. drug and alcohol issues, injuries, allergic reactions, food poisoning, heat stroke or exhaustion, etc.
- terrorism, security breach or inadequate security
- · equipment failure
- · property damage or loss
- larger than expected crowds
- sun exposure or adverse/extreme weather
- damage or injury from fireworks
- electricity outages or surges
- · lack of care with hazardous materials
- reputational risk and inadequate public messaging, including communications with event audience and non-event community.

This table can assist with identifying, mitigating and managing risks.

What are the consequences if	What is the	e likelyhood	l of the hazar	Outcomes		
the hazard occurs	Very high risk Very likely to happen	High Risk Could happen	Medium risk Could happen but unlikely	Low Risk Highly unlikely to happen	Class 1: Immediate attention. Do not start work. If work underway, immediately stop and make safe without delay	
Kill or cause permanent disability	1 High	1 High	2 High	3 Medium	Class 2: Immediate attention. Do not start work If work underway, immediately stop and make	
Cause major property damage over \$50,000					safe within 24 hrs.	
Serious injury or long term illness	J.,	2	3	4	Class 3: Heightened attention. Fix within 14	
Cause considerable property damage over \$10,000 under \$50,000	High	High	Medium	Medium	days.	
Time off work requiring medical attention	2	3	4	. 5	Class 4: Attention required within 1 month	
Cause property damage over \$500 under \$10,000	High	Medium	Medium	Low		
First Aid required, minor injury	3 Medium	4 Medium	5 Low	6 Low	Class 5 and 6: Business as normal, addressed within 6 months.	
May cause property damage but unlikely	- wedium	wedium	LOW	LOW	WILLIEF OF FRONTIES.	

Safety Considerations

PLEASE NOTE: Gas appliances should comply with SafeWork NSW and should not be enclosed within a stall.

Weather

Always have a wet weather plan or a cancellation policy in place for your stakeholders and on any agreements with suppliers.

<u>Councils Emergency Dashboard</u> has links to various sites including the <u>Bureau of Meteorology</u>.

Medical Incidents

NSW Ambulance provides the following Frequently Asked Questions to assistant event organisers.

First Aid

Event organisers have a duty of care to people working, volunteerig or attending your event. Having a first aid officer at your event provides a quick response to incidents that may happen. You should conduct a full risk assessment of your event to determine if your event requires first aid responders.

Keep records

<u>Keep records</u> of the <u>risk management processes</u> for legal reasons, and so you can review and improve risk management for future events.



Sustainability

Hawkesbury City Council has an important role in demonstrating best practices in sustainable event management, while also providing the community with guidance to build their capacity to hold environmentally responsible events.

Council is committed to sustainability by ensuring that our programs, projects, and operations do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their needs. We consider the environmental, economic, and social impacts in everything we do.

Managing events sustainably offers several benefits, including:

- Environmental protection
- Cost savings
- Reputational advantages
- Education, engagement, and awareness
- Supporting the local economy

To successfully deliver sustainable events, collaboration and coordination across Council and its stakeholders; including residents, businesses, government agencies, and other organisations is essential!

Supported by key Council strategies and plans, such as the Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Net Zero Emissions and Water Efficiency Strategy, this guide's Sustainability section provides practical guidance to improve the sustainability of events in the Hawkesbury.

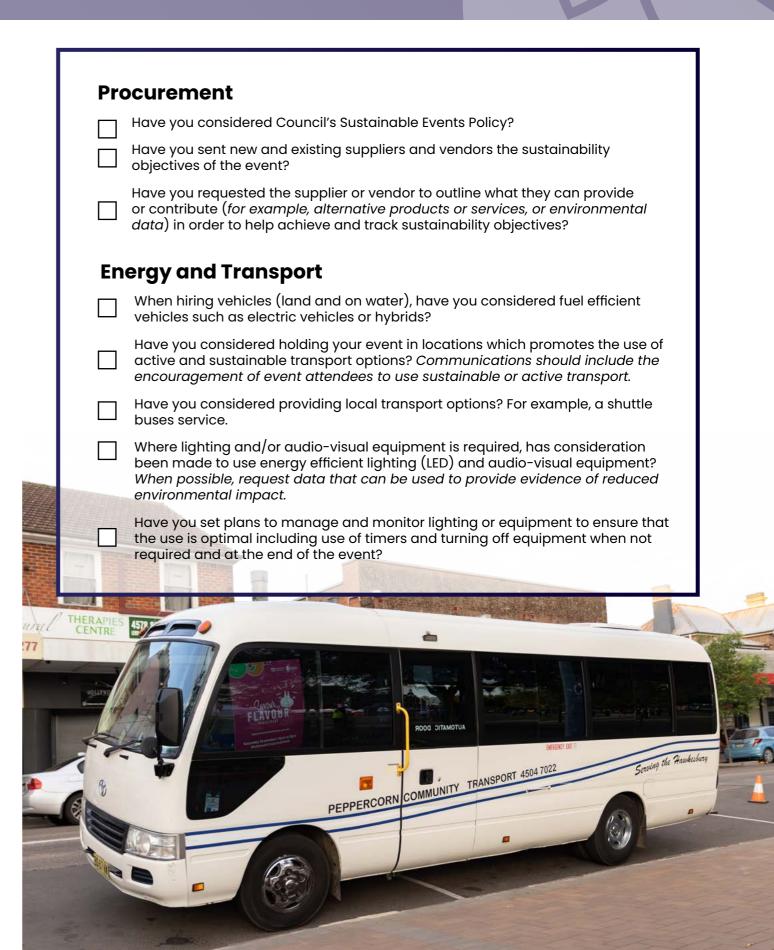
Pr	oject Planning
	Have you set up sustainability objectives for the event and decide what you want to achieve for your event?
	Have you determined if you want to collect any data to measure impact, for example waste generation data?
	Have you considered the environmental risks of your event and included them in the event's risk assessment?
	Have you considered choosing a venue that is easily accessible and allows people to enter, exit and move around the site with ease, and if accessible unisex toilet facilities are available?
	Have you planned to do a post-event sustainability evaluation? An integral part of ensuring an event is sustainable is measurement, continuous learning and improvement. When undertaking the post-event evaluation, reflect on the sustainability outcomes and note down successes and learnings from the event.
	Have you considered if the event can support a social cause or local community group? For example, include zero waste, donating leftover food to a food collection service or other collection for charity.
	Have you considered if the event can provide volunteer opportunities? For example, providing experience to local students or community organisations.

	Have you considered if any staff, volunteers or suppliers will require sustainability induction and if you should include this in your planning?
	Have you developed a project plan which incorporates the sustainability principles outlined in Council's Sustainable Event Policy, and these Guidelines?
	Have you considered listing the key performance indicators (KPIs) and data to collect and included them in the project plan/risk assessment? This will enable you to measure and track the sustainability performance of your event.
	If a face-to-face event, have you visited the physical event site before the event to do a review against the sustainability objectives and performance indicators? For example, confirm transport access options and waste management requirements.
Sto	skeholder Engagement
	Have you made planning decisions that support your sustainability objectives?
	Have you given everyone involved an opportunity to provide input to the sustainability of the event?
	Have you influenced and gained participation in any sustainability initiatives?
	Have you Influenced and created awareness of your events sustainability?
	Have you identified and listed potential stakeholders that are directly or indirectly involved in or impacted by the event? Prioritise your list of stakeholders based on the level of impact or influence they have on your event sustainability objectives, and who are critical to successfully achieving those objectives. For example, vendors providing food and serve ware have a high impact on waste objectives. Sponsors handing out printed materials have a high impact on resource use and waste. Media and communications teams have a significant influence over the sustainable stories and key messages communicated externally.
	Have you developed and delivered tailored sustainability messaging for your stakeholders, according to their priorities? Ensure the key messages are consistent, clear, and relevant for all stakeholders.
	Have you engaged with local First Nations communities and/or representatives, particularly for significant events, on the incorporation of a Welcome to Country, or an Acknowledgment of Country into event proceedings and considered engagement of First Nations relevant suppliers and performers?
	Have you identified opportunities suppliers and vendors can provide that may contribute to sustainability objectives? During supplier and vendor engagement, communicate your sustainability objectives and expectations clearly so they can respond appropriately.
	Have you ensured all sustainability requirements are included in any stakeholder communications, supplier engagement, supplier contract clauses, attendee communications, media and promotion

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Mc	arketing and Communications
	Have you aligned with Council's and/or your organisations sustainability objectives and commitments?
	Have you developed communications to represent and promote the sustainability of your event?
	Have you utilised multiple communication channels that considers the diversity of the Hawkesbury community?
	Have you established sustainability marketing messages based on the event's objectives, key performance indicators and flagship initiatives?
	Have you mapped any key sustainability messages to your identified stakeholders and included them in your communications plan for the event? When possible, communicate the intention of having a sustainable event to attendees and encourage participation. For example: ask attendees to bring their own reusable bottles, reusable bags, to download event materials on their personal electronic devices and to refuse single-use plastics. Consider incentivising sustainable behaviours. For example, offering a discount for bringing water bottles, and reusable coffee cups.
	Have you planned and designed event signage for reuse?
Fo	od and Beverages
	When providing food for an event, have you considered providing healthy choice options?
	Have you considered sourcing sustainable harvested, locally sourced or seasonal catering or food and beverage vendor options?
	Have you considered sourcing food and beverages to cater for all dietary requirement of attendees including but not limited to Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free, Dairy Free and addressing specific allergies. Food and beverages should be clearly labelled to identify options.



Sustainability

Lo	cal Environmental Impacts
	Have you identified potential pollution impacts that the event may have? Including but not limited to air, light, noise, land and water.
	Have you researched legislative regulations and local council requirements for protection of waterways and the general environment?
	Have you ensured trees are protected from potential damage including no infrastructure to be attached to trees and implementation of exclusion zones for significant trees?
	If fireworks are intended, have you ensured you comply with the Hawkesbury Fireworks (pyrotechnics) Display Policy?
So	cial and Cultural Inclusion
	Have you made yourself familiar with the Hawkesbury Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) 2023-2026?
	Have you made yourself familiar with Draft Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)?
	Have you considered how your event ensures inclusiveness to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds?
	Have you ensured your event caters to all age groups (unless your event is a specifically targeted event, for example, Youth week or a Seniors event)?
Ou	itcomes and Evaluation
	Have you planned to conduct a self-assessment on how the event went in terms of achieving sustainable outcomes and what you may improve upon at the next event? Following your event, note down challenges, recommendations for improvements and opportunities for innovations.
	Have you planned to include sustainability outcomes in internal, supplier and stakeholder debriefs and evaluations?
	Have you planned to incorporate improvement opportunities into future event implementation plans and supplier contract clauses?
	Have you planned to promote the sustainability achievements of your event following the event? If you set event objectives in the planning stage planning stage, then you could determine following the event if you achieved these objectives.



Waske and Resource Recovery

Hawkesbury City Councils goals for Waste and Resource Recovery include Resource Responsible Citizens, Generational Legacy, and Environmental Stewardship.

Council is committed to protecting and enhancing the built and natural environment for current and future generations – and effective waste management and prevention at events plays a key role in achieving this!

Managing and preventing waste at events offers several benefits, including:

- Environmental protection
- Cost savings
- Reputational advantages
- Education, engagement, and awareness
- Supporting the local economy

To successfully deliver events which support the Waste and Resource Recovery goals, collaboration and coordination across Council and its stakeholders; including residents, businesses, government agencies, and other organisations is essential!

Supported by key Council strategies and plans—such as the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and Litter Prevention Plan, this guide's Waste and Resource Recovery section provides practical guidance to improve the waste management, resource recovery and litter prevention of events in the Hawkesbury.

Waste Management Have you included waste management in the events Project Plan and identified the waste streams that will be generated at your event? Have you considered ways to eliminate or reduce certain waste streams entirely at the planning stage? For example, switching to digital solutions, limiting packaging, or requiring vendors to adopt zero-waste practices? Have you ensured you have adequate waste management solutions to cater for the expected waste generation of the event? Consideration should be given to the type of waste generated and the expected number of people attending to ensure the correct number and streams of waste collection is available. For large events, the frequency of bin collections should also be considered. Have you planned and mapped where bins will be placed? Best practice is to plan for bins to be placed at highly visible locations near food stalls and entries/exits. When providing a recycling service, a general waste bin should always be placed right next to any recycling bins to avoid contamination. Have you designed appropriate signage to help attendees locate bins? Maybe on an event map or utilising signage to direct attendees to the closest bin. Have you designed appropriate bin signage to help attendees know which waste stream the bin is for? Any signage should clearly indicate the type of waste that can be placed in different bins to help avoid incorrect bin usage. Has consideration been given to the waste hierarchy? The hierarchy for waste

should be 'avoid and reduce waste', then 'reuse waste', then 'recycle waste', then 'recover waste', then 'treat waste' and as a last resort 'dispose of waste'.

Have you explored alternative engagement strategies instead of giveaways? For example, offering digital vouchers, experiences, or competition entries to eliminate physical waste?
If providing giveaways, have you considered the environmental implications of the giveaway? Single use plastic giveaways should always be avoided. Avoid the use of showbags and giveaways from sponsors and vendors when possible. If giveaways cannot be avoided, preference should be given to reusable items and/or items made from recyclable or sustainable materials.
Have you planned to avoid disposable items? If disposable items are unavoidable, preference should go to using items that are recyclable or compostable.
If your event requires signage, have you considered using recycled materials? If using recycled materials, it is recommended to clearly label the signage highlighting that it is recycled to prompt community understanding of the sustainability of your event.
If outsourcing, have you request recycled, plastic free, or other sustainable options from suppliers?
Have you considered making all event communications electronic to minimise paper usage? This includes invites, programs, maps and materials for event planning such as agendas or reports. Where possible, consider using screens at the event to provide information or web email links to attendees for online resources rather than providing printouts.
If print materials are essential, have you considered making them double-sided and on recycled materials to avoid excess waste? <i>Confirm attendee numbers to avoid overprinting.</i>
Have you considered reusing as many existing signs, scrim, banners or other decorations for your event? Where new materials are needed, consider designing your materials to be reused for future events. Avoid dates or themes that require year on year new printing. Avoid custom build stands or displays.
Are you adhering to the NSW single use plastic bans? As per the Plastic Reduction and Circular Economy Act 2021?
Have you ensured any decorations are sustainable? For example, the use of glitter, confetti or balloons should be avoided.

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Litter Prevention If the waste management solutions you've organised to cater for the expected waste generation of the event are not adequate, have you organised for a 'back-up plan' to address this? For example, a post-event clean-up or extra bin collection service. Have you considered incentivising people to use the waste management solutions? For example, utilising a scheme such as Return and Earn. Have you considered having bin monitors? For example, having trained staff or volunteers at bins to assist with correct disposal and to answer questions. Another example for large events is having regular announcements reminding attendees to put their litter into the bin. Have you considered education and awareness activities for litter prevention? For example, utilising the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) 'Don't be a tosser!' campaign. Have you considered focusing and investing in the prevention of priority litter items entering the environment? The priority litter items identified in the Hawkesbury (2025) include cigarette butts, beverage containers, litter fragments, takeaway packaging, snack & confectionery items, and party items. Have you considered undertaking a litter count post your event to determine which items were littered? This data could be used to better understand which items need to be addressed in your future event planning for litter prevention.



If holding an event where reusable cutlery, crockery and dishwashing stations are available (such as a community workshop or training event), have you planned to use reusables?
Have you provided drinking water on tap or in refillable jugs, coolers or water stations with reusable cups or bottles to encourage a reuse culture?
Have you promoted that attendees bring their own reusable water bottle to events?
When providing food for an event, have you considered avoiding individually wrapped items?
If catered, have you requested that all catering is supplied on reusable, washable plates, cutlery and cups. Where this is not possible request that recyclable or compostable serve ware is used.
Have you communicated with caterers and vendors that single-serve containers and single-use items are to be avoided? These include milk, sugar, sweeteners, butter, condiments, salt and pepper, stirrers, straws, plastic fish with soy sauce or individually wrapped food items.
Have communicated to your caterers or food vendors, the most accurate number of attendees expected at your event? Communicate this with enough notice so that correct food quantities can be planned an ordered and waste minimised.
Have you encouraged food vendors to offer smaller portion sizes or "half serves" to reduce food waste?
Have you considered arranging for a pick-up of any leftover food that will otherwise go to waste. For example, OzHarvest or SecondBite.

Commications Plan

Media Allow plenty of time for contacting the media. The most focus should be in the three to four weeks leading up to the event. Allow time for the media's deadlines. For example, the Hawkesbury Post and Hawkesbury Independent are published at the beginning of every month, The Hills to Hawkesbury News is published fortnightly. It is important to target the correct media for your event and the people you are encouraging to attend For smaller events, make up a general media release and mention that other story angles and photos are available. **Social Media** Use social media platforms to promote the event – Instagram, Facebook or Threads are some of the major platforms available which appeal to different audience segments. Post updates, event teasers, countdowns, and behind-the-scenes, create a event page on the Facebook page. NOTE: If your event is support by Council, please tag/acknowledge Council in your social media post. Hashtags: Create a unique event hashtag and use it on all posts. This makes gathering data about the success and reach of posts easier. Respond to comments and messages, engage with followers. **Posters and Flyers** There are a number of community noticeboards located in the Hawkesbury at local shopping centres and Council's Richmond Library and Hawkesbury Central You can also approach local businesses for permission to locate flyers at their Posters and flyers are not permitted on telegraph or light poles, or erected roadside on signage boards. **Accessibility for Marketing and Communications** Does your website follow web accessibility standards? Are there multiple methods of contact available such as a phone number, email address or telephone typewriter (TTY) number? Does your written material use a large and clear font style, with good contrast between text and background? Are your communications using appropriate inclusive language (e.g. 'accessible toilets' rather than 'disabled toilets') and plain English? Is any written information, such as programs, available in an accessible format for people who are blind or with low vision?

Ba	nners
	kesbury City Council has banner poles available for advertising charitable, munity and not-for-profit events.
	They are in three locations: Ham Common; Clarendon and North Richmond.
	Bookings run from Tuesday to Monday and are for a maximum period of two weeks.
	Banners should not to exceed 4.5 metres in width, a 1 metre drop and should have air holes.
	The community banner poles set consists of two poles (8m in height) between which a banner is supported. Up to three banners can be displayed on a community banner pole at anyone time.
	Public Liability Insurance is required.
	Further information regarding banners <u>here</u> .
	Book your banner pole <u>HERE</u> .



Chechlists / Templates

Event Risk Assessment

	Details of Event							
Event Name/Background:								
Event Location:	Event Location:							
Event Date:	Event Date: Event Organiser:							
Risk Assessment Date:		Review/Revision Date:						

Event Information					
Number of Participants	Site Capacity				
Participant Groups	First Aid Arrangements				
Access and Egress	Safety Responsibilities				
Marshalling Arrangements	Crowd Control and Security				
Stalls	Provision of Toilets				
Water Supply	Electricity Supply				
Waste Services and Disposal	Fire Safety				
Food and Alcohol	Animals				
Amusement Ride Licences (SafeWork NSW)	Other				
On-Site Contractors					

Hazard Identified (e.g. slip/trip)	Hazard Caused By (e.g. wet floor/		l Risk ore	Control Measure Type	Brief Description of Control		al Risk ore	Person Responsible
(e.g. siip/trip)	uneven surface)	H/M/L	Score			H/M/L	Score	
EXAMPLE - Trip Hazard	Uneven surface	L	5		rior to event ground to make sure t areas of concern that r hurt themselves. addressed on the day, with a cone, tape or	L	6	Event Organiser

Control Measures (Detail)								
Short Term / Immediate Controls	Incident Report Ref. No.	Medium / Long Term Controls	Incident Report Ref. No.					

Consultation								
Name	Stakeholder	Signature	Date					

What are the consequences if	What is t	he likelyhood	Outcomes		
the hazard occurs	Very high risk Very likely to happen	High Risk Could happen	Medium risk Could happen but unlikely	Low Risk Highly unlikely to happen	Class 1: Immediate attention. Do not start work. If work underway, immediately stop and make safe without delay
Kill or cause permanent disability	1 High	1 High	2 High	3 Medium	Class 2: Immediate attention. Do not start work. If work
Cause major property damage over \$50,000					underway, immediately stop and make safe within 24 hrs.
Serious injury or long term illness	1 High	2 High	3 Medium	4 Medium	Class 3: Heightened attention. Fix within 14 days.
Cause considerable property damage over \$10,000 under \$50,000					
Time off work requiring medical attention	2 High	3 Medium	4 Medium	5 Low	Class 4: Attention required within 1 month
Cause property damage over \$500 under \$10,000					
First Aid required, minor injury	3	4	. 5	6	Class 5 and 6: Business as
May cause property damage but unlikely	Medium	Medium	Low	Low	normal, addressed within 6 months.

Click here to download a copy of this Event Risk Assessment Template.

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HAWKESBURY EVENTS SUSTAINABILITY SELF ASSESSMENT City Council Council is committed to being environmentally sustainable at events. To achieve this, our easy self assessment will help you in your event planning. Select one or more sustainability goals to work towards at your event.	CLEANING: Always use environmentally friendly soaps, detergents etc. WATER WISE TOILETS: Where possible, ensure toilets have a half flush function and use water efficient basins.	DRINKING WATER: Bring back the tap! Aim to provide tap water instead of bottled. ATA Portable water fountains can be hired.	POWER USE: Reduce power use where possible, e.g. turn off lights when not in use. ENERGY SOURCES: Consider renewable energy sources at your event.	OTHER	ipants about your pro	get them on board with being more sustainable. BIODIVERSITY: Reduce the impact you have on your surroundings. Protect flora and fauna!	TRANSPORT: Choose a venue with easy access to public transport to minimise the amount of car traffic to the event.	is there anything else that you will be doing that will make your event more sustainable?	
HAWKESBURY EVENTS SUSTAINABILITY SELF Hawkesbury City Council is committed to being environmentally sustrone or more sustainability goals to work towards at your event.	PACKAGING: Reduce the use of packaging when buying food, but if necessary – select materials that reduce waste and litter and are easily recycled.	CALCULATE THE RIGHT NUMBER OF BINS: It is important for litter prevention to consider both the area of space that you are going to use and the attendance you expect to calculate bin numbers.	PLACEMENT OF BINS: Recycling and landfill waste bins need to be placed side by-side to give people the option of either recycling or waste disposal. Place the bins close to food stalls etc.	EFFECTIVE SIGNAGE: Use standard, easy to read signs to reduce confusion.	REUSE: Use washable and reusable crockery and cutlery rather than single use disposables or use recyclable plates, forks, knives etc.	REDUCE: Encourage caterers and food vendors to receive their fresh produce in re-usable boxes, rather than single-use disposables such as foam boxes. Or use reusable/recyclable materials for catering.	RECYCLE: Consider incentivising recycling at your event by using programs like Return and Earn.	COMPOST : Where possible, compost your food scraps by creating a food scraps bin.	than disposable paper towel.

Communication Plan Template

Project:	Event Name:
Project team:	
Budget:	

Activity	Stakeholders	Timeframe	Details	Responsibility	Cost	Status				
Signage	(Digital, VMS, ban	ners, wayfinding	, amenities, parl	cing, pedestrians,	etc)					
Online	(Social media, we	bsite, what's ons	, influencers, etc	<u> </u> ;)						
				_						
Print	(Flyers, posters, postcards, site maps, tickets, vouchers, etc)									
Media / Other	(Newspaper, television, radio advertising; media releases, promotional materials, etc)									

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Contacts, Useful Links & Further Reading

Traffic

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) 24-Hour Traffic Enquiry Line: 13 27 01 | www.livetraffic.com Hawkesbury Police Area Command: (02) 4587 4099

SafeWork NSW

131050 | www.safework.nsw.gov.au

NSW Liquor and Gaming

www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/

One Music Licence

www.onemusic.com.au/

Media and Advertising

Hills to Hawkesbury News: 0439 034 187 (published fortnightly)

Hawkesbury Independent: 4588 5055 (published monthly)

Pulse FM: 0434 440 553 **River FM**: 0439 876 876

Hawkesbury Community Radio: 4589 9899

Local Aboriginal Community Groups

Merana Aboriginal Community Association: merana.org.au

Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation: <u>darugcorporation.com.au</u>

Hawkesbury Showground

Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association (HDAA): (02) 4577 3591

hdaa@hawkesburyshow.com.au

www.hawkesburyshowground.com.au/

Waste

Recycle bin bookings: JJ Richards - 1800 689 332

General Waste Council bin bookings: Customer Service (02) 4560 4444

NSW Government Event Start Guide

www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiers-department/community-engagement/event-starter-guide

Accessibility

NSW Government's Toolkit for Accessible & Inclusive Events

Hawkesbury City Council's Disability and Inclusion Action Plan

NSW Health's Toolkit for Accessible and Inclusive Events

NSW Government's Accessibility Guide for Planning an Event

NSW Ambulance FAQs for Event Organisers

www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/552480/NSW-Ambulance-Responsibilities-of-Event-Organisers-FAQ.pdf

Hawkesbury City Council

Customer Service: (02) 4560 4444

Environmental health Team: (02) 4560 4575

Hawkesbury Visitor Information Centre: (02) 4560 4620

Council's Events Team: 4560 4444 or events@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Hawkesbury City Council Website: www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
Councils Emergency Dashboard: disaster.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Hawkesbury City Council What's On: www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/your-council/events/whats-on

Discover The Hawkesbury What's On: www.discoverthehawkesbury.com.au/whats-on

Book a Council Venue, Banner or Flag Pole

www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/your-spaces/book-a-space



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