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Wallis Creek Christmas Family Fun Day - Noise Management Plan

1 INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared to address potential noise impacts due to the temporary installation of a stage and ancillary facilities associated with the proposed Wallis Creek Christmas Family Fun Day to be located at Lot 1301 DP 1167029, with an address of 26 Redwood Drive, Gillieston Heights.

The proposed event details and timings with regards to operational hours are as below:

- Equipment set up on Friday 17th November and between 8am – 11am on Saturday 18th November.
- Community event is live from 12pm-7pm on Saturday 18th November, and
- Pack up equipment on Saturday 18th November from 5pm for some operators, 6pm for remaining and Sunday 19th November from 8am onwards.

The proposal for the site includes the following elements (refer also to Figure 1):

- Performance stage located at the corner of Chestnut Avenue and Redwood Drive,
- Speakers to provide amplified music throughout the event,
- Teacup amusement ride located along the north-eastern boundary of the site along Chestnut Avenue,
- Up to 20 local market stalls for retail purposes,
- Up to 6 food truck operators selling food and beverages (no alcohol to be served), and
- A roaming Christmas entertainment which includes face painting and Christmas characters.



Figure 1: Proposed Site Plan

2 NOISE EMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

This section includes a discussion of all aspects of noise impacts associated with the proposed Wallis Creek Christmas Family Fun Day, as follows:

- Investigation of an appropriate limit for the proposed Christmas Family Fun Day, based on local council, NSW State Government, or any other project specific noise goals,
- A review of the proposed event operational hours, and
- A discussion of appropriate management and noise control measures that should be adopted to ensure that adverse impacts on nearby noise sensitive receivers are not produced during the operation time of the proposed Christmas Family Fun Day.

The following documents and regulations have been utilised in the assessment of noise emanating from the proposed single day event:

- Maitland Development Control Plan 2011,
- NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) – ‘Noise Guide for Local Government’ 2023.

2.1 NOISE EMISSION LIMIT

Noise emission limits for the proposed event has been developed with reference to the following documents:

- Maitland Development Control Plan 2011,
- NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) – ‘Noise Guide for Local Government’ 2023.

2.1.1 Maitland Development Control Plan 2011

The Maitland Development Control Plan 2011 does not specify any applicable noise limits with respect to single event noise limits, and as such the noise limits within the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) – ‘Noise Guide for Local Government’ will be adopted for this assessment.

2.1.2 NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) – ‘Noise Guide for Local Government’

Section 2.4 of the Noise Guide for Local Government stipulates the following with respect to Outdoor entertainment activities:

“It may not be possible or appropriate to manage noise through a general noise limit for outdoor entertainment events in all circumstances. The appropriate noise limit (if indeed a noise limit is necessary) will depend on the particular circumstances of the venue and the type of entertainment event. Unless the venue is very remote, it is unlikely that a noise limits to prevent annoyance at every neighbouring residence is possible. However, setting a noise limit can prevent the noise levels emitted from an event from being any higher than necessary. Noise limits will need to be site-specific and reflect what is achievable in practice, without overly restricting the ability of an event to proceed. These considerations have to be balanced against the reasonable expectations of residents not to be subjected to ‘offensive noise’.”

3 DISCUSSION/ NOISE MANAGEMENT

Given the application is for a single one-off event and with the intent to engage the community with entertainment and amenity leading into the festive period, the application of specific noise management levels may not be appropriate in this case. Furthermore, the event is proposed to operate only during the day and evening time periods of 12pm-7pm on a Saturday which would be considered as less noise sensitive time periods.

In light of the above, the proposal to manage noise impacts is with a combination of:

- Location of noise generating equipment (speakers and generator) away from the residents:
 - If feasible and practical, speakers should be positioned in front of the St Nicholas Early Education Centre to provide a level of noise screening.
 - A larger number of smaller speakers should be utilised rather than a single large speaker.
- The location of low noise generating activities (local market stalls and food trucks) to be positioned around the perimeter of the proposed site.
- Active management of patrons, to avoid the generation of excessive noise, this will include the provision of security.

4 CONCLUSION

This letter has detailed the proposed measures to address potential noise impacts due to the temporary installation of a stage and ancillary facilities associated with the Wallis Creek Christmas Family Fun Day.

In order to minimise potential noise impacts, the noise management recommendations stipulated within Section 3 should be adopted.

We trust this information is satisfactory. Please contact us should you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully,



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