

Council Policy

Night time economy

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Introduction

Purpose and scope

The night time economy is defined as all economic activity that occurs between the hours of 5pm and 4am. This includes, but is not limited to:

- retail trade
- restaurants, takeaways and cafes
- live entertainment
- cinema
- arts and cultural activity
- health and wellbeing services
- events
- bars and clubs, and
- sporting activities.

Policy statement

Council supports, in principle:

- the establishment of new night time economy businesses and traders
- the extension of business hours, where appropriate, for existing hospitality and retail businesses
- the establishment of live entertainment venues
- the hosting of events and activities that occur after 5pm.

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- encourage the growth of Lake Macquarie's night time economy
- support existing night time economy businesses in Lake Macquarie
- increase recreational and cultural activities outside daytime business hours
- support an increase in local spending and local employment
- increase social inclusion and community safety, and reduce antisocial behaviour
- encourage a greater diversity of night time activities in Lake Macquarie, and
- acknowledge the role the night time economy has in activating our centres.

Review and Evaluation

This policy is to be reviewed at least once every Council term.

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Related Document Information, Standards & References

Related Legislation:	<p><i>Entertainment Industry Act 2013</i> <i>Betting and Racing Act 1998</i> <i>Destination NSW Act 2011</i> <i>Disability Inclusion Act 2014</i> <i>Fair Trading Act 1987</i> <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> <i>Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007</i> <i>Liquor Act 2007</i> <i>Major Events Act 2009</i> <i>Multicultural NSW Act 2000</i> <i>Passenger Transport Act 2014</i> <i>Retail Trading Act 2008</i> <i>Smoke-free Environment Act 2000</i> <i>Lake Macquarie Local Environmental Plan 2014</i></p>	Legislation with objectives relevant to the night time economy in NSW (NB. this is not an exhaustive list)
Related Policies:	<p>Lake Macquarie Local Approvals Policy – requirements for various night time economy events and activities. Lake Macquarie Local Strategic Planning Statement – night time economy objectives and actions to be completed to up to 2024.</p>	Council policies relevant to the night time economy in Lake Macquarie
Related Procedures, Guidelines, Forms, WHS Modules/PCD's, Risk Assessments, Work Method Statements:	Nil	Procedures, guidelines, WHS modules, risk assessments and work method statements relevant to the night time economic in Lake Macquarie
Standards, COP's & Other References	Nil	

Definitions

Term / Abbreviation	Definition
Council	Lake Macquarie City Council

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Consultation (update for each version created)

Key Departments, Teams, Positions, Meetings:	Arts, Culture and Tourism, Development Assessment and Certification and Integrated Planning.
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Version History

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1	August 2018	S. Hardie	New Policy prepared and adopted by Council
2	August 2021	S. Hardie	No changes to content Policy transferred into current template
3	January 2023	D. Starreveld	Minor typographical and formatting changes