



Statement of Environmental Effects

Loritz Circus

Showing – Cnr Kingsway & Charles Hackett Drive St Mary's

26th June – 16th July 2017

1. Overview

Application is made to the Penrith Council with this Statement of Environmental Effects report and accompanying Development Application for the Loritz Circus event commencing 26th June – 16th July 2017.

This assessment describes the proposed development and examines the environmental impact and relevant planning provisions.

The attached files contain the site layout and traffic control for the event in June & July 2017.

2. Site Details

The site is within Penrith Council that the Loritz Circus proposes to perform on, see attachment Site Layout. This site has been utilised by many circuses prior and is the preferred site for circuses within the St Mary's region and surrounds.

Penrith Council is the owner of Lot 2 DP 851152 the current use of this land is vacant.

It is proposed for the event to operate from Thursday 29th June and conclude on Sunday 16th July 2017. Loritz Circus will hire the site from 26th June and cease at 9am 17th July 2017, with 23 performances based on times as stated in the Booking Letter.

The event will include the erection of two (2) temporary structures being 32m diameter round tent with cupola 13.12m and a 20m diameter round foyer tent with a cupola of 12.1m, as well as the usual ticket office and canteen outlets.

The event is designed to minimise potential impacts by the small scale of the event, with the nature of the event site as a designated sporting and event activities area, with the principle use for entertainment and sporting activities, and provides for the management of any potentially adverse impacts such as noise management and traffic management specific to the proposed development.

In conclusion the St Marys's area is proven and suitable site for the Loritz Circus as demonstrated by previous successful circus events at this site and is provided with adjoining areas to ensure that the event and any associated car parking is adequately accommodated at the site.

3. Site Description

The St Marys site is under the care and control of Penrith Council as the owner, and is located on Corner of Kingsway and Charles Hackett Drive and is described as Lot 2 DP 851152.

The site is directly on and facing St Marys shopping centre, opposite St Marys Pool.

There is a network of local, regional and national road systems with Public Bus Stop at St Marys Shopping Centre connecting to adjoining suburbs.

The site area has been previously utilized by other circus events with similar size and proportion as the Loritz Circus, and the principles of the traffic Management plans, particularly in the respecting car parking, has been successfully used previously for the proposed activity within the Vacant Land area.

The site is level and located a suitable distance away from residential areas and at the Vacant Area we anticipate to supply Toilets and waste services.

4. Development Proposal

The application is for the Loritz Circus event to be held from Thursday 29th June and conclude on Sunday 16th July 2017. We have 40 staff including children with 15 performers. Our performance times vary but operation times are mainly Wednesday – Saturday 7:00pm and 11:00am also 3pm for matinees. Traffic management to be implemented by Loritz Circus and accounts for noise protocols based on principles previously accepted by Penrith Council for previous circus events of similar size and operation.

As a result of this and given the likely demographic of patrons and proposed hours of operation the nature of the event is such that no adverse impacts such as noise, Traffic, crowd control etc will occur.

The Object for the proposed event are:

- To utilise suitable lands for the event and car parking use.
- Provide a timetable of the event to be during daylight hours as well as early evening hours only.
- Advance Penrith regional and state planning objectives relating to the economy and tourism.
- Achieve social objectives relating to the provision of the event and facilities.
- Locate the event in a suitable location with good access and suitable topographic features to minimise interference with neighbouring lands.
- Design the site concept to provide a safe, efficient and well managed event.
- Provide adequate management strategies to ensure the efficient and effective use of the site to minimise potential adverse impact.

The event logistics comprises:

- The administration of the site and the implementation of the event management strategies including traffic management for the vacant land.
- The erection and dismantling of infrastructure for the event that will occur prior to and following the event.
- Provide additional facilities including portable toilets.

- Vehicle car parking and pedestrian access.
- Management of the site and event as described with in this application.
- The installation of temporary signage with in the road reserves for implementation of the traffic management plan.

The detailed files are accompanying this application for the site layout.

The event will provide accessible facilities for persons with mobility disabilities with accessible car parking provided in a convenient location, adjacent to the main entry of the proposed temporary structure, within the limits of the proposed traffic management.

It is proposed that an adequate number of portable toilets for patrons and staff are to be provided see site layout files and an authorised contractor will carry out servicing of these facilities.

The site is adequate to cater for the proposed traffic generation and car parking, as detailed in site layout accompanied files.

5. Environmental Planning Assessment

Environmental Planning Assessment examines the consistency of the proposed development with the provision of planning polices, objectives, statutory instruments and legislation.

The application demonstrates the consistency of the proposed development with those objectives for the temporary use of the land, particularly as the proposal will not adversely impact on any adjoining lands or environmental attributes of the site.

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (TEMPORARY STRUCTURES) 2007

This SEPP provides for the erection of temporary structures and the use of places of public entertainment while protecting public safety and local amenity.

Clause 12 refers to matters of consideration under the SEPP.

Before granting consent to the erection of a temporary structure, the consent authority must consider the following matters:

- whether the number of persons who may use the structure at any one time should be limited,
- any adverse impact on persons in the vicinity of any noise likely to be caused by the proposed erection or use of the structure and any proposed measures for limiting the impact,
- whether the hours during which the structure is used should be limited,
- any parking or traffic impacts likely to be caused by the erection of the structure or its proposed use,
- the principles for minimising crime risk set out in Part B of the Crime Prevention Guidelines,
- whether the proposed location of the structure is satisfactory in terms of the following:
 - the proposed distance of the structure from public roads and property boundaries,
 - the location of underground or overhead utilities,
 - vehicular and pedestrian access,
- whether it is necessary to provide toilets and washbasins in association with the use of the structure,
- whether the structure is proposed to be erected on land that comprises, or on which there is:

- (i) an item of environmental heritage that is listed on the State Heritage Register, or that is subject to an interim heritage order, under the Heritage Act 1977, or
 - (ii) a place, building, work, tree, relic or Aboriginal object that is described as an item of environmental heritage or as a heritage item in another environmental planning instrument, or
 - (iii) land identified as a heritage conservation area, an archaeological site or a place of Aboriginal heritage significance in another environmental planning instrument,
- (i) the duration for which the structure should be permitted to remain on the land concerned,
- (j) whether any conditions should be imposed on the granting of consent in relation to the dismantling or removal of the structure in view of any safety issues.

Traffic & Access

The site has designated parking areas, in which the public can use near the Grounds that we will have signs- **Circus Parking**. We have attached a site plan including Patron Parking.

Social Impacts

This production is extremely popular with all ages' 6mths- 99years.

Water

All vans are connected to 1 continuous water Supply, which is maintained for the duration on site by one of our Employees, who connects and disconnects the hoses.

Grey Water from our vans are run through a hose which is connected to the next van and so on and then to the designated dumping site on the Property.

If a Grey Water Tank is not onsite then we have this contracted to be emptied by a local waste contractor.

Water usage is kept to a minimum as much as possible and all staff is made aware of this, on commencement of employment.

Electricity

Town Power

We require a minimum of 90 Amps -3 x 32amp 5 pin plugs on separate breakers. We require 1 for Circus and 2 for Caravans, if town power is available onsite.

Our whole production, Circus and Caravans all run on RCD. Also the lighting used inside the tent is ONLY used for the Performances. If lighting is needed for practice there are energy efficient lights that are turned on. We utilise 1 X 90 KVA Silent Generator for Main power or Emergency Power if Town Power is not available. We have emergency lighting in the tents during the performance and if the power goes out.

Rubbish, Waste and Toilets

All waste from the show is collected in Wheelie Bins and emptied into a Front Load Bins, which are contracted to be emptied by the Local Waste Contractor if no bins onsite. Most sites we have 1 Front Load Bins with 6 Wheelie Bins that are emptied up to 3 times a week.

Toilets are hired from the Local Portable Hire Company and they are emptied by the Waste Contractor if no Local Toilets onsite 1-2 times a week.

Noise and Vibrations

Minimum noise will be heard after the show as the sound system is only used for under the big top purposes. Our generator when utilised are silent generator and are enclosed and surrounded with vehicle as a barrier to any sound it might make. (Checking and Maintenance each day)

Noting that our performances are for 1 ^{3/4} hrs and in this period the loudest noise would be for 12 minutes in a performance that would be finalised by latest 9.30pm.

We are of the opinion, that the predicted noise levels are within reasonable limits, particularly as the hours do not extend into the sleep arousal times specified by the EPA Industrial Noise Criteria. As such we do not

envisage that any noise associated with the circus would be such that would warrant refusal of the application.

Natural and Technological Hazards

In the event of a severe weather we shall cancel any performances that will be affected. In the event of flooding, any vehicles and equipment will be removed from the site accordingly. We don't predict there to be any technological hazards during the operations of the performances.

Additional Information

Our circus stage is not on ground level so to make less impact on the ground.

All of the seating are chairs which are on platforms to lessen the damage to surround area.

When the show is completed there is a minimum amount of Lighting around the Tent for visibility of the peg line and surrounding areas only.

Our peg line is kept to a minimum by some trucks around the tent and all holes are filled in on vacating the premises. We want to leave as **small an environmental footprint** as we can, and to influence other Circuses to do the same. Therefore we are motivated 100% to be Environmentally Friendly.

