



Circus Royale aspires to be the most entertaining, workplace safe and environmentally responsible circus enterprise in Australia.

Statement of Environmental Effects

Property Details

Property Address: Charles Hackett Drive, ST MARYS NSW 2760

Proposal

To conduct quality circus performances at St Marys. The proposal is for a 5 year development application that will allow for use of the site once per year. The proposed 2015 dates are from the 11th to 31st of May. Future dates are to be advised a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the visit and subject to availability.

Circus Royale is a totally professional traditional circus staged in a luxury-heated big top featuring Australian and International circus stars. A total of 6 humane animal acts featuring technicolour birds, camels, llamas, horses, geese, and 3 black and white cows.

Access & Traffic

The site has on-site parking and has previously been used by many circuses. Circus vehicles will move on site on Sunday evening and depart in on Sunday afternoon, to avoid peak traffic periods. Circus vehicles do not travel in convoy to reduce congestion entering and exiting the site. Circus Royale has a traffic management plan in place. This Traffic Management Plan aims to achieve efficient and safe movement of circus transport vehicles and patron owned cars onto and off circus sites. Circus Royale traffic warden will be responsible for parking vehicles from one hour prior to each show time. Disabled drivers are directed to park as close to the big top tent entry as possible. No less then 4 disabled car spaces are made available at each location. Circus staff direct and assist disable patrons and carers to big top entrance and into ringside disabled friendly seating areas. Disabled toilets are made available at each location. Performances are scheduled to commence no earlier than 11am and to conclude no later than 9.30pm, with the circus site silent by 10pm. Existing carpark on-site has more than sufficient number of parking bays to cater for our patrons and other park users.

Streetscape and Design

The circus site will be set up in a neat manner with decorative front fences at the entrance of the bigtop. Animal enclosures will be set up at the rear of the circus site.

Social & Economic Impacts

The circus is still popular with the public and it is designed as traditional family entertainment.

Flora and Fauna

No disturbance to native fauna and habitats.

Planning Policies and Controls

Public Domain

The proposed site is the usual circus site in St Marys.

Heritage

The proposed development is of a temporary nature and thus will have no physical or visual impact upon those heritage items in close vicinity to the site.

Water

Existing water connection to be used. Water only to be used for domestic caravans and watering of animals.

Soils

No significant earthworks. The ground is of a firm base that is often used for Heavy Amusement devices and we will not be disturbing or removing any of the soils from the site.

Air & Microclimate

The circus does not have any air pollutant equipment other than the motor vehicles which are stationary for the duration we are on site.

Waste

All waste generated, including domestic rubbish and animal waste will be removed daily and placed in bins for removal by a local waste removal contractor.

Energy

The circus will use a combination of town power and electricity from our own diesel generators.

Noise & Vibrations

Very little noise will be made as the sound system is only used inside the Big Top. No outside amplification.

Natural Hazards

In the proposed area there is unlikely to be any natural hazards causing any problems. In the event of severe inclement weather we shall cancel any performance that is likely to be affected. In the event of flooding, vehicles and equipment will be moved from the site accordingly.

Technological Hazards

We do not envisage any technological hazards in the operation of the circus performances.

Safety, Security & Crime Prevention

We have an emergency evacuation procedure in place. Staff live on-site providing 24 hour security. As the development is of a temporary nature; conducted only for periods of 2 hours at a time, caters specifically for family's, and has no intoxicating liquor served, the issues of public safety, prevention of crime and site security are sufficiently managed by existing operational and management practices.

Construction

The Circus Bigtop and associated equipment has a Structural Engineer Design approval and the equipment is put up and pulled down by experienced persons. The Circus Bigtop and seating have Occupancy Permits issued by the Building Commission of Victoria along with a Place of Public Entertainment report from Trevor Howse & Associates Pty Ltd.

Cumulative Impacts

For the period of time on site there will be no adverse effect to the Environment or the local infrastructure from the circus having been there.

Site Suitability

This is the recognised site to have traveling circuses and has the amenities to compliment our type of operation.

Tent and seating capacity, exits and emergency lighting

The Circus Royale big top is licensed to accommodate 750 persons (including staff), and occupies an area of 34 metres round. Total circus site lay out 50 metres by 80 metres (flexible). Our 34-metre diameter big top is licensed on occupancy permit TSM 2013-0030. Erection of this structure, seating platforms and all associated equipment will be by experienced persons.

Toilets are in a close proximity to the Big Top.

Illuminated exit signs are located at each exit and they are of the approved type and are connected to town power supply and are kept charged for the duration.

Fire Extinguishers as per requirements will be in place, 9 litre water adjacent to each Exit. 9 kg AB(E) Dry Chemical type at the generators and electrical switchboards. Fire blanket and 4.5kg AB(E) Dry Chemical extinguisher in mobile food canteen.

Emergency lighting is by means of a second power supply from our generators. We always ensure we use two different power sources. (ie. Combination of town supply and generators or if no town power available – two separate generators).

Additional Information

All animal housing and treatment is in compliance with The National Consultative Committee of Animal Welfare, Position Statement 26 - Recommended National Circus Standards. Circus Royale does not include exotic or caged animals in its performances, Domestic animals only, 3 camels, 3 llamas, 5 small horses, 1 dog, 3 cows, and 10 birds.

Circus Royale employs a full time safety officer and registered nurse who is in attendance at all times when the circus is open to the public.

Circus Royale operates a food and drink outlet within its big top. Showmen's lines (popcorn, fairy floss, donuts) and packaged snacks and drinks are sold.

Show duration is for two hours including a short intermission. Show times are generally Tuesday to Saturday at 7.30pm with matinees on weekends and school holidays.

Circus Royale is usually well received as it is quality family entertainment.

