

guidelines for BUSKING ON PUBLIC LAND

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A busker is an entertainer who provides performances for the public by playing a musical instrument, dancing, singing, pavement art, clowning or juggling, or performing other acts of a similar nature in public places.

All buskers performing within Ballina Shire must have the approval of Council. Applications must be made on Council's Busking Application form and be received by Council at least 14 days before the commencement of the requested period of busking. Council will charge a fee. Approvals will be for 3 months or 12 months and are not transferable or refundable. If you are under 18, Council will consider waiving the fee.

If your act involves dangerous materials or dangerous implements, you will need a **Special Busking Approval**. If your act does not involve this equipment then you will need a **Standard Busking Approval**.

1. Obtaining busking approval

Standard Busking Approval

To obtain a Standard Busking Approval you will need:

- a passport photo
- proof of identity
- parental permission (if you are under 18)
- to comply with Council's General Busking Conditions.

Special Busking Approval

To obtain a Special Busking Approval you will need all of the previous, plus:

- a first aid certificate and a first aid kit
- relevant licences/certificates, eg chainsaw operators certificate, pyrotechnics certificate
- public liability insurance indemnifying Council to the value of \$5 million
- to comply with Council's Special Busking Conditions.



2. Busking do's and dont's

| DO'S | DONT'S |
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| Buskers must display their Standard or Special Busking Approval in a prominent, highly visible position in the busking site at all times | Buskers must not interfere with pedestrian flow or public amenities, or cause obstruction to traders or delivery or emergency vehicles |
| Buskers must keep the site in use clean while they are working, and ensure their use of the site does not pose a threat to public safety | Buskers may not perform within 5 metres of the entry to retail outlets without approval from affected shop or property owners |
| The minimum distance between busking acts is 30 metres | Buskers may not perform in front of, or beside bank ATMs, or within 10 metres of any public phone |
| Buskers shall only use battery-operated amplifiers. Amplified acts may only be performed between 7 am and 10 pm | Buskers may not perform within 10 metres of any street intersection or pedestrian crossing |
| On any one day, buskers may perform for a total period of up to 3 hours at the same spot. However, performances must be a maximum duration of 1 hour, and there needs to be at least 1 hour between performances | Buskers may only sell recordings consisting of the busker's own work. Buskers may not display or offer other goods and services for sale, or associate themselves with such advertising in conjunction with their performance |
| Busking may include pavement art where it can be seen as a form of public entertainment | Buskers must not consume alcohol or perform under the influence of alcohol |
| Buskers are restricted to certain places within Lennox Head and Ballina as shown on Maps 1 and 2 | Buskers may not use public seating while performing |
| | Percussion instruments (eg drums, cymbals) are prohibited in busking acts |

3. Who won't receive a busking permit

Busking permits will **not** be issued for:

- tarot card and palm readers, fortune readers
- artists selling their works (such as portrait artists)
- masseurs or masseuses
- vendors of any kind
- solicitors of money for any other purpose.

4. Further information

For further information, please refer to Council's

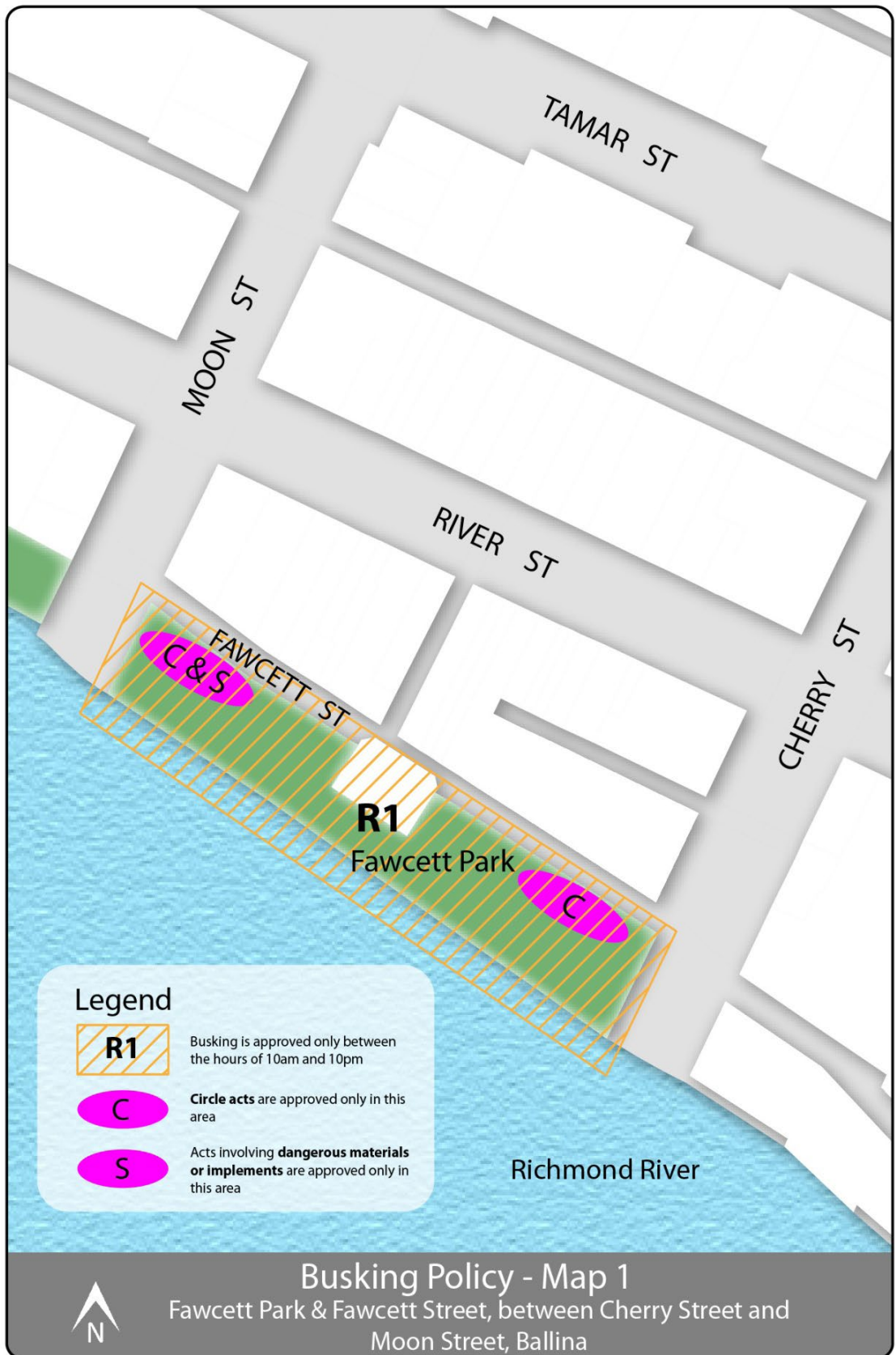
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Map 1 Ballina



Map 2 Lennox Head

