



CITY OF BAYSWATER

**ORDINARY COUNCIL
MEETING**

URGENT BUSINESS

**Item 7.3
Community Concert Request -
The Potter's House Christian Fellowship**

11 December 2012

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Location: Robert Thompson Reserve, Noranda
Attachments: Letter of Application
Applicant: The Potter's House Christian Fellowship
Owner: City of Bayswater
Officer: Director of Administration and Community Services
Refer:

Application

To consider a request from The Potter's House Christian Fellowship to host a community concert at Robert Thompson Reserve, Noranda.

Background

Robert Thompson Reserve provides a large area of passive public open space located off Benara Road, Noranda.

Following extensive community input and with the direction of The Robert Thompson Reserve Working Party Robert Thompson Reserve has undergone a transformation in recent years from Active sporting reserve to Passive recreational public open space including a large community playground attracting visitation from across the metropolitan region.

The Potter's House Christian Fellowship have submitted an application to the City to host a community concert at Robert Thompson Reserve, Noranda (**Attachment 1**).

The proposed event is a free community concert comprising of a Beatles tribute band. The concert is scheduled for Saturday 12 January 2013, commencing at 7.30pm and concluding at 9.00pm. The event aims to attract 200 spectators.

The concert will be an amplified event with the stage and amplification facing away from immediate residents located along Weatherill Way and Parkinson Street. The event is stated as alcohol free, with soft drinks and a free sausage sizzle available.

Approximately 40 x off street angled parking bays are provided along Weatherill Way with additional car parking accessible adjacent to the reserve around Noranda Shopping Village.

It is not stated how the event is to be publicised to the local community. Appropriate Public Liability Insurance is in place and provided with the application.

Comment

Given the wide community appeal of the infrastructure now in place at Robert Thompson Reserve the park is well used and extensively occupied especially throughout the summer months. Whilst this is acceptance that the City is providing appealing facilities to the wider community the City has received comment and concern from local residents living around the reserve.

Comment and concern expressed by local residents includes:

- Noise disturbance;
- Car parking issues around the reserve;
- Damage to gardens and verges;
- Littering; and
- Reports of vandalism and anti social behaviour.

Previous dialogue with residents indicates general acceptance from the community for passive informal usage of the reserve. Any formal event involving more than 100 visitors may be of concern to the local community and may alienate community acceptance and tolerance toward accepting the high volume of visitors to the reserve on a regular basis.

Although the proposed community concert is aimed at providing community cohesion and offering free entertainment the event may also have an impact on the local community living around Robert Thompson Reserve. Residents may experience the following:

- Noise disturbance;
- Localised traffic congestion; and
- Car Parking issues around the reserve.

It would be a requirement for any event or activity on public open space to comply with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997. Any performance would have to remain within prescribed noise levels.

Officers have previously considered Robert Thompson as a venue for staging the City's in house Community Concerts and concluded that Robert Thompson Reserve would not be an appropriate venue as it does not provide a reasonable separation buffer between any formal event and the local community.

The request received by the City from the applicant on 6 December 2012 does not provide the City sufficient time to conduct appropriate community consultation as part of the approval process.

Officers recommend that Council does not support the application submitted by The Potter's House Christian Fellowship to host a community concert at Robert Thompson Reserve, Noranda on Saturday 12 January 2013.

Strategic Implications

This report aligns to the following outcome contained in the City of Bayswater Strategic Plan - The Future Our City 2011 - 2015:

KRA 1 - Our Community

1.5 We provide and promote a range of community events to bring people together and celebrate their way of life in the City of Bayswater.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority Required.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council refuse the application submitted by The Potter's House Christian Fellowship to host a community concert at Robert Thompson Reserve, Noranda on Saturday 12 January 2013.

Moved:

Seconded:

**The Potter's House Christian Centre**

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6 December 2012

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Dear Jon Vines,

**RE: Community Concert, Beatles Tribute Night – Robert Thompson Reserve, Noranda
12th January 2013**

I am writing to seek approval from the City of Bayswater to host a community concert, featuring a local band playing a Beatles Tribute night in Robert Thompson Reserve on the evening of the 12th January, 2013.

This event would consist of an open-air music concert with accompanying media presentation. It would be open to people in the local community of all ages, backgrounds and aim to bring people together into a community atmosphere. The proposed event includes the following:

- Estimated attendance 200 people.
- No alcohol.
- Sound PA system that is directed so that it faces in an easterly direction within the park.
- Commencing time 7.30pm. Finishing time 9.00pm.
- Sausage sizzle & cans of soft drink available.

If you have any queries or need further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned by email admin@pottershouse.com or phone 0403 062 005. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

Luke Haagensen
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Potter's House Christian Fellowship