

9.4.5 LATE ITEM: Beaufort Street Festival – Closure of Chelmsford Road Car Park for Use of an Art Exhibition

Ward:	South	Date:	4 November 2014
Precinct:	Forrest (14); Beaufort (13) & Hyde Park (12)	File Ref:	CMS0110; CMS0130
Attachments:	Nil		
Tabled Items:	Nil		
Reporting Officer:	J Anthony, A/Director Community Services		
Responsible Officer:	J Anthony, A/Director Community Services		

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council **APPROVES** the closure of Chelmsford Road Car Park in association with the Beaufort Street Festival, subject to the following:

1. The use of Chelmsford Road Car Park to accommodate an art exhibition on Saturday, 15 November 2014;
2. Chelmsford Road Car Park to be closed to the public from 11pm on Friday, 14 November 2014 to 4am on Sunday, 16 November 2014, to accommodate the “bump-in” and “bump-out” periods, as well as the Festival activities; and
3. Chelmsford Road Car Park shall be cleared, swept and re-opened for use by the public by 4am on Sunday, 16 November 2014.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to consider a late request received from the Beaufort Street Festival Organisers to close Chelmsford Road Car Park, from 11pm on Friday, 14 November 2014 to 4am on Saturday, 16 November 2014, to allow for preparations before the event and dismantling after the event.

BACKGROUND:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 7 October 2014, the following was resolved;

“That Council APPROVES the following parking arrangements for the 2014 Beaufort Street Festival:

1. *In relation to Forrest Park -*
 - 1.1 *The use of Forrest Park as a parking area to accommodate parking for the Beaufort Street Festival on Saturday, 15 November 2014;*
 - 1.2 *Highgate Primary School Parents and Citizen’s Committee (P&C) being appointed to manage parking on Forrest Park;*
 - 1.3 *The operating hours for the parking facility to be from 7am to 12 midnight on Saturday, 15 November 2014;*
 - 1.4 *A \$10.00 fee being charged and retained by the Highgate Primary School P&C for each vehicle that uses the facility;*
 - 1.5 *Beaufort Street Festival Organisers being required to notify intending Festival patrons of the parking facility; and*
 - 1.6 *Beaufort Street Festival Organisers being required to conduct a letter drop to all properties in the area bounded by Harold Street, Lord Street, Walcott Street and Beaufort Street, to ensure the community is aware of the use of Forrest Park as a parking area on Saturday, 15 November 2014.*

- 1.7 *Both the Technical Services and the Community Development directorates review Forrest Park after the festival to identify any damage that may have occurred from vehicles and provide a report back to Council;*
2. *In relation to nib Stadium Parking Restrictions -*
 - 2.1 *The suspension of existing nib stadium parking restrictions from Lincoln Street to Harold Street on Saturday, 15 November 2014; and*
 - 2.2 *Residents in the nib Stadium Residential Parking Permit Areas 4 and 5 being advised of the temporary arrangements specified in clause 2.1 above; and*
3. *In relation to Barlee Street Car Park -*
 - 3.1 *The use of Barlee Street Car Park during the Beaufort Street Festival on Saturday, 15 November 2014, for the purpose of an 'Up-cycle Bar' designed by sponsor James Squire;*
 - 3.2 *Barlee Street Car Park to be closed to the public from 6am on Friday, 14 November 2014 until 12 midnight on Sunday, 16 November 2014, to accommodate set up and take down periods and Festival activities; and*
 - 3.2 *Barlee Street Car Park to be cleared, swept and re-opened for use by the public by 6am on Monday, 17 November 2014."*

DETAILS:

Chelmsford Road Car Park

Chelmsford Road Car Park will be transformed into an 'art exhibition' and will be one of the largest show pieces planned for the Festival. This area will require a substantial amount of work to set up the exhibition. As a result, the Festival Organisers would like to have exclusive access to the car park, from 11pm Friday, 14 November to set up the venue and Saturday, 15 November to operate the facility. The car park will re-open to the public at 4am Sunday, 16 November.

Chelmsford Road Car Park is generally well-used on a Friday night and all day Saturday. Whilst there will be some inconvenience to car park patrons on Friday night and Saturday, it is not believed this would pose a major issue, as there are other surrounding parking facilities which could be utilised.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

The Festival organisers have already undertaken an initial letter drop, which will be followed up with a second letter drop closer to the event. The organisers have attempted to engage local businesses and residents to ensure that adequate preparation is made to accommodate anomalies and potential problems. The Festival will be promoted through newspapers, electronic media, advertising posters, banners in approved locations, a dedicated website and by letter/pamphlet drops.

LEGAL/POLICY:

City of Vincent Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2007.

City of Vincent Parks, Reserves & Hall Facilities Conditions of Hire and Use Policy 2.1.7.p

The arrangements are in accordance with the City's standard procedures and Police and other Emergency Services have been notified. Road Closure approvals have been applied for.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Low: A formal Risk Management Plan has been compiled by the Festival organisers, in conjunction with a consultant, local WA Police and local businesses.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The use of Forest Park and the Beaufort Street Festival reinforces the City's *Strategic Community Plan 2013-2017* by enhancing and promoting community development and wellbeing.

'3.1.1 Celebrate, acknowledge and promote the City's cultural and social diversity.'

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Chelmsford Road Car Park will be unavailable between 11pm Friday 14, November to 4am Sunday, 16 November 2014; the expected loss of net income to the City is approximately \$900.

Rangers will be rostered accordingly to manage the City's responsibilities and enforcement issues.

Chelmsford Road Car Park will be cleared, swept and prepared for re-opening by Council staff.

COMMENTS:

Over the years the festival has grown in size and as a result a request was received on 29 October 2014 to close the Chelmsford Road Car Park for an art exhibition. It is recommended that a similar approval be given to close the Chelmsford Road Car Park for the 2014 Festival.