



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting

Open Portion

Thursday, 2 June 2022

at 4:30 pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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The Chief Executive Officer reports:

“That in accordance with the provisions of Part 2 Regulation 8(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, these supplementary matters are submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

Pursuant to Regulation 8(6), I report that:

- (a) information in relation to the matter was provided subsequent to the distribution of the agenda;
- (b) the matter is regarded as urgent; and
- (c) advice is provided pursuant to Section 65 of the Act.”

10 Waived Outdoor Dining Fees
File Ref: F22/53077

Memorandum of the Project Manager Economic Development and the
Director Connected City of 2 June 2022.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Waived Outdoor Dining Fees

In a Special Council Meeting on 20 January 2022, the Council delegated the Chief Executive Officer to extend the waiving of fees for Outdoor Dining, Food Licences, Occupation Licenses (for authorised trading purposes by the Chief Executive Officer).

The waiving of fees for outdoor dining was extended for the three month period from 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2022 to allow businesses to trade beyond their regular footprint outdoors to better accommodate the needs of their customers due to COVID restrictions.

The total amount of fees waived for this period was \$65,241.71.

Since that time the State Government have acted on health advice to remove COVID related restrictions ensuring that businesses can trade without impediment.

Following the relaxation of COVID restrictions, the Economic Development and Communications Committee is asked to note that the Chief Executive Officer will cease the waiving of fees for Outdoor Dining and Occupation Licenses, calculated in accordance with the 2021-22 Fees and Charges to become payable upon issue of an invoice.

Council has issued 136 permits to occupy public space for outdoor dining. 102 permit holders paid annually. 34 remaining permit holders will receive an invoice for the period 1 April 2022 until 30 June 2022 and will be granted 30 days to pay. Invoices for permits to occupy public space for outdoor dining are not sent in advance but are sent in the period they are due.

It should be noted that the City will continue to work directly with a number of hospitality businesses to assist them in a limited trial of new extended outdoor dining spaces in which people can stay connected, see friends and family, while keeping the city vibrant and supporting the wider local business community, including 'bricks and mortar' retailers.

This will include the installation and removal of equipment, and technical and logistic advice and support at no cost to the trader.

The City Economy Unit will also continue to work with hospitality operators to ensure the needs of these businesses are considered in the Economic Development Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Economic Development and Communications Committee note that in accordance with the delegation provided to the Chief Executive Officer by the Council on 20 January 2022, the Chief Executive Officer will cease the waiving of outdoor dining fees from 31 March 2022 in line with the State Government's removal of COVID-19 related restrictions.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.



Luke Doyle
**PROJECT MANAGER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**



Jacqui Allen
DIRECTOR CONNECTED CITY

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