

## Relevant Information for Council

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**FILE:** X008630 **DATE:** 14 November 2019

**TO:** Lord Mayor and Councillors

**FROM:** Ann Hoban, Director City Life

**THROUGH:** Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Information Relevant To Item 7.3 – Temporary Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions - New Year's Eve 2019-2022

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### Alternative Recommendation

It is resolved that Council approve:

- (A) the following temporary alcohol free zone for establishment 24 hours a day from 31 December 2019 to 1 January 2020 inclusive, and for consecutive years until 31 December 2022 to 1 January 2023:
  - (i) Hickson Road
- (B) the following temporary alcohol prohibited areas for establishment 24 hours a day from 31 December 2019 to 10am 1 January 2020, and for consecutive years until 31 December 2022 to 10am 1 January 2023:
  - (i) Arthur McElhone Reserve
  - (ii) Beare Park
  - (iii) Embarkation Park
  - (iv) Observatory Park
- ~~(C) the following timed alcohol prohibited area, which is in effect to 22 March 2020, for establishment to restrict alcohol consumption 24 hours a day from 31 December 2019 to 10am 1 January 2020, and for consecutive years until 31 December 2022 to 10am 1 January 2023:~~

- ~~(i) — Giba Park~~
- ~~(ii) — Glebe Foreshore Parklands which covers:~~
  - ~~(a) — Bicentennial Park~~
  - ~~(b) — Blackwattle Bay Park~~
  - ~~(c) — Federal Park~~
  - ~~(d) — Harold Park~~
  - ~~(e) — Jubilee Park~~
  - ~~(f) — Pope Paul VI Reserve~~
- ~~(iii) — Pirrama Park~~

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## **Background**

At the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee on 11 November 2019, further information was sought about the establishment status and rationale for temporary outdoor alcohol restrictions for New Year's Eve 2019-2022.

Outdoor alcohol restrictions are established in public places to restrict the consumption of alcohol to help prevent alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and crime, examples include assault, damage to property, littering and noise impacts. NSW Police advise these restrictions provide them with an early intervention measure to confiscate alcohol within designated areas. In New South Wales, a person cannot be fined for consuming alcohol in a restricted site. The restrictions provide NSW Police with the power to tip out or confiscate alcohol at their discretion.

Following the Cultural and Community Committee meeting on 11 November 2019 City staff held further discussions with NSW Police. Following these discussions NSW Police Superintendent Alf Sergi Leichardt Police Area Command withdrew the application for the Glebe Foreshore Parks and Superintendent Gavin Wood, Sydney City Police Area Command withdrew the application for Giba and Pirrama Parks.

The following table provides more information about all nominated sites;

Site	Status	Rationale
Hickson Road	Existing	NSW Police identified a number of alcohol related incidents on New Year's Eve 2017 including intoxicated persons, assault of persons and assault of an officer.
Arthur McElhone Reserve  Beare Park  Embarkation Park	Existing	NSW Police requested these parks to manage anti-social behaviour and impact to residents from street drinking among large backpacker groups at these sites.  The Escalated Licensing Operational Response Model (ELORM) rates the Kings Cross Command 'High' for incidents that have a link to alcohol consumption. The area also has high rates of alcohol related assault.
Observatory Park	Temporary renewal of previous 24/7restriction	For over 15 years Observatory Park has had historical 24/7 alcohol restrictions in place in parts of the park.  These restrictions were in place prior to the Ministerial Guidelines in 2009.  As part of the parks signage upgrade, these signs were removed in early 2019, and as a result, restrictions no longer applied.  Part of Observatory Park is a managed site for New Year's Eve, where alcohol is not permitted. .  NSW Police have requested restrictions for the whole of Observatory Park in response to incidents of anti-social behaviour near the fitness equipment and other parts of the park over the past 12 months. Police support the temporary restrictions on New Year's Eve to assist with management of the site. This is consistent with previous New Year's Eves.

## **Memo from Ann Hoban, Director City Life**

Prepared by: Trina Jones, Safe City Manager

### **Attachments**

**Attachment A.** Map - Temporary Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions New Year's Eve

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**MONICA BARONE**

Chief Executive Officer