

Item 37.**Other Authorities - Temporary Road Closure - St Patrick's Day 2021 - George Street, The Rocks**

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the temporary road closure timings for The Rocks Markets area on George Street, The Rocks, by Place Management NSW (PMNSW) for outdoor dining and event opportunities for tenants on St Patricks Day 17 March 2021.

Voting Members for this Item

Voting Members	Support	Object
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Place Management NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police – Sydney City PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

Advice

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

Background

There is an opportunity for The Mercantile Hotel on George St The Rocks to trade on George Street for St Patricks Day 2021. The Rocks Markets operations closes the Road each weekend from Sat 4am till Sun at 10pm and during some public holidays.

PMNSW is requesting the LPCTCC endorsement to close the George St markets area on Wednesday 17th March for St Patricks Day 2021 and to extend the road closure on Sunday 21st March for the St Patricks Day festival in the Rocks. PMNSW has led the delivery of an outdoor dining pilot Government initiative that supports businesses during COVID19.

There is opportunities for The Mercantile Hotel on George St The Rocks to trade on each Friday evenings in December and January. The Rocks Markets operations currently closes the road each weekend from Sat 4am till Sun at 10pm and during some public holidays.

PMNSW is requesting the LPCTCC endorsement to close the George St markets area 12hrs earlier at 4pm on Friday afternoons on 11th, 15th Dec and 1st Jan.

The Rocks area outdoor dining program is swelling and meeting objectives by Government for jobs creation and the economy recovery.

Location - George St between Lower Fort Street and Hickson Road (The Rocks Markets Area)

Dates proposed.

- Tuesday 16th March at 6pm till Thursday 18th March at 1am; and
- Sunday 21st March at 10pm to Monday 22nd March at 1am (current road reopens 10pm on 21st March)

Comments

The proposed closures for the hotels, markets and restaurants of The Rocks are to provide greater opportunity for social distancing, increased patronage and active public space in a period when small business operators in the area are experiencing significant financial impact due to the COVID pandemic.

The closure on Tuesday 16th March at 6pm is to allow the setup of the areas for the morning breakfast period at 730am. It will allow the canopy to be built on the roadway on Tuesday night & bumped out following Sundays trade at 10pm on Wednesday night

The proposal will change timings and operations of the normal Rocks Markets traffic conditions and surrounding road network for the period of operations.

The local access arrangements to tenants, mail zone and loading zones will be managed by traffic controllers who will be programmed for the period of closures. Access for authorised vehicles will be provided at both the North and South closure areas.

Consultation

Place Management NSW has consulted and notified adjacent properties, business and stakeholder of the intention to implement the temporary works. Enquiries and feedback directed to the Director, Partnerships, Activation and Customer Experience at Place Management NSW.

PMNSW continue to work closely with NSW Police, TfNSW, CSTTC, and City of Sydney and Port Authority NSW on this activity and provide event activation information to Police events team.

Financial

All costs associated with the parking spaces, signs, traffic controllers, Rangers, road barriers and accessible ramps has and will be borne by PMNSW.

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