

**Item 71.****Other Authorities- Traffic Treatment - Temporary Road Closure - George Street North, The Rocks**

TRIM Container No.: 2021/451106

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the temporary road closure of George Street North, The Rocks (The Rocks Markets footprint) on the following dates and times:

- Friday 7 January from 9am to Sunday 9 January 12 Midnight.
- Friday 14 January from 9am to Sunday 16 January 12 Midnight.
- Friday 21 January from 9am to Sunday 23 January 12 Midnight.
- Friday 28 January from 9am to Sunday 31 January 12 Midnight.
- Friday 4 February from 9am to Sunday 6 February 12 Midnight.
- Friday 11 February from 9am to Sunday 13 February 12 Midnight.

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
Place Management NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
City of Sydney	[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

The George Street closure is to maintain a consistent market experience across the Friday night markets which will be activated in Jack Munday Place and Playfair St The Rocks.

This closure will enhance a larger markets footprint for visitors and stallholders. This activity was set for the July LPCTCC and then again for September but rescheduled till January 2022.

The Rocks Markets operations currently closes the George Street each weekend from Saturday 4am till Sunday 10pm and during some public holidays under DA D/2012/1592/C.

The Rocks Markets DA - D/2012/1592/C was amended on the 24 May 2019 and approval states 36 Late Night Special Events markets throughout the year.

The hours of operation on George Street are restricted for the Bump-ins on Fridays from 12.00 midday to 5.30 pm. PMNSW is requesting a 9am bump in time to allow for set up / build so as not to interfere with planned afternoon activities and businesses. Essentially requesting the road closure 3hrs earlier then the DA approval to facilitate the set up and restrict vehicle parking in metered areas.

## Comments

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.

PMNSW Special Event Clearway Signage on George Street will be updated to reflect the changes and parking Metres will be turned off during the periods if required.

General road users will be impacted by the closure by having increased travel times. The projected travel times for normal alternative / detour route e.g. 1min vs 6min is seen as acceptable under the Assure Traffic Management Plan Rocks Market Weekday Operations - PMNSW.

## Consultation

Place Management NSW will consult and notified adjacent properties, business, residents and stakeholders of the intention to implement the temporary closures. Enquiries and feedback from stakeholders directed to Adam Shumack the Senior Manager, Retail Activation & Customer Experience, Place Management NSW.

PMNSW continue to work closely with NSW Police, TfNSW, CSTTC, City of Sydney and Port Authority NSW on precinct activations.

**Financial**

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

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