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Dear Lisa, Marissa, Carmel, Geoff and Viv,

I read with pleasure every month the positive movements of the new WSC and congratulate and support the management team behind them.

In particular this week's agenda Item 9.15 The Small Business Commissioners Report and item 4 within (copied below).

Several years ago I put forward to the WSC a proposal regarding supporting events in the region as a tool for growing the visitor economy, and again in January 2020 post bushfires through the Southern Highlands Key stakeholders group visitor economy recovery and action plan.

A short summary of the proposal is;

1. **Action 4:** Wingecarribee Shire Councils establishment of approval of suitable pre-approved public event spaces. This a long time request from me, as our neighbouring LGA's already have council owned land pre-approved for events, which operators can easily access to stage events resulting in increasing demands for local accommodation, local food, local beverages, event suppliers, local employment, local transport etc

Considering events generate over \$600m annually to the NSW economy, I would like to put forward this proposal for fresh consideration by WSC and if supportive the following points may be considered;

1. That existing NSW LGA's (blue mountains and wollongong as two examples) already offering pre-approved public land for events, be investigated for appropriate details including operating frameworks, benefits and challenges.
2. That WSC consults with local visitor economy and event stakeholders to identify suitable sites and develop a draft public space pre approved event framework.
3. That suitable WSC owned/public land that has been identified for events, goes through the DA approval process including appropriate conditions of use.
4. A simple template/checklist and application form be developed for event organisers looking to use the pre approved public event spaces, t

o assist in event

compliance as well as timely and efficient approvals.

5. **Pre-approved public event spaces are made available to event organisers, individuals, local community groups/associations etc. on a commercial basis to enable the continued maintenance and improvement of the sites.**

Regards Mark Bourne

SHKSG Visitor Economy facilitator

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4. Council to provide a dedicated and professional service within Council to ensure reliable information and guidance on processes, cost(s) and timeframes associated with applications made by small business. This includes a dedicated events manager, officer or other resource who can provide support, information and guidance for events and festivals.	<p>An independent scoping report has been prepared for internal rules, processes and practices for the regulation of Temporary Outdoor Activities (University of Newcastle – 10 September 2021).</p> <p>This report will form the basis for the Council reviewing the definition of events, the approaches to streamlining applications and the approvals required.</p> <p>Additionally, Council Officers have revised the methodology regarding the approvals required (e.g removal of the requirement for a s100B (Bushfire Authority under the Rural Fires Act) referral to RFS for events not including overnight stays). This effectively reduces the number of event referrals to RFS, and the number of events requiring a DA. Public events on non-bushfire prone land are exempt development under schedule 2 of the WLEP 2010. Public Events on Public land that is bushfire prone still require a DA (as per WLEP 2010). The recently developed classification of bushfire risk present in Council's reserves will be consistently used in consents and bookings of Council land to ensure customers & the public are well informed of risks</p>
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