

# Busking Guidelines

## At a Glance



### Permits

- Buskers must hold an authorised permit to busk.
- Performers under 18yrs must have parental or legal guardian supervision at all times.
- Buskers must display their Permits to Busk in the busking site at all times

### Safety

- Buskers must work to ensure that, neither themselves nor their audience, pedestrians or the general public are put at risk during their performance.
- Buskers are responsible for maintaining pedestrian flow and public amenity.

### Cleanliness

- Buskers shall not affix any matter on things or mark or draw on any footing or paved area.
- Buskers must keep the site in use clean while they are working and leave the site in the condition that it was found.

### Sound Levels

- Buskers may **only use amplification that is battery operated**. Mains voltage amplification and generator powered batteries are prohibited.
- Excessive amplification will not be tolerated.
- Buskers shall not create any disturbances during funeral services or other occasions of solemnity.
- Where a complaint has been received about: excessive noise, level of noise amplification, music of a percussive or repetitive nature, or excessive duration of an act, a busker may be directed by Kiama Council Rangers to cease busking.
- Repeated excessive noise may result in the cancellation of a busking permit.

### Sites

- Buskers may only use sites designated
- Sites may move, be temporarily unavailable or permanently removed at the discretion of Kiama Council.
- Some sites are restricted due to their close location to child play areas. To busk in these sites you must have a Working with Children Check.
- Sound performances should be situated at least 30 metres away from another sound performance.
- Performance Times - 10am and 5pm 7days per week or 10am and 8pm 7days per week during the summer daylight savings period.
- Buskers may busk for a maximum of two (2) hour per site the busker must move to another busking location (at least more than four building frontages away) and not return to that location again that day.

## **Selling**

- Buskers are permitted to sell and display a small number of pre-recorded CDs/DVDs of their own original work
- Buskers are not permitted to play pre-recorded music in lieu of busking or while taking a break from busking
- Buskers may not display, demonstrate or advertise other goods or services for sale or associate themselves with advertising in conjunction with their performance
- Buskers must have clearly displayed prices
- Soliciting, spruiking, touting, haggling and bartering are strictly prohibited.

## **Complaints**

- Buskers are encouraged to establish good relationships with retailers and nearby traders
- Buskers are expected not to harass, annoy or disturb people, traders or residents while busking.
- Buskers should attempt to resolve issues amicably. If there is no mutually agreeable solution the busker should move on if requested to do so by the retailer or resident or contact a Kiama Council Ranger to mediate.
- **Council Rangers Mb | 0409 917 092**
- Buskers must comply with directions issued by Kiama Council Rangers and members of the NSW Police Force, Ambulance, Fire and any other Emergency Services.
- Kiama Council Rangers may confiscate permits for non-compliance.
- Expected Behaviours and Attitudes
  - ⇒ cooperation with retailers, residents, other buskers, Kiama Council Rangers and other authorised officers
  - ⇒ respect
  - ⇒ responsibility for own performance and surrounding environment
  - ⇒ willingness to address complaints

## **Events Coordination**

- The following links are provided so that you can coordinate your busking around other events happening in Kiama and Gerringong.

<http://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au/EventCalendarSearch.aspx>

<http://www.kiama.com.au/events/this-month>

<http://kiamaculturenetwork.wordpress.com/kiama-based-arts-events/>

It is expected that buskers will avoid busking at times of major festivals happening the mains streets of Kiama and Gerringong such as the Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival and KISS Arts Festival.

*For more information on Councils Busking Policy, Guidelines and Permits please see Councils website [www.kiama.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au) or contact Councils Community and Cultural Development Officer on P | 4232 0549 or E | [louisec@kiama.nsw.gov.au](mailto:louisec@kiama.nsw.gov.au)*