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1. Statement

This policy is to provide direction to Council staff and the community on the criteria Council will consider when granting an approval or designating a public place for the consumption and sale of alcohol in public places (as defined in the *Queensland Liquor Act 1992*).

2. Purpose and Principles

The following table highlights the public places Council will consider approving where alcohol can be consumed, sold and where permanent designated public place (wet areas) may exist:

	Can alcohol be consumed but not sold in these areas?	Can alcohol be sold in these areas?
Cemeteries	Upon Request	No
Conservation Estates	Upon Request	No
District Parks	Upon Request	Yes*
Halls	Upon Request	Yes*
Local Parks	Upon Request	Yes*
Rosewood Showgrounds	Upon Request	Yes*
Local Sports Parks	Upon request	Yes*
Citywide Sport Parks	Upon Request	Yes*
Strategic Parks	Upon Request	Yes*
Hardings Paddock Campground	Permanent designated public place (wet area)	Upon request
Rosewood Showgrounds Camping Area	Permanent designated public place (wet area)	No
Willowbank Motorsport Precinct - leases A through J (with the exception of Lease F, tenured by Motorsports Queensland Ltd) and that	Permanent designated public place (wet area)	Upon request

are currently operating under either Lease or Permit from Council		
*Council permit required		

The following policy exists for public places (i.e. Hardings Paddock Campground and Rosewood Showgrounds Camping Area) that may have **permanent designated public places (wet areas)**:

- a. Only those with a valid permit issued by Council to camp at the camping grounds are allowed to consume alcohol during the fixed arrival and departure times.
- b. Alcohol can only be consumed within the defined area/s (this information may be further detailed in a Council procedure or available on Council's website).
- c. The national guidelines for the consumption of alcohol called "Australian guidelines to reduce health risks from drinking alcohol (available on www.alcohol.gov.au)" will apply.
- d. State and local laws are not constrained by this policy and will be in force for the control of any nuisance/anti-social behavioural issues etc as a result of alcohol consumption and sale.

The following policy exists for public places that allow the consumption of alcohol on an **Upon Request** basis:

- a. Upon request, Council may designate a public place for the purpose of consuming alcohol. When considering approving the request, Council will take into consideration:
 - I. The hours/days the grant of approval will cover.
 - II. The specific area that the grant of approval will cover.
 - III. The potential impact the grant of approval may have on the surrounding environment including social impacts such as the enjoyment of the surrounding area by other members of the public not involved with the subject of the request.
 - IV. Options for monitoring, managing and/or mitigating the proposed request. (For example, requirements for the applicant to use plastic cups, cans etc and not glass.

Members of the community and organisations who wish to consume, supply or sell alcohol in public places must submit an Application (Form 7 'Application for a Community Liquor permit') at least 14 days prior to the event date.

3. Strategic Plan Links

This policy aligns with the following iFuture 2021-2026 Corporate Plan theme/s:

- Safe, Inclusive and Creative

4. Regulatory Authority

- Queensland Liquor Act 1992

5. Human Rights Commitment

Ipswich City Council (Council) has considered the human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)* (the Act) when adopting and/or amending this policy. When applying

this policy, Council will act and make decisions in a way that is compatible with human rights and give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision in accordance with the Act.

6. Scope

The core matters addressed by this policy are determining which public places may be designated permanent public places under the *Queensland Liquor Act 1992* (also known as 'wet areas'), and which public places will be considered for designation upon request.

7. Roles and Responsibilities

The position of Manager, Community and Cultural Services is the delegated authorise for the approval of the Liquor Permit Application on behalf of Council.

8. Key Stakeholders

- Community, Cultural and Economic Development

9. Monitoring and Evaluation

The effectiveness of this policy will be measured by the following:

- Broad staff participation in training that builds understanding and adoption of policy
- Reduction in complaints about access to council facilities, open space, programs and services
- Increased funding for accessible infrastructure and/or inclusion initiatives
- Number or reported anti-social incidents in association/linked with the granting of liquor permits to community organisations
- Number of breaches of conditions of liquor permits identified by compliance officers and or local policing bodies during the permitted times and dates.

10. Definitions

The *Queensland Liquor Act 1992* defines **sell** to include:

- a) barter or exchange; and
- b) offer, agree or attempt to sell; and
- c) expose, send, forward or deliver for sale; and
- d) cause or permit to be sold or offered for sale; and
- e) supply or offer, agree or attempt to supply –
 - I. In circumstances in which the supplier derives, or would be likely to derive, a direct or indirect pecuniary benefit; or
 - II. Gratuitously, but to gain or keep custom or other commercial advantage.

The *Queensland Liquor Act 1992* defines **Liquor** as a spirituous or fermented fluid or another substance:

- a) in which the level of ethyl alcohol (ethanol) is more than 0.5% by volume at 20°C; and
- b) that is intended for human consumption.

Examples of spirituous or fermented fluids— alcoholic cocktails, beers, liqueurs, pre-mixed alcoholic drinks, spirits and wines.

Liquor also includes any other substance containing ethyl alcohol (ethanol) that is prescribed by regulation as liquor.

11. Policy Owner

The General Manager (Community, Cultural and Economic Development Department) is the policy owner and the Manager (Community and Cultural Services) is responsible for authoring and reviewing this policy.