

1 Policy History

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1	22/10/2019	19/324	22/11/2019
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2 Policy Objective

- To promote local Litter Clean Up Campaigns.
- To facilitate and support community volunteers to undertake clean-up activities.
- To assist with waste disposal generated from the clean-up operations.

3 Policy Statement

3.1 Introduction

Council supports Clean Up campaigns by offering appropriate assistance to environmental groups, service clubs or individuals requesting such assistance in the removal of rubbish within our City.

The problems of waste management and the need for waste and source reduction are common to communities the world over. There is much that can be done to increase awareness of the magnitude of these problems and to encourage individuals to be responsible for their personal behaviour which is why Clean Up campaigns have proven to be one of the simplest yet most effective means of tackling these issues.

Today the focus is as much on preventing rubbish entering our environment as it is removing what has already accumulated, with issues based campaigns making every day a Clean Up Day.

Council supports Clean Up campaigns by offering appropriate assistance to environmental groups, service clubs or individuals requesting such assistance in the removal of rubbish within our City by in part designating appropriate rubbish receiving points and then removing rubbish from these points.

Volunteers participating in approved "Clean Up campaigns" will be allowed to take the collected refuse to a waste management facility or transfer station for free.

3.2 Clean Up Australia Campaigns

Any day can be a Clean Up Australia Day Campaign

Councils supports getting involved with Clean Up Australia as a member of the Community, by registering an event at www.cleanup.org.au. Community includes individuals, friends, family, faith based groups, local community groups and more.

Note: You have to be over 18 to register a Clean Up event but anyone can take part.



Clean Up Australia will send the applicant a kit with everything needed to get started for a Clean Up event.

Some key considerations for organising a community clean-up program include:

- engagement of volunteers,
- publicity,
- site selection,
- rubbish removal and recycling,
- sharps and syringe management and first aid,
- Risk assessment and safety checklists; and
- equipment checklists
- collaboration with relevant stakeholders such as RMS and private industries.

Clean up Australia provide a comprehensive guide to assist event organisers in running a successful event as part of the registration process.

Council supports registered Clean Up Australia Day campaigns with free removal of rubbish within our City by in part designating appropriate rubbish receiving points and then removing rubbish from these points.

Council also supports registered Clean Up Australia Day campaigns through appropriate education and promotional opportunities.

3.3 Roadside Clean Up Campaigns

Roadside Clean Ups are only allowed along municipal roads that have a speed limit that is 40 km/hour or less.

This is to reflect a recommended safe speed limit in local traffic zones. This includes suburban streets with a kerb. Due to the limited 40km/h zones in the Griffith Local Government Area, proposed changes to speed limits in conjunction with special events are required to be approved by the Local Traffic Committee.

Special events are managed and approved in accordance with the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events. A special event transport management plan (TMP) for the event in accordance with the guide detailing the required traffic control measures is to be submitted to Council four months prior to the event for approval by the Local Traffic Committee.

A TMP is a tool to identify, assess and control traffic issues that may arise on a public or private traffic/road network due any number circumstances, i.e. special events, construction works, the operation of large facilities, etc. A TMP is presented in a report format and is usually accompanied by at least one Traffic Control Plan which detail's the correct geometric layout of the site, the key areas of concern, distances, relevant site specific information and any traffic control measures implemented in accordance with Australian Standard 1742.3 - Traffic Control at Worksites and the RMS Manual Traffic Control at Worksites.

Based upon the guide, any proposed event will be required to include the following;

- A completed RMS Special Event Transport Management Plan.

- A completed Police Schedule 1 Form - Notice of Intention to Hold a Public Assembly.
- A Traffic Control Plan (TCP), prepared by a properly accredited professional, detailing the traffic control measures proposed for the event shall be submitted to Council for approval;
- Public Liability Insurance is required for the event. The Public Liability Insurance policy is required be to the value of \$20,000,000 and Griffith City Council and the RMS are required to be listed as interested parties. Details of the Public Liability Insurance shall be submitted to Council for approval.

Information in relation to Public Liability Insurance for special events

Individual volunteers for Council are to be suitably inducted, as if they are undertaking instruction from a Council-designated co-ordinator or a Council Employee. (i.e. WH&S, Hi- Vis and safety procedures and the like). All individual Volunteers names are to be recorded on a dedicated Event Register, and retained by Council.

Any Organisation as a collective or Legal Entity (other than Council designated S355 Committees) are not indemnified under Council's Policies. Cover cannot be extended to include any Contractor whatsoever. S355 are already noted as an Insured Party under Council's Programs.

Unincorporated or incorporated community organisations participating in any Community Clean-Up Programs must carry their own Public Liability Insurance.

Contractors (Commercial Enterprises or Sporting Associations) specifically involved in any Community Clean-Up Program must maintain their own Public Liability Insurance.

If a named Contractor is deemed as the "Organiser or Promoter" of any Community Clean-Up Campaign – they must have their own specific Liability Policies endorsed to reflect the activities as an Organiser or Promoter and not just activities relating to their normal commercial operations.

Potential costs incurred by Council

Council may incur costs associated with supporting a community roadside clean-up program. Resources required would include:

- Media and promotional material;
- Allocation of staff prior to, during and after the event (if required);
- Waste removal equipment and disposal cost;
- Traffic management requirements;

3.4 The Benefits for Supporting Clean Up Campaigns

In supporting the opportunity for ongoing community clean-ups it is important to understand the benefits of such an initiative. Such benefits include:

The NSW Government has committed to reduce the volume of litter in New South Wales by 40% by 2020. This target was achieved in 2020 with a 43% reduction in litter volume. Building on this success, ambitious new targets have been set in the Waste and

Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041 (WASM) and NSW Plastics Action Plan. These are:

- Target 1: 30% reduction in plastic litter items by 2025.
- Target 2: 60% reduction in all litter items by 2030

Under the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041 an additional \$38 million of funding for 2022–27 has been allocated to litter programs to achieve these targets. This will provide funding for councils and community groups to deliver local and regional litter prevention projects and build on NSW's other litter prevention work, including the successful "Don't be a Tosser" campaign.

The NSW Government are committed to take significant steps to move beyond small yearly improvements. To do this, they advise a need to integrate approaches to litter prevention across five elements:

1. rewarding responsible behaviour
2. education and awareness
3. infrastructure and clean-up
4. regulation and enforcement
5. evaluation and monitoring.

By facilitating community groups to assist in clean-up programs there is an opportunity to assist in meeting complimentary outcomes for a range of State Government and Council initiatives.

4 Definitions

Litter: Litter is anything unwanted that has been thrown away, blown away or left in the wrong place. Common litter items are takeaway and beverage items, confectionery and snacks, drink containers (plastic and metal), cigarette butts, small pieces of paper, bottle caps, plastic straws and pieces of glass bottles. Litter includes advertising and promotional material left in the wrong place.

5 Exceptions

This policy applies to Clean Up campaigns in the Griffith local government area only.

6 Legislation

None

7 Related Documents

- Office of Local Government: www.olg.nsw.gov.au
- Clean up Australia: www.cleanup.org.au
- Roads and Maritime Services: www.rms.nsw.gov.au

8 Directorate

Sustainable Development