

FIREWORKS

1. Objectives

The fireworks policy is intended to:

- Minimise distress and potential risk to the community and environment.
- Support uses of the beach that promote the public enjoyment of the beach.
- Ensure legislative requirements are met.

Observance of the policy will protect the quiet and amenity of the beach reserves and ensure that approved fireworks on Town of Cottesloe beach reserves have the required public notice, operate within restricted times and occur at a minimum distance of 500 metres from a protected place.

2. Background

The *Beaches and Beach Reserves Local Law 2012* provides that no person shall discharge any firework except as approved in writing by the Town.

The main issues to be taken into account when considering a fireworks event include:

- potential damage to sand dune vegetation caused by spectators and fireworks
- litter management and disposal
- adverse noise for adjacent residents and nesting birds
- public liability protection for the Town of Cottesloe

3. Definitions

‘Council’	means the council of the Town of Cottesloe.
‘Fireworks’	means firework displays held on beach reserves under the care, control and management of the Town of Cottesloe for the entertainment of particular recognised groups or the general public.
‘Function’	means without limiting the generality of such term, includes a carnival, show, fete, concert, exhibition, gymkhana, sporting event, a training or practice session in connection with a sport.
‘Allowed Times’	means the hours between 4.00pm and 8.30pm on any approved day.
‘Sensitive Place’	means a sensitive establishment for example, health care facility, nursing home, aged persons’ home, church, animal shelter, bird nesting site or menagerie.
‘Public Notice’	means notification of a fireworks event by a letterbox drop to all surrounding residents within 200 metres of the fireworks site and a display advertisement in the local paper, a minimum of 10 days prior to the event.

4. Policy Statement

Applications for fireworks on Council beach reserves will generally be approved by Council, at its absolute discretion, for New Years Day, Australia Day and Lunar New Year celebrations. Any approval granted is conditional upon Public Notice and all other State and Commonwealth legal requirements being met.

Applications for fireworks on days other than those listed above may be approved by Council at its absolute discretion. Approval may be subject to any conditions that Council deems appropriate.

Applications generally will not be approved for fireworks within 500 metres of a Sensitive Place or for hours outside Allowed Times or for events beginning later than 8.30pm.

Applications are to be in writing and received sixty days prior to the fireworks event.

Applications must address how the following risks are to be managed:

- potential damage to sand dune vegetation caused by spectators and fireworks
- litter management and disposal
- adverse noise for adjacent residents and nesting birds
- public liability protection (\$10 million minimum) for the Town of Cottesloe

Applications are to be accompanied by a map or aerial photo setting out the site of the fireworks event and showing a 200 metre and a 500 metre radius from the event site.

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