

# Scarborough Beach Precinct Noise Guide | Community Events

## Regulation 19B Venue Approval for sporting, cultural or entertainment events *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*

### Background

In November 2024, the City sought the community's advice to inform a [Regulation 19B venue approval](#) for the vibrant [Scarborough Beach Reserve](#) (known as Scarborough Beach Precinct) and developed venue noise approval conditions for events in accordance with the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*. Following the community survey, and consideration of submissions received, the City's Chief Executive Officer has now approved a three (3) year Regulation 19B Venue Approval for the Scarborough Beach Reserve, as published in the Government Gazette Tuesday 1 April 2025.

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*The Regulation 19B conditions allow for the continuation of current events while balancing the noise impact on surrounding residents; including provisions for notifying residents about events that may impact them, and how the community can provide feedback about events.*

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The [City's website](#) details the various event categories, with conditions developed specific to Concert, General and Community Events.

### Advice for Event Organisers – Community Events

[Table 1: Summary of Regulation 19B conditions – Community Events](#) has been developed to simplify the approved '[Regulation 19B Noise Conditions](#)'. This should be read in conjunction with your in-principle and/or final event approval correspondence issued by the City of Stirling.

Should you have any queries, please reference your event case number and contact the City's Environmental Health Team via email: [environmentalhealth@stirling.wa.gov.au](mailto:environmentalhealth@stirling.wa.gov.au) or contact (08) 9205 8555.

**Table 1: Summary of Regulation 19B Conditions – Community Events**

| Summary of Noise Conditions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Regulation 19B Noise Conditions (Community Event-Specific)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Duration</b><br>Duration of the event is not to exceed 5 hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The STAGE SOUND SYSTEM tests, practice and rehearsals shall be held -               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>on, or over, not more than two (2) days, prior or on the day of a NOTIFIABLE EVENT;</li> <li>only between 9:00am and 7:00pm; and</li> <li>for a duration not exceeding three (3) hours on each day.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Subject to CONDITION 2, the duration for PERFORMANCES at a COMMUNITY EVENT shall not exceed five (5) continuous hours.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Start Time</b><br>Start time of event is to be no earlier than 7am.<br><br><b>Finish Time</b><br>On days before a weekday which is not a Public Holiday, the finish time of the event shall be no later than 10pm.<br>On days before a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday, the finish time of the event shall be no later than 11pm. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The STAGE SOUND SYSTEM tests, practice and rehearsals shall be held -               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>on, or over, not more than two (2) days, prior or on the day of a NOTIFIABLE EVENT;</li> <li>only between 9:00am and 7:00pm; and</li> <li>for a duration not exceeding three (3) hours on each day.</li> </ol> </li> <li>The finish time specified in CONDITIONS 26, 27, and 28 may be extended to not later than thirty (30) minutes past the required finish time on the day of a NOTIFIABLE EVENT, provided that-               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it is not reasonable and practicable to comply with the finish time because an UNEXPECTED INCIDENT occurs during a NOTIFIABLE EVENT;</li> <li>an AUTHORISED PERSON from the City of Stirling is advised of the UNEXPECTED INCIDENT as soon as is practicable after the EVENT ORGANISER becomes aware of the occurrence of an UNEXPECTED INCIDENT but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the incident; and</li> <li>the CEO is notified in writing of the circumstances surrounding the UNEXPECTED INCIDENT by no later than forty-eight (48) hours after a NOTIFIABLE EVENT.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Subject to CONDITION 2, the start time for PERFORMANCES at a:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>CONCERT EVENT or a GENERAL EVENT shall not be earlier than 10:00am; or</del></li> <li>COMMUNITY EVENT shall not be earlier than 7:00am; and,</li> </ol>               the finish time shall not be later than 10:00pm on the same day, excluding events that occur the day before a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday.             </li> </ol> |

| Summary of Noise Conditions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Regulation 19B Noise Conditions (Community Event-Specific)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>27. Subject to CONDITION 2, where a NOTIFIABLE EVENT occurs the day before a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday, the start time for PERFORMANCES at a:</p> <p>(i) <del>CONCERT EVENT or a GENERAL EVENT shall not be earlier than 10:00am; or</del></p> <p>(ii) COMMUNITY EVENT shall not be earlier than 7:00am; and, the finish time shall not be later than 11:00pm on the same day.</p> <p>28. Subject to CONDITION 2, the finish time for PERFORMANCES at any NOTIFIABLE EVENT that start on New Year's Eve (31 December) and end on New Year's Day (1 January) shall be no later than 1.00am.</p> <p>29. The start time of PERFORMANCES at a COMMUNITY EVENT may be varied on a maximum of four (4) occasions within a twelve (12) month period to no earlier than 5.00am.</p>                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Event Configuration</b></p> <p>Community Events can have up to three (3) stage sound system locations within the <a href="#">Scarborough Beach Reserve</a>, with speakers directed West (towards the ocean).</p>                                                                                | <p>33. Subject to CONDITION 31, a COMMUNITY EVENT may include up to three (3) stage sound systems to be used for PERFORMANCES, positioned with the stage sound system's primary loudspeaker banks directed West, located within the VENUE boundary as shown in <a href="#">Figure 1 of Schedule 2</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Noise Levels</b></p> <p>Noise levels for the duration of the event shall not exceed LAeq 85dB or LCeq 95dB when measured from a reference point 5 metres in front of centre of stage.</p> <p>LAeq refers to the overall loudness of the noise, while LCeq refers to the bass type of noise.</p> | <p>11. For the purpose of CONDITIONS 44 monitoring of sound levels at a COMMUNITY EVENT shall be undertaken at the MEASUREMENT REFERENCE POINT.</p> <p>44. Subject to CONDITION 45, the sound level received at a MEASUREMENT REFERENCE POINT located in accordance with CONDITION 33 resulting from PERFORMANCES at a COMMUNITY EVENT, shall not exceed:</p> <p>(i) LAeq, 5 min level of 85 dB; and</p> <p>(ii) LCeq, 5 min level of 95 dB, or</p> <p>where LAeq, 5 min and LCeq, 5 min are average values taken over five (5) minutes, whose level contains the same energy as the fluctuating noise during that period.</p> <p>45. The sound level limits specified in CONDITION 44 may not be exceeded:</p> <p>(i) for more than 5% of the duration of the event (rounded to the nearest Leq, 5 min);</p> <p>(ii) by more than one (1) exceedance per hour; and</p> <p>(iii) by more than 3dB (A) and 3dB (C) at any time during a COMMUNITY EVENT.</p> |

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| Summary of Noise Conditions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Regulation 19B Noise Conditions (Community Event-Specific)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p><b>Monitoring</b></p> <p><u>Only</u> if directed by the City prior to the event, the Event Organiser is required to engage an approved Acoustic Consultant to monitor noise levels for the duration of the event. Monitoring is to start five (5) minutes before and end five (5) minutes after the event.</p> | <p>8. The EVENT ORGANISER shall engage an ACOUSTIC CONSULTANT for the purposes of monitoring sound levels during a GENERAL EVENT or a COMMUNITY EVENT if directed by an AUTHORISED PERSON.</p> <p>9. The EVENT ORGANISER shall provide the names and contact mobile telephone numbers of two (2) persons: - one (1) person representing the ACOUSTIC CONSULTANT for CONCERT EVENTS; and one (1) person representing the EVENT ORGANISER - who shall both be present, in control of sound levels and contactable during the NOTIFIABLE EVENT to the City of Stirling. The names and contact telephone numbers of those persons shall be provided to the CEO no later than 5.00pm, three (3) days prior to the NOTIFIABLE EVENT.</p> <p>11. For the purpose of CONDITIONS 44 monitoring of sound levels at a COMMUNITY EVENT shall be undertaken at the MEASUREMENT REFERENCE POINT.</p> <p>12. Monitoring of sound levels shall commence five (5) minutes prior to the start of a NOTIFIABLE EVENT and shall continue uninterrupted until five (5) minutes after the completion of a NOTIFIABLE EVENT.</p> <p>13. Monitoring of sound levels for a NOTIFIABLE EVENT shall be carried out using monitoring equipment that complies with Regulation 22 of the REGULATIONS.</p> <p>14. For the purposes of CONDITIONS 36, 40 and 44 sound levels readings shall be taken to the nearest whole decibel and shall be taken to have exceeded the sound levels referred to in CONDITIONS 36, 40 and 44 if those levels are exceeded by more than 1dB.</p> |
| <p><b>Reporting</b></p> <p><u>Only</u> if directed by the City prior to the event, a report is to be prepared by an Acoustic Consultant and provided to the City within ten (10) days of the completion of the event.</p>                                                                                         | <p>15. For the purposes of CONDITION 7, 8 and 9, for a NOTIFIABLE EVENT, the EVENT ORGANISER is to provide a detailed report, prepared by an ACOUSTIC CONSULTANT, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the noise monitoring methodology used including measurement location, measurement duration, instrumentation details, and pre- and post- calibration;</li> <li>(ii) the full results of the monitoring required by CONDITION 10 and 11, specifically - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a table of monitoring results including the maximum sound levels;</li> <li>(b) the number of exceedances, as a measure of compliance with CONDITIONS 37, 41 and 45; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>(c) the logged data in a graphical format, including practise, rehearsals and STAGE SOUND SYSTEM tests,</p> <p>(iii) the full results of any additional monitoring required by the NOTICE OF ANCILLARY CONDITIONS;</p> <p>(iv) a report referred to under CONDITION 19 of any complaints received by the EVENT ORGANISER;</p> <p>(v) copies of calibration certificates for all monitoring equipment utilised; and</p> <p>(vi) a statement as to whether or not the NOTIFIABLE EVENT complied with the VENUE APPROVAL</p> <p>The report shall be delivered to the CEO by not later than ten (10) days after a NOTIFIABLE EVENT.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>Complaint Response Service</b></p> <p>The Event Organiser is required to have a complaint response service for persons who wish to lodge a complaint during the event.</p> <p>The complaint response service must have at least two (2) lines which can be answered in person by an operator and be attended at all times during the event and rehearsals.</p> | <p>16. *The EVENT ORGANISER shall provide a complaint response service for persons who wish to lodge complaints regarding noise from activities associated with a NOTIFIABLE EVENT including sound system tests and rehearsals.</p> <p>17. *The complaint response service shall comprise a telephone service with at least two (2) lines that can always be answered in person by an operator. An answering machine response is not acceptable.</p> <p>18. *The complaint response service shall be attended at all times during a NOTIFIABLE EVENT including sound system tests and rehearsals. Where any complaints are received, the complaint response service must request the caller's full name, address, and telephone number.</p> <p>19. *The EVENT ORGANISER or the person making notification of a NOTIFIABLE EVENT shall compile a report detailing all calls received by the complaint response service. The report should contain the caller's full name, address, telephone number (where those details are provided by the caller) the specific nature of the complaint and date and time of the call.</p> |

| Summary of Noise Conditions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Regulation 19B Noise Conditions (Community Event-Specific)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <p><b>Notification to Affected Occupiers</b></p> <p>The City is to be provided with two (2) telephone numbers, and the times of operation, so that this complaint response service may be advertised on the City's website.</p> <p>Event information can be uploaded via the City's website '<a href="#">Promote your Event</a>'.</p> | <p>21. *Notice of a COMMUNITY EVENT, the establishment of the complaint response service, its telephone number(s) and the times of operation, shall be publicised by the APPLICANT or the person making notification of an event not later than seven (7) days prior to the COMMUNITY EVENT (or start of the season) on the City of Stirling website and shall remain on the website until the completion of the COMMUNITY EVENT (or the season).</p> |

## Scarborough Beach Reserve (Figure 1 of Schedule 2)

