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Changes to Business Use of Footpath policy

To support community and not-for-profit groups to utilise footpath space, amendments have been made to the Business Use of Footpath Policy.

“Across the Shire there are many community, sporting and social groups as well as not-for-profit organisations that utilise Council’s footpaths to promote and fundraise for their communities,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan.

“Council has now amended the Business Use of Footpaths Policy to make it easier for community groups, not for profit organisations and sporting and social groups to make use of footpaths.”

“These groups will no longer be required to have Council noted as an interested party on their Public Liability Insurance. However, proof of Public Liability Insurance is still required,” Cr Doolan explained.

“In line with the new policy, Council is encouraging local stores to provide outdoor dining experiences or display items on footpaths, and to have not-for-profit organisations display or sell items on the footpaths in town.”

“When the policy was introduced in February this year, Council agreed that applications for the Business Use of Footpath approvals, section 68 applications, will be free of charge until 30 June 2022. These fees will still be waived under the new amendments to this policy.”

Businesses that are currently displaying items on the footpath must reapply under the new policy.

“Council is encouraging businesses who wish to create an outdoor dining experience, display items on the footpath or use the footpath to promote and sell items to apply now,” concluded Cr Doolan.

Each application will be assessed on merit, in particular ensuring there is sufficient space on the footpath for movement of pedestrians. Application forms, guidelines and the new policy are on Council’s website under the Environment, Public Health and Businesses section of the Resident Services tab.

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