

Community Noise Guidelines

CITY OF COCKBURN
HEALTH SERVICES

Community events such as agricultural fairs, school fetes, carnivals and parades are an important part of our way of life. Noise from certain community activities is permitted by law to ensure that there is a balance maintained between the social benefit of these events and the impact on surrounding properties.

“Community Noise” has been identified under special case law as exempt from the requirement to comply with the “permitted” level of noise. Exempt noise sources include:

- Noise emitted by spectators at a sporting activity;
- Noise from people at a meeting or procession;
- Noise from recreational or educational activities at premises occupied for educational purposes;
- Noise emitted from agricultural shows, fairs, fetes, exhibitions and like events; and
- Noise emitted by people during a meeting convened solely for the purpose of divine worship.

Where the adverse effect of the noise on the community exceeds the benefit, a noise control notice to control emissions may be issued .

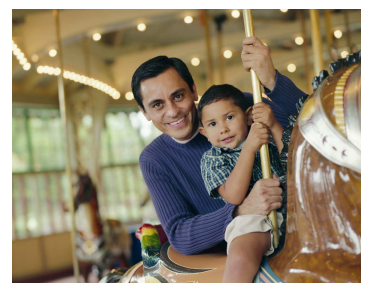
Holding a potentially noisy event?

Other events that are likely to result in excessive noise being received by nearby homes may be granted specific approval under the *Regulations*. All such applications must be made in writing **at least 60 days prior** to the event, be accompanied by an **application fee of \$1000** and should include the following information:

- *Details of the proposed event, identifying all potential noise sources;*
- *Relevant dates, starting times and completion times for proposed practice sessions, rehearsals or sound system tests relating to the event;*
- *The times that facilities such as stages, temporary seating and lighting towers are proposed to be erected and dismantled;*
- *Any other information relevant to the potential impact of the event; and*
- *Predicted sound levels, an acoustic report and monitoring at the event may also be required.*

**For further information please contact the
City of Cockburn's Health Service on 9411 3589.**

Disclaimer: This document is a guide only and does not represent legal advice. For further details about noise, please refer to the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997.



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