

Busking Permit Application Form

2026/2027

If you need help lodging your form, contact us				Office use only	
Email	council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au			Form ID	3034
Phone	1300 434 434			Last updated	August 2026
Customer Service Centres	Manly Town Hall, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly NSW 2095	Dee Why 7 Civic Drive, Dee Why NSW 2099	Mona Vale 1 Park Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103	Business unit	Planning & Place Division
				Receipt No.	
				Permit No.	

Lodging details
The Busking Permit Application form is to be completed, along with the required supporting documentation (see Part 6 of Terms and Conditions) and returned to Council with payment. Submissions are made in person at any of our three customer service centres (locations listed above). A Busking Permit will be issued at the time of lodging. Group booking information and fees to be provided by emailing places@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au and a staff member will be in contact to discuss further.

Privacy Protection Notice	
Purpose of collection	For Council to provide services to the community
Intended recipients	Northern Beaches Council staff
Supply	If you choose not to supply your personal information, it may result in Council being unable to provide the services you seek
Access/correction	Please contact Customer Service on 1300 434 434 to access or correct your personal information

Payment options	
Online	Northern Beaches Council accepts applications and secure payments online for this service. Please visit northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/forms/digital-forms
In person	Visit one of our Customer Service Centres (listed above) to apply and pay over the counter
Via post	Send the completed application form and cheque payment to: Northern Beaches Council, PO Box 82, Manly NSW 1655. Please allow extra time for this option
Note: 0.5% payment card surcharge applies to both credit/debit card payments until 1 October 2026.	

Part 1: Performer details 1

It is important that we are able to contact you if we need more information. Please give us as much detail as possible

Title	Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other:
First name	
Last name	
Company name <i>(attach business card if relevant)</i>	
Address	
	Postcode
Phone	Mobile
Email	

Part 1: Performer details 2

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Title	Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other:		
First name			
Last name			
Address			
		Postcode	
Phone		Mobile	
Email			

Part 1: Performer details 3

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Title	Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other:		
First name			
Last name			
Address			
		Postcode	
Phone		Mobile	
Email			

Part 2: Permit details

Permit commencement date	
Description of activity/performance/ group	

Part 3: Fees and payment

Manly Commercial Centre			
Youth – under 18 – Daily \$20.10	Daily \$38.70	Monthly \$69.00	Quarterly \$154.00
Commercial Centre Permit (excluding Manly)			
Youth – under 16 – Yearly FREE	Yearly \$35.10		

(Office note: Separate entries to be made if performer requires permit for both areas)

Part 4: Declaration

	I confirm that all the details are correct
	I have provided application requirements listed in Part 6 of this form
	In signing this form I acknowledge that I have read and accepted the permit information and conditions as listed at Part 6 of this form.

Signature of Performer 1		Date	
Signature of Performer 2		Date	
Signature of Performer 3		Date	

Parental/guardian consent (for performers under the age of 18)			
Name of parent/guardian (Parent 1)			
Signature		Date	
Name of parent/guardian (Parent 2)			
Signature		Date	
Name of parent/guardian (Parent 3)			
Signature		Date	

Part 5: Group booking

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Please refer to point 10 of Part 6: Permit Information and Conditions for more details prior to filling in this section.

Title	Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other:		
First name			
Last name			
Address			
		Postcode	
Phone		Mobile	
Email			
Date of performance			
Description of performance activity including genre of music, number in your group, example of instruments being used in the group Preferred location eg. Manly, Mona Vale, Dee Why			

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	Photo ID sighted of performer/s: Over 16 years of age for areas excluding Manly Over 18 years of age for Manly area
	Photo ID sighted of parent/guardian/s: For performers U16 years of age for areas excluding Manly For performers U18 years of age for Manly area
	Working Visa/s sighted: For non-Australian resident
	Working with Children Check number/s sighted: For performers with content directed solely at children

Part 6: Permit information and conditions

1. Application requirements:

- Photo ID (International passport, Australian Driver's Licence or an Australian Government issued Proof of Age card) is required for proof of identity on application.
- In the case of non-Australian residents, proof of working or student visa is required.
- Parental/guardian consent and photo ID of the authorising parent/guardian is required for a busking permit to be approved for persons under the age of 16 for areas excluding Manly and for persons under the age of 18 for Manly area.
- If busking activity content is directed solely at children, such as clowns/puppet shows/storytelling, Council requires the completion of a 'Working with Children Check'. To apply please go to <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>.

2. Busking access times:

- Busking is only permitted between the hours of:
 - 10am and 5pm 7 days per week (Eastern Standard Time)
 - 10am and 7pm 7 days per week (Summer Daylight Saving Period)
- Buskers may only busk in an area for up to 45 minutes and is then required to move onto another area

3. Busking activity content:

- Any busking activity directed at children must not engender fear or anxiety or present a risk of injury or harm to children. If Council receives a complaint that a busking activity poses a risk to a child's wellbeing, and Council concludes that the complaint is well-founded, the busking permit will be immediately revoked without refund.
- Dangerous acts, including the use of fire, saws, swords, spears, knives, bicycles, etc. are prohibited. Council reserves the right to prohibit from time to time any other acts or activities of a similar nature.
- Animals are not to be used in any busking activity.
- The activities of the following artists are not considered to be busking and as such the artists in question are ineligible for a busking permit: balloon sculptors, tarot card / palm / fortune readers, aerosol artists, face painting, masseurs, or vendors of any kind soliciting money for any purpose. Council reserves the right to prohibit from time to time any other acts or activities of a similar nature.

4. Busking group sizes:

- No more than three persons may busk together as a group at any one time at the same location, except as otherwise approved in a particular case by the Manager Place & Economic Development or such other Council officer may be nominated and authorised by the Manager Place & Economic Development.

5. Promotions:

- A busker must not promote, distribute or advertise any commercial or promotional material relating to any goods or services of any description to members of the public.
- A busker must not wear or display on or about himself or herself any advertising matter whether of a commercial nature or otherwise.

6. Noise compliance:

- Amplification is permitted only by battery power and must be kept to a reasonable volume and consideration given to the surrounds. Mains voltage is prohibited at all times.
- Excessive amplification is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Any busker carrying on or causing or permitting an act that is considered by an authorised Council officer to be excessively noisy may be directed by the officer to lower the volume or cease busking. Council reserves the right to impose a decibel limit on amplified sound in appropriate circumstances. It is a condition of permit that the busker immediately comply with any such direction or imposition.
- Where a complaint has been received about excessive noise, level of noise amplification, music of a percussive or repetitive nature, or excessive duration of an act, particularly in relation to the proximity of that act to a place or work or residence and the complaint is found by Council to be well-founded, a busker may be directed by an authorised Council officer to cease busking. It is a condition of permit that the busker immediately complies with any such direction. Continued breaches may result in the permit being cancelled.

7. General busking rules:

- The permit shall be displayed with the receptacle used for collecting funds AT ALL TIMES.
- If a busker is in your preferred location and they show a valid permit you must move to the next available location.
- A busker must not commit or otherwise engage in any of the following acts or activities:
 - a) obstruct or hinder the passage of pedestrians or vehicles;
 - b) beg or gather alms;
 - c) operate closer than 6 metres from the door of any premises open for business;
 - d) operate in an area adjacent to a place of worship. Any entertainment activity must not create a disturbance during funeral services or other occasions of solemnity;
 - e) create or otherwise pose a threat to public safety or convenience;
 - f) affix any matter or thing to, or mark or draw on, any footway or paved area.
- A busker may solicit money by placing a receptacle on the ground for voluntary donations but must not ask members of the public for money or approach them or sell them goods or services of any description.
- Busking is not permitted on market days or when major events are operating. Approval to busk during these events must be sought through the event organiser.
- Busking is not permitted in Council Parks, Reserves and Beaches.
- Northern Beaches Council provides no supervision of buskers under the age of 18 years and recommends an adult accompany young buskers at all times.

8. Compliance:

- A busker must comply immediately with any lawful direction given by the Police or Council's Rangers.
- A licensed busker must adhere to all conditions of the permit including any further, additional or other conditions of permit as may be imposed by Council whether at the time of the initial issue or the permit or at any time thereafter.

9. Miscellaneous:

- Council reserves the right to alter or vary from time to time, with or without prior notice to the licence holder, any of the conditions of licence if and when Council considers such action to be necessary or appropriate. In addition, a busking licence is subject to such further, additional or other conditions of licence as may be imposed by Council whether at the time of the initial granting of the licence or at any time thereafter.
- Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable.
- An authorised Council officer may, with or without prior notice to the licence holder, revoke the licence holder's licence:
 - where, in the opinion of the Council officer, the licence holder has contravened or otherwise failed to comply with any of the conditions of the licence or has failed to comply with any lawful direction given by the Police or Council's Rangers; or
 - for any other just cause.
- Where a licence holder's licence is revoked, the former holder of the revoked licence shall not be entitled to any refund of licence fee or fees or compensation of any kind. In all other circumstances any refund of licence fee or fees is in the absolute discretion of Council.
- Where a former holder of a busking licence makes a new or further application to Council for a fresh busking licence, Council reserves the right to take into consideration and otherwise weigh in the balance, in its assessment, consideration and determination of the application, the fact and nature of the conduct that gave rise to the previous licence being revoked, subject in all cases to the application otherwise being assessed, considered and determined on its own merits.

10. Group Bookings

- Community groups of up to 10 people, such as youth associations, church groups, schools, dance or band groups where enrolment or registration is required can apply for a Group Permit. The group will be covered by the Public Liability Insurance of the community group or association. A group leader/delegate will apply and sign for this permit and will be the responsible delegate. This delegate must be present when the group is busking. The group permit may only be used for group performances and may not be used by members performing as individuals. Children under 18 years old performing as part of the group are required to have completed the parental consent form as part this application.
- Group booking information and fees to be provided by emailing business@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au and a staff member will be in contact to discuss further.

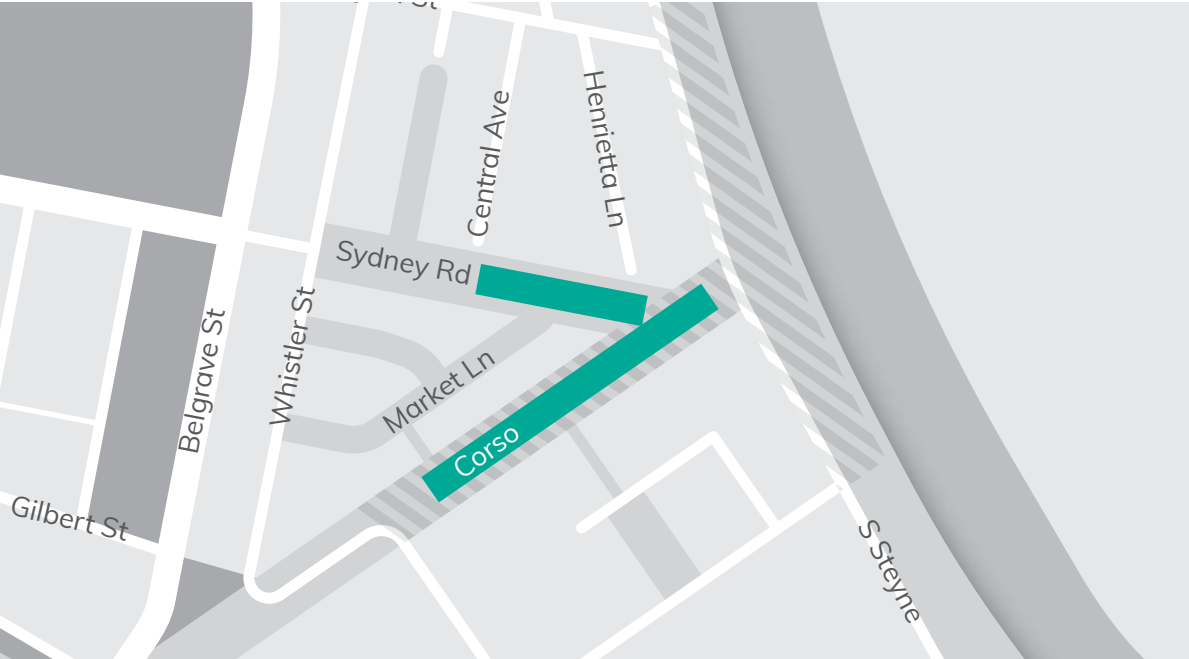
Part 7: Busking locations

Manly Commercial Centres

In addition to all standard conditions, the following conditions apply to Manly Commercial Centres:

- Busking in the Manly Commercial Centre is only within the Manly Corso Pedestrian Mall – designated from Darley Road to South Steyne, from The Corso / Sydney Road Plaza to Central Avenue. Access to the stage area in the Corso is not permitted.
- Busking is not permitted in the area in front of Manly Wharf.
- Busking is not permitted in the designated area from The Corso / Sydney Road to Central Avenue during those days when the Manly Arts & Craft Market and Manly Fresh Markets are operating.
- Busking is not permitted within the footprint of major events held in Manly such as Manly Jazz Festival, Taste of Manly etc.

Manly Corso busking area



Permitted areas for busking