

# Pilot Dining Platforms

Expressions of Interest and  
Information Package 2017



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# Purpose

Council has identified the opportunity to extend the use of the footpath and road reserve to create new places for dining platforms that can create new and interesting public places or safely extend the service area of food and beverage businesses. The Pilot Dining Platform will give food and beverage businesses the opportunity to increase their local dining area and to create a better dining out experience.

This proposal seeks to work with businesses across the Rockhampton Region to construct and demonstrate the use and benefits of a dining platform that utilises existing parking spaces in an appropriate location. A dining platform allows a food and beverage business to extend permitted footpath dining on to the road reserve through the establishment of a safe platform located over existing car parking spaces.

Council will own and install the outdoor dining platform, outside of the food and beverage business. The platform is to be hired for the duration of up to 6 months. A maximum of three car parking spaces from across the Rockhampton Region are to be utilised initially by the pilot program.



# Platform Design

The Pilot Platform/s will be designed, constructed and installed by Council in accordance with the following design principles:

- The Platform will utilise a maximum of two parallel parking spaces, but ideally only one.
- The Platform floor must be flush with the pavement or provided steps to the required standard.
- The permanent components must be theft and vandal resistant.
- The capacity for greenery such as planter boxes should be maximised.
- The design must not interfere with the function of existing stormwater drainage, street lighting, signage, street trees or the awnings of adjacent buildings/businesses.
- The platform surface used for pedestrian access must be non-slip.
- Vertical elements to make the platform obvious to vehicle traffic will be included.
- The design load bearing capacity and other design elements must be in accordance with any relevant Australian Standards and Building codes.
- The design should make provision for temporary shade cover wherever possible.

The design must mitigate the possible low speed impacts from vehicles in adjacent parking spaces.

Final platform design will be completed only after consultation with the successful business and adjacent businesses.





# Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Expressions of Interest (EOI) applications for the Pilot Dining Platform Program will be assessed against the following criteria and will be awarded use of a dining platform.

The following selection criteria will be assessed in determining if an application is successful:

1. The business should be an established food and beverage provider with an approved footpath dining permit or able to demonstrate the business can commence operation so as to meet the requirements of this pilot program.
2. The proposed location must be able accommodate a dining platform without unacceptable risks to public safety.
3. The chosen site should be located in a high pedestrian traffic area.
4. The applicant must be prepared to maintain the platform and any associated plantings to a high standard.
5. The applicant must be prepared to enter into a suitable commercial arrangement for the use of the platform and obtain any permits required. This includes approval for the Commercial Use of a Road – Footpath Dining Permit. (Refer to Council’s Local Laws)
6. The applicant would ideally have letters of support or acknowledgement from neighbouring businesses and/or property owners.

Council reserves the right to refuse an application, if the application does not apply with the above assessment criteria and the terms and conditions.



## How Do I Apply?

Food and beverage operators or property owners considering making an Expressions of Interest Application are encouraged to download and complete the application form online at [www.rrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.rrc.qld.gov.au) and submit it along with the supporting documentation to Strategic Planning [taylor.williams@rrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:taylor.williams@rrc.qld.gov.au) or [cameron.wyatt@rrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:cameron.wyatt@rrc.qld.gov.au).

Applications for expression of interest close at 5.00pm – 3 November 2017

The successful applicants will be notified in November / December 2017.



## Assessment of Applications

Applications for the Dining Platforms will be assessed by Strategic Planning unit against the eligibility and assessment criteria contained in this document. The assessment panel reserves the right to seek further information or clarification of proposal to facilitate an improved outcome.



# Terms and Conditions

1. The use of the platform will be the subject of a commercial hire agreement with Council. The hire rate for the 6 months term of the pilot program shall be \$500 for each parking space used.
2. The successful business shall be responsible for the full cost of obtaining and maintaining any permits required for the operation of the platform.
3. The successful business will be responsible for an appropriate level of public liability insurance (nominally \$20 million).
4. The successful business shall be responsible for the daily care, safety and maintenance of the platform (to avoid doubt this includes care of any plants that form an integral part of the platform).
5. The successful business will be required to keep the outdoor dining area free and open to all members of the public.
6. Council shall retain the right to end the pilot program in the event the business fails to operate the platform in accordance with the hire provisions and terms and conditions.
7. Council will be responsible for the design, construction, installation and removal of the Pilot Program dining platform/s only.
8. A review of the pilot program will be completed within 6 months of the pilot platforms commencing commercial operation.
9. The review will determine future dining platform policy, including all design, commercial and operational terms in consultation with pilot program participants and other relevant stakeholders.

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