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PUBLIC EXHIBITION

DRAFT ALCOHOL FREE ZONE PROPOSAL FOR WALGETT, LIGHTNING RIDGE AND COLLARENEBRI

The Draft Alcohol Free Zone Proposal for the Walgett Shire Council was adopted for public exhibition at the 27th of February 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting. Council now invites the community to view and comment on the draft documents.

The draft documents will be on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from Monday 22nd April 2024 until Monday 20th May 2024 until 4.00 pm.

The document can be viewed on Council's website www.walgett.nsw.gov.au

Hard copies are also available for public viewing at:

- Walgett – Council Office at 77 Fox Street
- Lightning Ridge – Council Office at Shop 4, 12 Opal Street
- Collarenebri – Council Agency at 37-39 Wilson Street
- Carinda – Post Office at 18 Colin Street
- Rowena – Pub at 15 Rowena St

Council encourages all individuals and groups within the community to review the draft documents and make written submissions on any issues they wish to be Council to consider and address.

All submissions are required to be received by Council, by Monday 20th May 2024 by 4.00 pm and should be addressed to the General Manager. Following consideration of public submissions, the draft documents will be formally considered and adopted by Council at a future meeting.

Enquiries and submissions are to be made in writing to admin@walgett.nsw.gov.au or addressed to the General Manager, PO BOX 31, WALGETT, NSW 2832.

Outline

Alcohol free zones in the towns of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri expired on 14 July 2019. On 27th February 2024 Walgett Shire Council passed a resolution to consult with the community about its proposal to re-establish the zones.

The provisions of Chapter 16, Part 4 of the Local Government Act 1993 allow Walgett Shire Council to establish the zones. This document provides details of the proposed zones.

Reasons for the alcohol free zones

The Council has no recent records or communications from the public on file regarding the re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones in Walgett, Lightning Ridge, and Collarenebri prior to their expiration. Additionally, no government authorities have written to Walgett Shire Council requesting the reinstatement of these zones. The most recent correspondence on this matter was a letter dated February 17, 2015, from the NSW Police Superintendent Local Area Command, requesting the establishment of the Alcohol Free Zone.

Council sees the establishment and enforcement of alcohol free zones as helping to:

- Inform the community of Council's expectations for acceptable standards of behaviour.
- Reduce street drinking, alcohol related crime and littering in public places.

Location of the alcohol free zones

The maps provided below illustrate the scope of the proposed zones, which align with the boundaries of the existing zones.

Where does an alcohol free zone apply?

Alcohol free zones can only be created over public roads or a public place that is a car park (ie. a car park on public land or Crown Land).

How long will the zone apply?

It is proposed that the alcohol free zone will be established for four years.

Community input

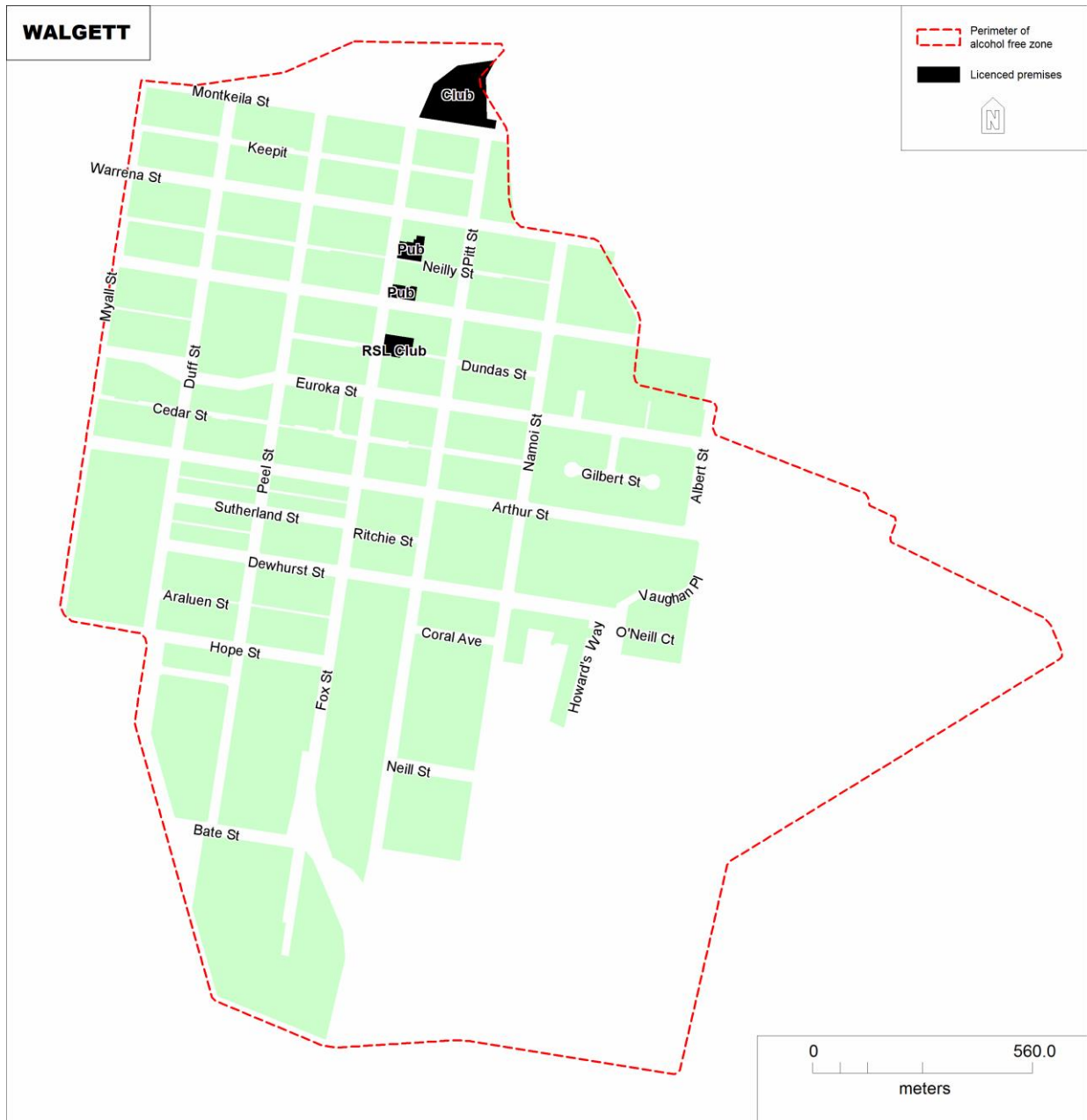
Ministerial Guidelines require that Council "give proper consideration to any representations, submissions or objections received and as a result may amend or withdraw a proposal to establish an alcohol-free zone". Walgett Shire Council encourages written submissions from the public regarding the proposed zones. Submissions should be addressed to the General Manager of Walgett Shire Council.

More information?

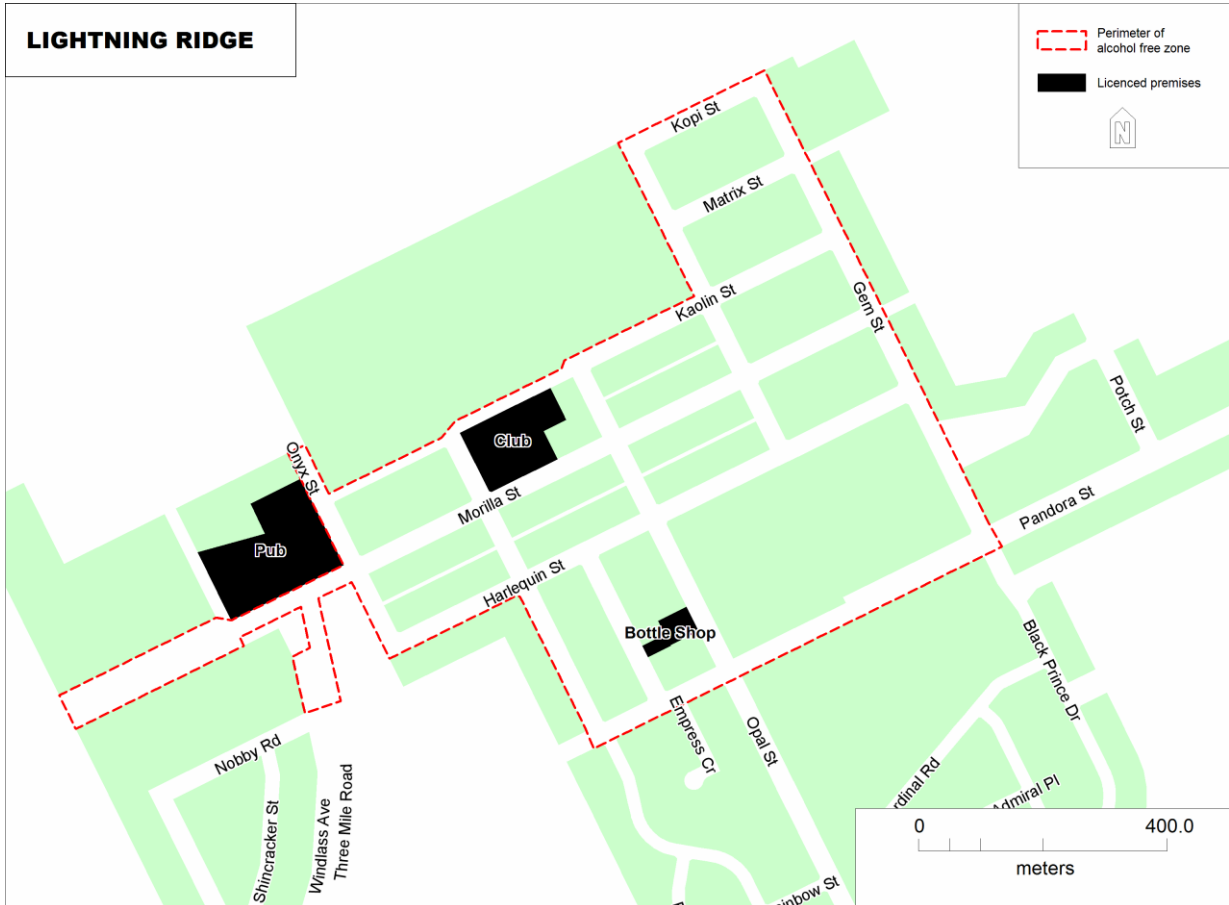
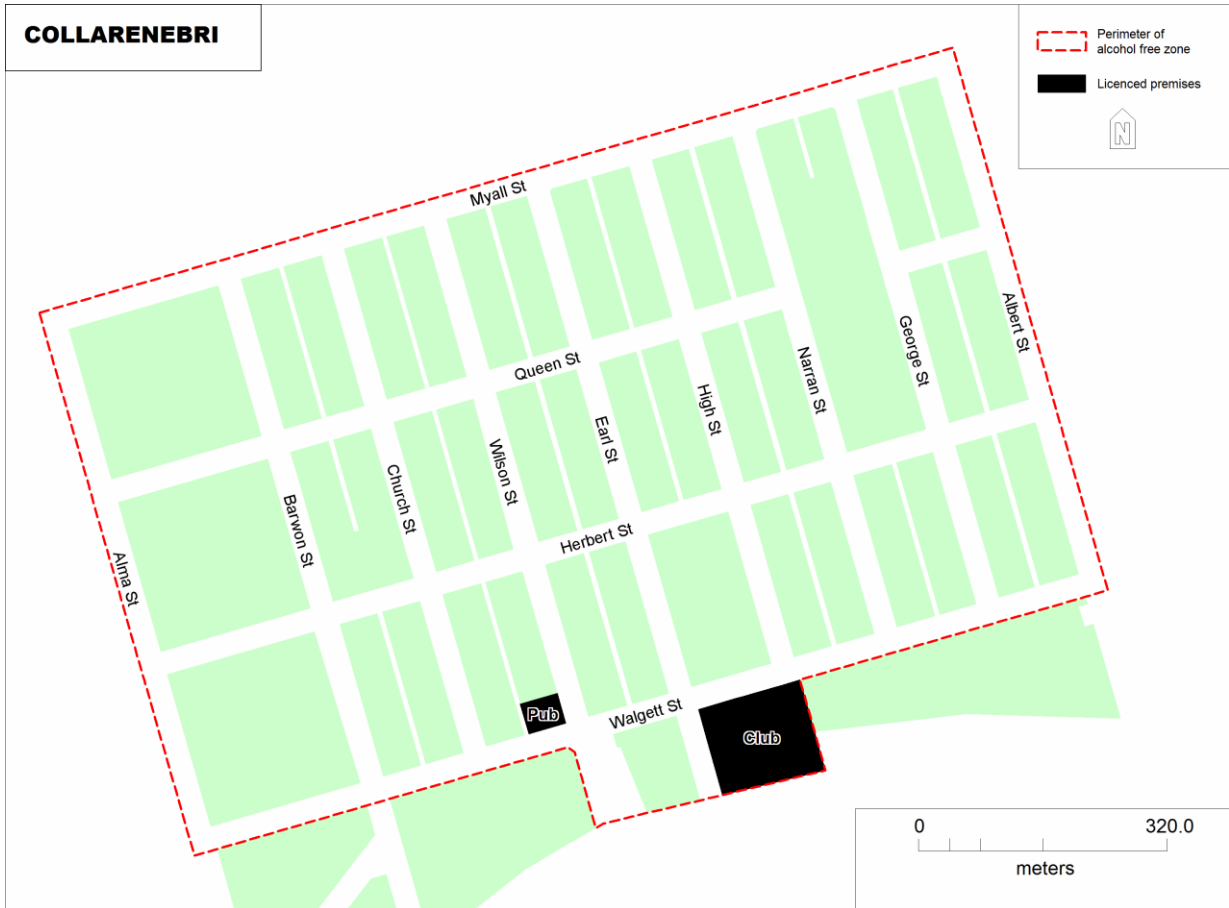
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