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ITEM: 13 Prohibiting Consumption of Alcohol in Public Parks**FILE NUMBER:** 37880/13813/28935/ENG/IND29NBX.E02

REPORT:

There have been a number of requests by the community to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in the following parks:

- Peel Park at North Richmond;
- Regional Skate Park at Clarendon; and
- Wilberforce Park at Wilberforce.

There are two methods of prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in a public place, namely:

- declaring an alcohol-free zone; and
- prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public places such as parks and reserves.

Section 644 of the Local Government Act, provides that Council may declare a zone consisting of one or more public roads or parts of public roads within the area, to be an alcohol-free zone. The zone can only include roadways, footways and public carparks and does not include parks and reserves or other public areas. Public consultation is required prior to implementing a zone under this section of the act.

In relation to parks and reserves and other public areas, Council may in accordance with Section 632 of the Act, prohibit the consumption of alcohol in these areas. A sign indicating that the activity is prohibited, must be placed on the subject area, however, public consultation is not required. The restriction can be enforced by an authorised Council officer.

These three parks have a history of people drinking till late at night. This has led to a range of behaviour that is inappropriate within these parks such as loud noise, broken glass, vandalism and cars doing burnouts. Residents have complained that they feel unsafe walking through these parks due to the gatherings and that the police have indicated that there is little they can do as these parks are a public place.

The petition from residents adjoining Peel Park and its People for Parks Group indicate that they would like to restrict alcohol between the hours of 7:00pm and 7:00am only. They have requested signs indicating the restrictions be placed on both Arthur Phillip and Pecks Road sides of the reserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

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1. The consumption of alcohol be prohibited at both the Regional Skate Park at Clarendon and Wilberforce Park at Wilberforce, in accordance with Section 632 of the Local Government Act.
2. The consumption of alcohol between the hours of 7:00pm and 7:00am be prohibited at Peel Park at North Richmond, in accordance with Section 632 of the Local Government Act.
3. Appropriate signage be erected at the locations affected.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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