

Councillor Question Time

Question from Cr Pearl

I would like to get some more detail on the footpath trading permits. What is the current backlog of footpath trading permit applications that are outstanding or awaiting consideration? What's the average turnaround time at the moment for a footpath trading permit to be approved? It would be interesting to get these statistics into the CEO Report going forward.

Response

Annual Footpath Trading Permits

There are currently 770 active, annual footpath trading permits. Nearly half of these are for outdoor dining, and the balance are for displays of goods and advertising boards.

Currently, there are 19 "live" applications. Of those:

- 5 are undergoing initial assessment (i.e onsite and discussion with the trader)
- 8 are awaiting further information from the customer;
- 6 are being assessed by Traffic Engineers and Arborists.

Since the recent announcement supporting Small Businesses, we have had significant number of enquiries that Officers are working through.

To date, we have had five applications for temporary occupation of the footpath for extended dining. The first was for a trader in Fitzroy Street, and was completed in 9 days, and three other requests were completed in 3-4 days.

In all cases Officers are assisting traders to scope each request and guide them on any additional information required, such as public liability insurance details. We are tracking the time it is taking to process each application, and are committed to achieving as short a turnaround as possible given the importance of the city's economic recovery.

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