

Morpeth Bridge Lighting Policy

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Policy Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Establish the purpose of the lighting of Morpeth Bridge
- Outline the scope of programming options available
- Outline the conditions for programming of Bridge lighting
- Provide an avenue of formal application to request a specific programming option

Policy Scope

This policy applies to the lighting of Morpeth Bridge. This policy does not cover any temporary bridge lighting that may occur on other bridges.

Policy Statement

Lighting of public structures is recognised as playing a key role in activating public places. To commemorate the Bicentenary of Morpeth, Maitland City Council installed architectural lighting on Morpeth Bridge. The lighting is a lasting piece of infrastructure that now provides an opportunity to program lighting to mark significant events or causes as well as national and international commemorative days that will help drive visitation to Morpeth and, in particular, help drive the night time economy.

It is important that Council actively manage the lighting program for the Bridge to ensure it is being used for its intended purpose and that opportunity exists for lighting requests via application to be considered.

1. Scope of programming for Morpeth Bridge lighting

The bridge lighting can be programmed to have static or animated lighting, or a combination thereof using a single colour or combination of colours.

The bridge lighting will be activated 60 minutes prior to sunset and operate until 10.30pm each night, and until 12.30am on New Year's Day.

2. Use of bridge lighting by the community

Council will accept and consider applications from the community for lighting requests that fall within the following categories:

- Recognised, national and international commemorative days
- Significant sporting occasions
- Charity or not for profit awareness days
- One off or annual events or initiatives of significant community interest.

Applications for items that do not fall under one of these categories will not be considered.

3. Application for programming of bridge lighting

Council provides a simple application form on its website outlining the conditions and asking for relevant information to assist in determining the application.

Applications must be submitted at least two weeks prior to their requested date will be assessed and determined by the Mayor in consultation with the General Manager and Executive Manager Vibrant City based on four criteria:

- Level of community interest and/or significance as demonstrated by the applicant.
- Alignment of the application to the themes in the Community Strategic Plan (Maitland +10).
- Relevance to Maitland.
- Availability of the bridge within the lighting program calendar.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in writing. Council’s decision is final.

Policy Definitions

Bridge lighting:	Bridge lighting infrastructure that Council has engaged a supplier to program a set number of static or animated colour sequences within a calendar year.
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Policy Administration

Business Group:	City Services
Responsible officer:	Manager Community & Recreation
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Relevant legislation	

Policy History

VERSION	DATE APPROVED	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES
1.0	26 April 2022	New policy adopted
1.1	-	Updated to new branding and alignment to organisation structure. No change to content.