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REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To release the restriction for the alcohol prohibited area and the alcohol free zone for Bank Street, Molong and the Molong Village Green for the Molong Christmas Shopping Night.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	4.4.1.c. Provide assistance to community groups
Annexures	Nil
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Agrees for the request from the Molong Advancement Group to suspend the alcohol prohibited and Alcohol-Free Zone Bank Street, Molong and the Molong Village Green including road reserve/pavement for their Molong Christmas Shopping Night proposed to be held between 5:00pm-9:00pm on Friday, 2 December 2022.
2. Advertises the changes in the Molong Express prior to the event.

LEADER - COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY REPORT

Council's Tourism, Culture & Events Coordinator has provided the following assessment.

Council has received a request from the Molong Advancement Group to have the alcohol prohibited area and the alcohol-free zone status of Bank Steet, Molong and the Molong Village Green lifted.

The proposed date and time for the request is:
Friday, 2 December 2022 from 5:00pm-9:00pm

Under the *Alcohol Control in Public Places Policy* Council established an alcohol-free zone in Molong- Bank Street from Edward Street to the Mitchell

Highway. Council established an Alcohol Prohibited Area in Molong – Village Green.

A Development Application is currently under review with the proposed event time from 5:00pm – 9:00pm. There is also a proposed street closure from 4:30pm – 9:00pm which allows for set-up and pack-down. Licensing for the selling and consumption of alcohol will only be permitted during the hours of 5:00pm – 9:00pm.

It should be noted the Molong Christmas Shopping Night has been a successful community run event for the last two years.

Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), s645 of the act allows

Suspension or cancellation

(1) The council may, at the request of any person or body or of its own motion, suspend the operation of an alcohol-free zone by publishing notice of the suspension in a manner that the council is satisfied is likely to bring the notice to the attention of members of the public in the area as a whole or in a part of the area that includes the zone concerned.

(2) During the period indicated in such a notice as the period of suspension, the zone does not operate as an alcohol-free zone.

(3) In like manner the council may at any time cancel the operation of an alcohol-free zone.

Under the act council may suspend the alcohol-free zone by publishing notice of the suspension.

Consultation with the Orange Police District will be undertaken, with an approval letter to be obtained with police conditions.

Should council agree to support the request from the Molong Advancement Group, council will formally advertise these changes in the Molong Express prior to the event taking place, the cost of which is to be met by the event organisers.