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Name: *	Frank Stella
Email address: *	fratella@bigpond.net.au
Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title: *	Outdoor dining – Council 29 March Proposal to waive fees until 31 October 2022
Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting</u> . We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.	After 25 years of running businesses in the CBD of Melbourne foot traffic has declined making it very challenging to manage the business. Gross turnover is down around 50 percent which makes it very difficult to employ staff. I am personally working 7 days a week taking a minimal wage. The waiving of the parklet fees until the end of October would relieve a lot of added pressure and hopefully by the end of the year we will see the return of people back in offices and people out enjoying what Melbourne has to offer.
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Name: *	Catherine Stella
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Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title: *	Outdoor dining – Council 29 March Proposal to waive fees until 31 October 2022
Please write your submission in the space	Whilst the city is starting to come back, hospitality still needs
provided below and submit <u>by no later than</u>	support. We are finding that office workers are still working from
10am on the day of the scheduled meeting.	home or only coming into the office a couple of days a week at best.
We encourage you to make your submission	This is still having a big impact on how quiet it is during the day.
as early as possible.	Employing staff in cafes is still an issue and we are working 7 days a
	week to try and pay all our overheads. The support until October will
	be well received and appreciated to help businesses get back on their
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Name: *	Denis Lucey
Email address: *	dine@bottega.com.au
Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title: *	Outdoor dining fees
Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than</u>	To whom it may concern
<u>10am on the day of the scheduled meeting</u> . We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.	As a hospitality operator at 74 Bourke Street for the last 20 years I am asking for the council to give some relief via waiving the park let fees please. We have an exceptional 2 years plus years of COVID and we are trying to rebuild our businesses and am seeking some support please. We need to encourage more foot traffic into the CBD and assist small business operators who have personally injected more funding to keep their businesses afloat. Please waive the fees from April 1 st! Thank you Denis Lucey Bottega Restaurant

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Name: *	Liz Rodriguez
Email address: *	liz@grossi.com.au
Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022

Agenda item title: proposal to waive out door dining fees

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parklett/outdoor dining fees should be waived.

although we are starting to see increased traffic in the cbd it is still sporadic and in no way back to normal which means businesses do not have certainty or consistency of trade.

The summer has given us good weather and at face value, outdoor areas seem well attended. What is important to remember is how much business are still struggling over all.

The mass drop in population and skilled labour in CBD in particular, is forcing venues to restrict bookings and partly close venues either entirely or for certain days. So although outside areas look busy, the inside of the venue may actually be closed for trade or heavily restricted.

These are all ongoing effects of extended lockdowns that businesses are left to navigate and which the vast majority of the population are unaware of.

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Email address: *	jojo@barlourinha.com.au
Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022

Agenda item title: Waiver fees for outdoor dining 31ST of October

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As a business owner at Bar Lourinhã, 37 Little Collins St Melbourne with a current outdoor dining space, we believe waivering fees untill October assists us with cash flow.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions placed on our business, unfortunately we are still trading at a loss during January, February and March, the impacts of COVID-19 customer cancelations, staff restrictions and low confidence with dining at restaurants particuarly in Melbourne has proved a 30% reduction in sales.

A waiver of fees helps our cash flow which is ultimately dimished at present and such local support from the City of Melbourne gives us the incentive to keep business going.

Sincerely,

Joanne Gamvros Bar Lourinhã.

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Name: *	Ajit Rao		
Email address: *	arao@thw.com.au		
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Dear Council Members

Thank you for your support thru the challenging times that we have seen over the last two years. The hospitality sector has indeed been one of the worst affected thru this pandemic

While it is encouraging to see that there is light emerging at the end of the tunnel we still have a long way to go before we can see some level of normalcy

At the hotel for accommodation we do not expect to see pre covid levels of travellers returning before the mid of 2024. This forecast has been confirmed by various travel professional in the industry.

For the food and beverage we are very heavily dependant on covid numbers in control so that patrons feel secure to be in a restaurant environment. We expect that this will ease by the end of this year by which time the general public will resume life with covid as normal We are also grateful to City of Melbourne's efforts to get patrons and office goers back to the city. Melbourne Money has certainly helped. Office goers are slowly returning back to the city however most offices are following a hybrid model. We expect a lot more office goers back to the city by 2023

Keeping the above in mind we would like to request the waiving of permit fees till atleast the end of 2022 by which time we would hope that business levels are better than current.

The support from City of Melbourne is invaluable to see us thru this difficult times

Thanking you

Your sincerely

Ajit Rao Chief Operating Officer The Hotel Windsor

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Name: *	Patty O'Sullivan
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Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title:	AHA (Vic) submission seeking the extension of the waiver on outdoor dining permit fees in the

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City of Melbourne

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Email address: *	I.rowland@nhmbrockwell.com.au
Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title:	Proposed waiver for outdoor dining fees

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The Elephant and Wheelbarrow, 94–96 Bourke St, rejects the proposal put forward by the council, and support the below submission made by Alexander Bourjaili and AHA(VIC)

Submission seeking the extension of the waiver on outdoor dining permit fees in the City of Melbourne

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Name: *	Eva Mihailidis
Email address: *	eva@cafekinetic.com.au
Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title: *	Fees for Cafe outdoor dinning set up
Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than</u> <u>10am on the day of the scheduled meeting</u> . We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.	With the ongoing effects of the pandemic and the impact it has on CBD business a permit fee to continue to hold on the outdoor dinning would have a major impact on our viability. This cost could send our business to the wall. We ask Council to be reasonable and extend any fee charges to at least 30/6/2023.
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Name: *	John Kanis
Email address: *	john@lucas.online
Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title: *	Extended Outdoor Dining Program Fee Waiver
Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting</u> . We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.	On behalf of Lucas Restaurants I would like to submit our unreserved support of the extension of the Outdoor Dining Program and in particular the waiving of fees for this program. Our experience is one of an incremental return to anything that resembles normal business levels. Lunch time trade in particular is still very slow and soft. Anything Council can do to support businesses like ours survive in this era of a CBD that is still at very low levels of habitation is a lifeline that we genuinely appreciate.
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Name: *	Harry Tsindos
Email address: *	hgtcuba@hotmail.com
Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title:	Extension on laneway closure

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During these extremely difficult past two and a half years the greatest assistance/help has been the closure of Heffernan lane and the outdoor dining plus midweek Melbourne money. I cannot stress enough how important it was to my survival as a business .

Things are slowly getting back to some normality and I hope you extend the laneway closure. The council has done a great job in trying to bring back life to the CBD bravo . As a business heading into winter I will need all the assistance possible to survive as I am still catching up on outstanding debts accumulated during the last two and a half years.

I have invested heavily in making the best of what opportunities I was given and will never give up on our beautiful diverse city .

Please continue with helping all the small businesses that have suffered greatly and continue all the great work you have done.

Thanks 📾 Harry Tsindos Tsindos Greek Restaurant

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Email address: *	angie@epocha.com.au
Date of Council meeting: *	Monday 28 March 2022
Agenda item title:	Parking fees to be waivered for 2022

Place write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am.

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In the last two years we as an industry have lost our financial footing and accumulated debt to overcome the effects of Covid and the lockdowns. As much as it would be relevant to contribute to the City's expenses in fees, it is is also unreasonable as we enter winter, and then a allergen spring. It should be noted that as much as we are grateful for the opportunity of the parklets, we much also clean and staff them even when the weather is harsh and that is usually 80% of the time. It will take longer than a year to recover and as we take stock on the past, we must have a no fee 2022 for the City of Melbourne. The only way we can benefit is for a constant growth of foot traffic and consistent customer delight, we only just got back in February, we need this time to gain back from our losses from January 2020.

Thank you and I hope we are heard.

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29 March 2022

R&CA Submission Proposal to waive outdoor dining and busking fees City of Melbourne



About R&CA

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) is the national industry association representing the interests of more than 55,000 restaurants, cafés and catering businesses across Australia, including the 16,061 venues in Victoria. The café, restaurant and catering sector is vitally important to the national economy, generating over \$37 billion in retail turnover each year as well as employing 350,000 people.

Over 93 per cent of businesses in the café, restaurant and catering sector are small businesses, employing 19 people or less.

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic had a severe and long-lasting impact on Victoria's hospitality sector. As a customer-facing industry, hospitality venues were some of the first to be shut and have subsequently been subjected to a multitude of restrictions since then.

Many of these businesses have experienced incredible financial hardship during this period. According to research company IBISWorld, restaurants, cafes and caterers across Australia have lost \$10 billion in bookings and events since the start of COVID-19.

Impact of Outdoor Dining

During the pandemic, outdoor dining became incredibly important to hospitality businesses in Victoria. This came down to the fact that density limits for outdoor dining were much more relaxed than indoor dining based on health advice that appropriate ventilation minimised the spread of COVID-19.

During this period, governments across Australia openly encouraged outdoor dining, bringing not only a safety element that boosted consumer confidence, but revealed a way of creating livelier and more vibrant dining experiences and street scenes.

The advent of outdoor dining, coupled with council and state government support in terms of fee waivers and speeding up development applications, allowed many of these businesses, who had been completely devastated by the financial implications of COVID-19, to recoup the loss experienced during this pandemic.

R&CA's 2021 Benchmarking survey, which tracks the progress of Australia's hospitality industry from year to year, found that restaurants had increased their outdoor dining capacity from last year thanks to friendly government and council policies that made outdoor dining easier.

Ventilation and COVID-19

COVID-19 is an airborne virus that spreads primarily through people breathing in virus containing droplets or aerosols. Advice from the government states that the risk of transmission is far greater in a poorly ventilated or cramped space due to the closeness between people and the inability for the aerosol to disperse.

The natural ventilation that outdoor dining provides is greatly encouraged by the Victorian government and would help to possibly prevent a huge spike in cases should future waves of COVID-19 occur.

This would allow businesses to remain open without having to shut for lack of staff or customers due to either publicly directed isolation orders or through a lack of consumer confidence.

Conclusion and Recommendation

Outdoor dining has provided Melbourne businesses with a new way to provide great dining experiences to customers. Apart from adding to the vibrance of one of Australia's premiere dining destinations, it has also meant boosted consumer confidence and provided much needed ventilation in the face of COVID-19 and the potential of future variants of the virus.

As previously mentioned, Melbourne's hospitality businesses are under immense financial strain due to the past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. A removal of the waiver regarding fees associated with the Extended Outdoor Dining Program, would be a huge blow to those who have done it so tough during the recent period.

An increase in the fees would also have the predicted outcome of forcing more people into indoor dining. In Melbourne this could be in cramped space, possibly leading to more cases of COVID-19 and the potential of more staff having to isolate. This would lead to more businesses being closed and staff having to forgo work as per public health orders.

R&CA suggests:

 That Council continues to waive any permit and application fees associated with outdoor dining to stimulate economic growth and to reduce the spread of COVID-19. 2) That Council work with industry and seek ways to encourage and foster further outdoor dining initiatives for the benefit of business and visitors to the City of Melbourne.

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Australian Venue Co has 41 hospitality premises across Victoria therefore understand the havoc Covid-19 has caused to the industry and its continued devastating impact particularly on Metropolitan Melbourne venues.

Whilst the various initiatives of the State Government, supported by the City of Melbourne, have assisted in mitigating the impact of the on-going costs of licensed businesses during "lockdowns" and restricted trading periods, significant challenges have and continue to exist in stimulating customer demand.

From an early stage in the onset of the pandemic, the increased availability of outdoor dining options was significant from both a health perspective and in instilling necessary confidence in wary customers contemplating a visit to a licensed venue.

The waiver of outdoor dining permit fees by the City of Melbourne was an important initiative in supporting the expansion of outdoor dining areas on footpaths, parklets etc as well as assisting existing outdoor dining permit holders.

Whilst the increasing level of vaccination in the community has assisted in building community confidence in respect of gathering in larger groups at venues, there remains an obvious preference for outdoor drinking and dining by many.

The current waiver of outdoor dining permit fees, including parklets, by the City of Melbourne has been of considerable assistance to a greatly impacted industry.

With the waiver scheduled to cease on 30 March 2022, the re-imposing of the fee at \$2000 per parking bay, increasing to \$4000 from July, and \$70 per sq. metre for footpath occupancy would have an untenable financial impact on small venue operators and be counter-productive in respect of outdoor options being available to customers. As an alternative to the cessation of a waiver the council could consider a contribution from larger venues whilst still ensuring a waiver for smaller bar, cafe and restaurant operators.

The long journey out of Covid-19 presents considerable and varied on-going challenges for licensed venue operators.

Australian Venue Co urges the City of Melbourne to continue its commitment to assist hospitality businesses during this period by extending the waiver of fees for parklets and outdoor dining permits until at least 30 June 2023.

Any continued financial support would be a key factor in assisting hospitality business owners to reignite Melbourne's streets. The City of Melbourne (CoM) is a local government leader and when supportive industry initiatives have been rolled out by CoM, we observed other local councils implementing similar initiatives to support their local restaurants, cafes, pubs, etc meaning your actions have a positive impact not only to premises within your local government area but all across Victoria.

Paul Waterson Chief Executive Officer Australian Venue Co

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Name: *	Tony Roussos
Email address: *	tony@thequarter.com.au
Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title: *	Waive Outdoor Dining Permit Fees Until October 2022
Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than</u> <u>10am on the day of the scheduled meeting</u> . We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.	 Waiving the outdoor dining permit fees would be advantageous for business located in the CBD and assist business to rebuild whilst navigating so many challenges. This initiative will bolster cash-flow and allow business that are dealing with repaying debt to do so without added financial strain. The outdoor dining spaces within the streets of Melbourne not only support the businesses that occupy them but are an integral part of the ecosystem within the CBD and bring visibility and amenity to the CBD as a whole.
	Thank you for your consideration.
Do you also wish to attend the Council meeting in person, noting that there is no provision to make verbal submissions at Council meetings? *	No

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Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title:	waive fees further

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than 10am on the day of the</u> <u>scheduled meeting</u>. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

We understand that a submission is being reported by Council recommending to waive permit fees for outdoor dining until 31 October 2022. This proposal would be much appreciated and help businesses in Melbourne get back on their feet during these challenging times.

Since the pandemic began, our establishment has experienced major disruptions to business trade. Council's support during this time has helped us during this difficult time. Hospitality in Docklands continues to be impacted by a majority of office workers still working from home. Whilst the city is starting to come back, the city and Docklands remains quiet during the weekdays in comparison to pre Covid-19. We are also experiencing major staff shortages in cafes/restaurants which complicates matters further.

Any further support from Council in any way would be welcomed.

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Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title:	waive fees further

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Our establishment has experienced major disruptions to business trade during the past 2 years since the beginning of the pandemic and we have appreciated all the support and assistance Council has provided during this time. Whilst the city is starting to come back, hospitality in Docklands continues to be impacted by a majority of office workers still working from home. The city and Docklands remains quiet during the weekdays in comparison to pre Covid-19. Combined with staff shortages in cafes/restaurants a major issue as well, any further support from Council in any way would be welcomed.

We understand that a submission is being reported by Council recommending to waive permit fees for outdoor dining until 31 October 2022. This proposal would be much appreciated and help businesses in Melbourne get back on their feet during these challenging times.

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Privacy acknowledgement: *	I have read and acknowledge how Council will use and disclose my personal information.
Name: *	Shane Wylie
Email address: *	admin@docklandscc.com.au
Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title: *	Proposed waiver for outdoor dining fees
Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than</u> <u>10am on the day of the scheduled meeting</u> . We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.	The Docklands Chamber of Commerce, as represented by myself – Shane Wylie – Executive Officer – wholeheartedly support the proposed waiver of outdoor dining fees continuing through to October.
Do you also wish to attend the Council meeting in person, noting that there is no provision to make verbal submissions at Council meetings? *	No

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Name: *	Phillip Mansour
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Date of Council meeting: *	Tuesday 29 March 2022
Agenda item title: *	Piazza Italia Activation
Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit <u>by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting</u> . We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.	Carlton Inc is in support of the extension of outdoor dining and should look to embrace this more so in Carlton. We need the footpaths of Lygon St improved with bluestone pavers and also Piazza Italia activated as it cannot be used as an activation space as we have recently seen with the Formula 1 live fast event that got pushed to activate on Argyle Place North alongside the Piazza leaving it bare and empty. Please assist councillors we need more events in Carlton.
Do you also wish to attend the Council meeting in person, noting that there is no provision to make verbal submissions at Council meetings? *	No