



**Expressions of Interest:** Markets

**Organisation:** Dapto A&H Society Ltd

**Location:** Dapto Showground (the Groundz)

**Status:** Open

**Closing Date:** 30 June 2022

#### **About Us:**

The Dapto A&H Society's mission is to "enrich our community" and vision is "to provide a dynamic community space which facilitates social belonging and engaging".

We are a community focused non-profit organisation that is currently exploring opportunities with providers to expand our market offering to the local community.

#### **The Opportunity:**

This EOI process invites applications from suitably qualified individuals and organisations who wish to operate a regular market, food and/or retail, at the Groundz.

The Groundz is located in the town centre of Dapto within 500 metres of the M1 Motorway and walking distance to public transport.

#### **The Location:**

Dapto is located in the Wollongong LGA, approximately 16km south of the town centre and is nestled in between Lake Illawarra and the beautiful escarpment.

Dapto has a population of approximately twenty-three thousand people, a higher proportion consists of children and young people when compared to the Wollongong LGA. Surrounding suburbs include Dapto, Huntley, Brownsville, Yallah, Kanahooka, Koonawarra, Mount Brown, Kembla Grange, Horsley, Wongawilli, and Avondale.

The West Dapto Urban Release Area is one of the most significant new greenfield housing areas outside the Sydney Metro area and the population is growing rapidly, generating a need for increased local market offerings.

#### **The Facilities:**

Located in the Dapto town centre, The Groundz, is located on approx. 20 acres of land. It offers large grassed and bitumen areas as well as undercover and indoor facilities.

The site offers amenities, power, and parking to cater for small to large markets, either day or night.

With its mix of indoor and outdoor spaces the site is flexible and suitable for a variety of uses.

Available across the site:

- large public toilet building (inc disabled toilet) plus three small toilet blocks
- Parking facilities
- Access to night lighting
- Access to multiple electrical points
- Access to rubbish and recycling bins
- Cleaning and security services
- Eftpos machine



### **New Market Ideas:**

This EOI is focused on capturing either food and/or retail markets, however, it is open to all types.

Are you a boutique, design market looking for an outdoor space? Do you have a market idea?

### **Collaboration Opportunity:**

The Groundz manages the “Tap House” which is an indoor/outdoor family and pet friendly bar area, which can also operate in conjunction with a market operator if desired.

The Tap House offers music and an outdoor stage that creates an atmosphere where people want to stop, stay and relax.

If you are interested in operating in conjunction with the Tap House, please include in your EOI.

### **Assessment criteria**

Applications will be assessed against a range of criteria including the nature of the proposal, site suitability, impact on amenity and benefit to the community.

Interviews and further information may be requested to further assess proposals.

### **Can I apply outside this process?**

Yes, events can be considered outside this process. However, this process forms the basis for the Groundz events calendar and therefore availability may be limited. Allow two months for assessment of major event applications outside the EOI process.

### **How to apply**

Submit proposal to include:

- Area/space required (highlight on map provided)
- Specify preferred day or night
- Specify weekly, fortnightly or monthly
- Detail requirements e.g., amenities, lights etc.
- Note interest in Tap House collaboration
- Budget for hire

NOTE: site inspections are available by appointment.

Applications are now open

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