

CODE OF CONDUCT

Comic Gong, Wollongong City Libraries (WCL), and Wollongong City Council (WCC) are committed to providing a welcoming and safe environment for Event Attendees, Staff, Volunteers, Exhibitors, Activities Providers, and the Community. This code outlines the conduct we expect from all stakeholders* present at Comic Gong. Any stakeholder who breaches the code will be expelled from the event immediately, and may be referred to law enforcement. If you have a question, comment or complaint about this Code of Conduct, or its application, please contact the Comic Gong Team at comicgong@wollongong.nsw.com.au or on (02) 4227 7111.

**A stakeholder is considered to be anyone with an interest in the event, and includes, but is not limited to, Event Attendees, Event Staff and Volunteers, Event Exhibitors and Activities Providers, and Event Media.*

All stakeholders must follow all reasonable directions and requests given by Event Staff and Volunteers, and/or Security Personnel.

Behaviour: Unsociable behaviour, including harassing or threatening other stakeholders is unacceptable. Such behaviour includes, but is not limited to, aggression, abuse or intimidation. Event Staff reserve the right to refuse entry, or to eject a stakeholder, for behaviour likely to cause damage, injury, nuisance or annoyance, or for failure to comply with reasonable requests. This includes high risk behaviour to oneself.

Costumes/Apparel/Weapons/Props: Event Staff maintain absolute discretion to determine whether or not a prop, weapon, costume, or other apparel, is deemed suitable for entry to the event. If Event Staff determine that a prop, weapon, costume, or other apparel, is not suitable, Event Staff are entitled to refuse entry to the event. Please see also our **Weapons Policy Statement**.

Shoes must be worn at all times at all event locations, excepting as part of a Cosplay Presentation during the Cosplay Competitions, and then only in the designated performance area.

Stilts, roller skates, Rollerblades, bicycles, scooters, and skateboards: Stilts, roller skates, Rollerblades, bicycles, scooters, or skateboards may not be used in any non-performance space. Bicycles are to be placed in the racks provided outside the venues.

Personal items: Stakeholders are responsible for their personal property at all times, and should never leave personal belongings unattended. Comic Gong is not liable for loss of, or damage to, personal property.

Photography/filming: No commercial photography, filming or recording is permitted without prior permission from Event Organisers. Producers must obtain waivers/releases from

Comic Gong and participants if content is to be used for commercial media, broadcast or narrowcast, sale or reproduction.

All stakeholders understand that they may be filmed or photographed whilst attending Comic Gong. Upon entry stakeholders grant permission to Comic Gong, WCL, and WCC, their agents, and others working under their authority, to take and to have full and free use of video/photographs containing their image/likeness. It is understood these images may be used for promotional, news, and on-line/multimedia purposes by and for Comic Gong, WCL, and WCC. Stakeholders agree that they are not entitled to remuneration, residuals, royalties or any other payment from Comic Gong, WCL, and WCC in respect of their image/likeness or its use. Stakeholders release, discharge, and hold harmless, Comic Gong, WCL, and WCC and their agents from any and all claims, demands or causes of actions that they may hereafter have by reason of anything contained in the photographs or video.

If you have any concerns or do not want your image and/or your dependant's image published, please notify Event Staff and appropriate arrangements will be made.

Alcohol & Drugs: Comic Gong is a drug and alcohol free event. No alcohol or illicit drugs can be brought into and/or consumed within the venues. Persons found doing so will be removed from the event.

Smoking: No smoking, or vapour apparatus, are permitted to be used within the buildings or within 4 metres of doorways or access points, or in areas designated as no-smoking.

Supervision of children: Persons under the age of thirteen (13) years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Animals: Animals, other than designated guide or assistance animals, are not allowed in Wollongong Town Hall, Wollongong Art Gallery, or Wollongong Library.

Cancellation etc: Comic Gong reserves the right to cancel, re-schedule, or relocate the event, or add, withdraw or substitute artists and/or vary advised programs, venues and audience capacity at the event without notice.

Capacity: Room or venue capacity limits will be enforced and you may be refused entry to a space until such time as that capacity returns to safe levels.