

Policy No. PP037

Community Service and Support

1 INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POLICY

POLICY INFORMATION

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FURTHER DOCUMENT INFORMATION AND RELATIONSHIPS

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3 PURPOSE

Council has previously made grant concessions and donations to Community Groups and Service Organisations. These grant concessions and donations are both individual and recurrent.

To appropriately support community service and similar organisations, through grant concessions and donations.

Council may consider providing further support or assistance in specific circumstances however, it is not currently intended that any sponsorship allocations will be made available for distribution across Council's area on a general basis.

4 DEFINITIONS

Refer to *Policy* below

5 POLICY

The following Community Groups and Service Organisations be granted particular concessions as set out below:-

All constituent general purpose councils - a donation equal to the value of access charges levied on the first connection to any "community" land, together with any connections within road reserves (where such connection is used for public beautification) and crown reserves (where such reserves are not leased or otherwise subject to restrictions on public access);

All schools (State and Church), colleges and pre-schools within Council's service area - on application, a donation of \$200 per annum each, generally to be applied towards the cost of prizes and/or awards to students or, following application, any other approved purpose;

All serviced premises owned by recognised churches - a donation equal to the value of access charges for any connection which serves, in whole or part, a place of public worship, residence occupied by a minister of religion and/or member of a recognised religious order, and/or welfare facility operated by that church (not including commercial operations);

All serviced premises owned (or held in trust) and used by the following community organisations, together with others which may be accepted from time to time - a donation equal to the value of access charges for any connection which serves premises primarily utilised to further the objectives of such organisation:

- Scouting & Guiding movement
- Rescue and disaster response groups
- Masonic Lodge meeting places
- Community halls/recreation facilities
- Country Women's Association

- Red Cross
- Local history societies/museums
- Local senior citizens' groups
- Agricultural showgrounds
- Unlicensed RSL Halls or similar premises;

Premises operated by other organisations or individuals - such concessions as may be approved by Council from time to time.

Further Council will, subject to the concurrence of local trustees or other responsible persons, permanently disconnect properties which would otherwise be eligible for an access charge donation at no cost, but agrees to subsequently make any permanent reconnection for continued use without charge. Council will also combine multiple meters on properties receiving access charge donations at its own expense in cases where that provides Council with a cost effective means of managing such connections.

5.1 Action/Compliance

Community Groups and Service Organisations must demonstrate compliance with one or all policy conditions as outlined above in *Policy*. Submitted applications must be written.