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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Amended Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy FS-CP-202

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 July 2024 it was resolved that the draft amended Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this document.

The draft amended Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy may be viewed at the Council Chambers, 1 Benerembah Street Griffith, the Griffith City Library and on Council's website at griffith.nsw.gov.au/onexhibition

Anyone wishing to make comment on the draft amended Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Griffith City Council, PO Box 485, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 or visit [Council's website](#) to provide an online submission.

Submissions received will be included in a report to be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council. As such, copies of all submissions (including the writer's name and address) will form part of Council's Business Paper and be available to the public. Should you wish to have your contact details withheld it is recommended that you request this in your submission.

Comments or submissions will be received up to **4.00 pm, 22 August 2024**.

CLAUSE **CL03**

TITLE **Review of Payment by Community Organisations Policy**

FROM **Max Turner, Acting Director Business, Cultural and Financial Services**

TRIM REF **24/76695**

SUMMARY

This report has been prepared for Council to review the Payment by Community Organisations Policy FS-CP-202 as resolved at the ordinary meeting of Council on 12 September, 2023 as per the following;

“RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreatza and Laurie Testoni that:

- (a) The information be noted.*
- (b) The Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy be reviewed and presented to Council at a later date.”*

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Council endorse the draft amended Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy No FS-CP-202 as attached to this report;**
- (b) The draft Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy No FS-CP-202 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days; and**
- (c) If no submissions are received, then Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy No FS-CP-202 be adopted as at the completion of the exhibition period, or alternatively, if any submissions are received in the exhibition period, a further report be tabled with Council.**

REPORT

In accordance with the resolution above, staff have reviewed the policy and made some amendments to bring it into line with procedural processes currently happening and also to review whether the usage and maintenance of the various facilities has changed over time.

The various grounds or reserves are either privately owned ie Griffith Ex-servicemen’s Club & Griffith Leagues Club or are located on Crown Reserves ie Griffith Golf Club for example. Each of subsidy recipients is responsible for both capital upgrades and operational expenses including maintenance. A full list of the Sporting Bodies Subsidies and the amount of the subsidy provided is in Attachment (b).

Each of the subsidised facilities play an active role in providing enhanced services to the community in varying degrees and none have been assessed to have changed the role or purpose for which the original subsidy was provided and all are not-for-profit entities that return any surplus into ongoing facility upgrades or maintenance which is of benefit to Council in maintaining these reserves and not costing Council additional funds other than the rates foregone.

OPTIONS

OPTION 1

As per recommendation.

OPTION 2

Council could reduce or cancel the subsidy provided to any or all of the subsidised facilities.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy No FS-CP-202 is a public policy and amendments have been recommended as per this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Whilst the effects of implementing the Rates – Payment by Community Organisations Policy No FS-CP-202 policy results in Council foregoing \$62K in the 2024/25 year (increased annually by rate pegging), the facilities play a vital role in providing recreational and sporting facilities for the community and also ensures that Council is not exposed to either pressure to provide these facilities but also any ongoing operational maintenance which in total may be well in excess of the subsidy provided.

LEGAL/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

Any changes to the current subsidy arrangements may be viewed negatively by those community members that utilise the facilities and often volunteer their time to maintaining and providing the facilities for use in the community and members of their organisations.

All of the subsidised facilities are not-for-profit in nature and therefore imposing rates on them would be a significant impost on operations. Each of the subsidised entities pays for any usage charges relating to water, sewer and waste as these cannot be exempted or subsidised.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 2.1 Develop and maintain partnerships with community, government and non-government agencies to benefit our community.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Revised Rates - Payment by Community Organisations Policy FS-CP-202
- (b) Sporting Bodies Subsidy list



Rates – Payment by Community Organisations FS-CP-202 (PUBLIC POLICY)

1 Policy History

Revision No.	Council Meeting Date	Minute No.	Adoption Date
1	12/11/1991	686	12/11/1991
2	14/01/2003	25	14/01/2003
3	14/03/2006	92	14/03/2006
4	11/05/2010	0142	11/05/2010
6	27/01/2015	15/005	27/01/2015
7	13/02/2018	18/046	16/03/2018
8	14/06/2022	22/151	15/07/2022

2 Policy Objective

To establish a consistent approach in the rating and subsidisation of organisations deemed to be providing a not for profit service for the benefit of the community.

3 Policy Statement

- 3.1 Council shall exempt the War Memorial Museum Building, the Yenda Memorial Hall and the CWA Hall from the payment of General rates, but shall require the payment of charges for any services provided, including water, sewerage and waste collection service.
- 3.2 Barnabas House (Lifesource), Scalabrini Village and Hyandra Village (Uniting Church) shall be exempt from the payment of General rates but required to pay charges levied for the provision of water, sewerage and waste collection service.
- 3.3 All sporting clubs and community organisations are responsible for the payment of all rates levied on lands owned or leased that are used for the purpose of providing a not for profit service for the benefit of the community. Each organisation shall also be required to meet the cost of any water and sewerage charges, raw water charges and waste collection charges.
- 3.4 Council maintains a register of the eligible clubs and organisations that are providing and maintaining facilities and services for the benefit of the community and will provide each of those clubs or organisations with an annual subsidy equivalent to the amount of the General rates levied or such proportion of the General rates levied, as the Council deems appropriate.
- 3.5 An annual subsidy is granted for each eligible club or organisation as identified under Clause 3.4 above. The subsidy is applied as part of the preparation of each operational budget annually and is equal to the total amount of rates due for that year. Staff process a journal to reflect the transaction in Council's ledgers.



4 Definitions

None

5 Exceptions

None

6 Legislation

None

7 Related Documents

None

8 Directorate

Business Cultural and Financial Services

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GCC Budget for 2024/2025
All Income & Expenditure Job Numbers

Fund: All Records

RECREATION & CULTURE		2024/25 Budget
Sporting Bodies Subsidies		
Operating Expenditure		
012135 Exservicemens Club (Speirs St) Subsidy		
012135.0074 Contribution/Donation		8,734
Total Exservicemens Club (Speirs St) Subsidy		8,734
012136 Rugby Oval (Coolah St) Subsidy		
012136.0074 Contribution/Donation		5,191
Total Rugby Oval (Coolah St) Subsidy		5,191
012138 Griffith Golf Course (Remembrance Dr) Subsidy		
012138.0074 Contribution/Donation		4,923
Total Griffith Golf Course (Remembrance Dr) Subsidy		4,923
012139 Griffith Boat Club (Lakes Rd) Subsidy		
012139.0074 Contribution/Donation		1,133
Total Griffith Boat Club (Lakes Rd) Subsidy		1,133
012140 Griffith Tennis Club (Noorilla St) Subsidy		
012140.0074 Contribution/Donation		2,287
Total Griffith Tennis Club (Noorilla St) Subsidy		2,287
012141 Griffith Pony Club (Remembrance Dr) Subsidy		
012141.0074 Contribution/Donation		1,349
Total Griffith Pony Club (Remembrance Dr) Subsidy		1,349
012142 Griffith Sailing Club (Lakes Rd) Subsidy		
012142.0074 Contribution/Donation		690
Total Griffith Sailing Club (Lakes Rd) Subsidy		690
012143 Yenda Tennis Club Subsidy		
012143.0074 Contribution/Donation		2,833
Total Yenda Tennis Club Subsidy		2,833
012144 Yenda Golf Club (Twiggy Rd) Subsidy		
012144.0074 Contribution/Donation		3,000
Total Yenda Golf Club (Twiggy Rd) Subsidy		3,000
012145 Gun Club (Clay Target) (Kalinda Rd) Subsidy		
012145.0074 Contribution/Donation		4,666
Total Gun Club (Clay Target) (Kalinda Rd) Subsidy		4,666

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GCC Budget for 2024/2025
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Fund: All Records

RECREATION & CULTURE	2024/25 Budget
Sporting Bodies Subsidies	
Operating Expenditure	
012146 Kart Club (White Rd) Subsidy	
012146.0074 Contribution/Donation	1,391
Total Kart Club (White Rd) Subsidy	1,391
012148 Pistol Club (Simpson Ln) Subsidy	
012148.0074 Contribution/Donation	1,411
Total Pistol Club (Simpson Ln) Subsidy	1,411
012150 Rodeo Club (Scenic Dr) Subsidy	
012150.0074 Contribution/Donation	3,863
Total Rodeo Club (Scenic Dr) Subsidy	3,863
012167 Griffith Leagues Club (Jondaryan Ave) Subsidy	
012167.0074 Contribution/Donation	11,783
Total Griffith Leagues Club (Jondaryan Ave) Subsidy	11,783
012169 Griffith Motorcycle Sports Club (Lloyd Prest Dr)	
012169.0074 Contribution/Donation	3,069
Total Griffith Motorcycle Sports Club (Lloyd Prest Dr)	3,069
012170 Griffith Aero Club (Old Aerodrome Rd) Subsidy	
012170.0074 Contribution/Donation	1,555
Total Griffith Aero Club (Old Aerodrome Rd) Subsidy	1,555
012176 Griffith Jockey Club (Rememberance Dr) Subsidy	
012176.0074 Contribution/Donation	1,452
Total Griffith Jockey Club (Rememberance Dr) Subsidy	1,452
012177 Griffith Harness Racing Club (Remeberance Dr)	
012177.0074 Contribution/Donation	1,164
Total Griffith Harness Racing Club (Remeberance Dr)	1,164
012217 Dave Wallace Range (Simms Rd) Subsidy	
012217.0074 Contribution/Donation	2,000
Total Dave Wallace Range (Simms Rd) Subsidy	2,000
Total Sporting Bodies Subsidies	62,494
TOTAL RECREATION & CULTURE	12,869,996

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