

Rationale for Waiver of Fees and Charges

Introduction

Council provides assistance to community groups, private enterprise, not-for-profit and charitable organisations, self interest groups and for community events through various means of support, such as dedicating staff time, providing financial contributions, and waiving fees for facility use and a range of services.

The combination of waivers, in-kind support, and direct expenses contribute to operating costs for Council facilities, with minimal income generated from user fees.

User classification

Users encompass a wide range of individuals and organisations. Decisions regarding waivers or support may vary based on the specific type of user. As a guiding principle, groups and users have been broadly classified into the following categories:

Community Event

The support of community events aligns with Council's Strategic Plan. Through in-kind and financial assistance, Council enables the Community to organise and execute quality community events that enhance our liveability and support socio-economic wellbeing.

Community Group

Individual community members or groups where the aim is to deliver a community benefit through the use of the facility or services and where the group does not have enough financial resources.

Not-for-Profit Community Groups / Charitable Organisations

Community organisation that provides a direct community wide service.

Business

Private enterprise organisation.

Self Interest Group

Individual or community groups that meet to participate in an activity or event of personal interest.

Government

Government entity.

Approval for waivers in relation to Council owned facilities are at the discretion of the General Manager.

No Waiver	Any non-Furneaux Islands resident, non-Furneaux Islands business or commercial operator OR any other Government individual or group.
25% Waiver	Non-Furneaux Islands Community Organisations, Not-for-profit or Charitable Organisation.
50% Waiver	Furneaux Islands Community Organisation, Not-for-profit or Self-interest group, Furneaux Islands business or commercial operator who is a regular facility hirer AND conducts its primary activities for the sole benefit of the Furneaux Islands Community.
100% Waiver	Community Organisation, School, Not-for-Profit or Self-interest group where Flinders Council is an identified sponsor or at the discretion of the General Manager.

Facilities include

- FAEC (Flinders Arts & Entertainment Centre)
- Emita Hall
- Lady Barron Hall
- Showgrounds
- Tea Rooms
- Exhibition Hall

Fee Waiver Rationale for Council Services

Requested waivers for Fees and Charges services are not normally considered, as they represent hard costs to Council. However, certain situations may warrant exceptions. In extraordinary circumstances, the General Manager holds the discretion to waive expenses such as printing costs, equipment and staff labour costs, as well as audio-visual equipment and technician costs.