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Introduction

Council currently supports community groups, private enterprise, not-for-profit and community events through in-kind support including staff time, financial contributions and waiving of fees on facility use and a variety of services. Consideration on what is currently being waived and the impact this will have on existing relationships needs to be considered.

Hall hire fees for 2018/19 that were adopted at the June Council meeting for 2018 note that not-for-profit and community groups can apply to have their hall hire fees waived. Regular users can apply for a 50% discount. Waiving of fees is in reality income forgone. It is not appear clear whether this waiver also applies to other in-kind costs that Council incurs.

The majority of our facility users are categorised in the list below. Waivers, in-kind support and hard costs are currently all factors which have resulted in a trend of high operating costs for Council facilities with minimal user pays income being generated. Council has understandably considered that this approach represents a low cost support mechanism for largely local residents, notwithstanding the difficult financial situation that Council faces.

Classification

Users are many and varied and, depending on the type of user, decisions on waiving or support may vary. Previous "community view" led to the situation where most community groups were grouped into the same category when, through experience, a more nuanced approach has evolved. Accordingly, as a guide, groups and users have been categorised broadly into the following classifications:

Community Event	Supporting community events is in line with Council's Strategic Plan. The in-kind and financial support enables the Community to deliver quality community events that contribute to our liveability and provide opportunities for economic and social benefit. Comments against each event provide a snapshot of the current financial and in-kind support provided to achieve this direction.
Community Group	Individual community members or groups where the aim is to deliver a community benefit through the use of the facility or where the group does not have enough financial resources.
Not-for-Profit Community Service	Community organisation that provides a community wide service e.g. Lions.
Not-for-Profit Business	Business that has not-for-profit status but operates as a business e.g. Flinders Island aboriginal Association Inc. (FIAAI), Duck Pond Child Care
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.

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Business							
General Economic Development Presentations	Fee waived. Assistance with hall set up.	Fee Waiver	Y	AV support	Y	Provides service to the Community Community & Economic Development Support.	Business
Government Economic Development Presentations	Fee waived. Assistance with hall set up.	Fee Waiver	Y	AV support	Y	Provides service to the Community. Community & Economic Development Support.	Business
Personal Trainers or Gym Classes	Fee waived on hire for e.g exercise classes	Fee Waiver	N		N	Unsure of rationale - previous decision made by staff. Arrangements for cost fee to be introduced.	Business
Private lessons/tutorials	Fee waived on hire for e.g dance lessons or tutorials	Fee Waiver	N		N	Unsure of rationale - previous decision made by staff. Arrangements for cost fee to be introduced.	Business
Music in the Vines	Supply of portaloos	In kind staff hours Fee Waiver	Y		N	Community & Economic Development Support. Uncertainty on classification of this event. Revenue from bar and a donation tin helps to recover the costs for the event.	Business / Community Event
Community Events							
Anzac Day	Waive fees for Hall In-kind staff labour	Yes	Y	Printing and Promotion Supply of wreaths	Y	Community group support.	Community Event
Caberet	Waiving of hall hire fee	Fee Waiver	Y	Delivery and Collection	Y	Community Group Support	Community Event
Crayfish and Food Festival	In-kind staff labour, waiver of materials and equipment.	Fee Waiver In-kind staff labour	Y		Y	Partnerships. Economic Development Enabling community to provide quality events.	Community Event
Football and Netball Weekend	Flyer, printing and distribution of householder, Transport of table to and from event, Fee Waiver of	In-kind staff hours Fee Waiver	Y	Printing and Promotion Provision of awards Delivery and Collection	Y	Economic Development, Health and Well Being. Enabling the Community to provide quality events. No fees are charged to attend.	Community Event
Gun Club Super Shoot	Flyer, printing and distribution of householder, Transport of table to and from event	In-kind staff hours	Y	Printing and Promotion Delivery and Collection	Y	Economic Development. Enabling the Community to provide quality events. Assume fees are charged for event	Community Event
Lady Barron Easter Activities	Signage for road closure, delivery and collection of waste, Easter eggs for the hunt.	In-kind staff hours	Y	Delivery and Collection Easter eggs.	Y	Lady Barron Committee support	Community Event
NAIDOC Week	Provide transport for children as part of the School Holiday Program for the event.	In-kind staff hours	Y	Van hire fee	Y	Continued support and maintaining a partnership with FIAAI who are providing staff and transport to help us deliver the School Holiday Program.	Community Event

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Pony Club Fundraiser	Waiving hall hire fees and provision of sound and lighting technician.	In-kind staff hours	Y	Costs of sound technician	Y	Community group support. Fees are charged to attend the event.	Community Event
Quick Shear	Waiving of fees for Showgrounds, liaising in relation to the portable stage, flights for band.	In-kind staff hours Fee Waiver	Y	Flights Printing and Promotion Delivery and collection	Y	Economic Development Enabling the community to provide quality events. Promotion of the agricultural sector. Fees are charged to attend.	Community Event
Running Festival	Two Portaloos, Signage.	In-kind staff hours Fee Waiver		Delivery and collection as requested for portaloos.	Y	Economic Development. Enabling the Community to provide quality events. Health and Well Being.	Community Event
Wilderfeast – fundraiser for Flinders Flicks	Waiving off fees for Emita Hall, rubbish removal and printing of tickets and flyers.	Fee Waiver In-kind staff labour	Y	Printing and Promotion Rubbish Removal	Y	To support arts and cultural events. This event is a fundraiser for Professional Development for the Flinders Flicks for 2019. User Fees are generated by ticket sales.	Community Event
Emita Sports	In-kind staff labour, Waive fees, Printing and Promotion and Insurance	Fee Waiver In-kind staff labour	Y	Insurance for event Printing and Promotion Delivery and Collection	Y	Economic Development, Health and Well Being. Enabling the community to provide quality events. Emita Hall Committee Support. No fees are charged to attend.	Community Event
Flinders Flicks	Waiving of fees, rubbish removal and printing of tickets and flyers.	Fee Waiver In-kind staff labour	Y	Printing and Promotion Rubbish Removal AV costs	Y	To support arts and cultural events. This event is a fundraiser for Professional Development for the Flinders Flicks for 2019. No fees are charged to attend.	Community Event
Christmas Carols	Waive fees for Hall In-kind staff labour	Fee Waiver In-kind staff labour	Y	Delivery and Collection Costs of sound technician	Y	Enabling the community to provide quality events. No fees are charged to attend.	Community Event
Gillian Woods' RFDS Fudraiser	Waive fees for Hall In-kind staff labour	Fee Waiver In-kind staff labour	Y	Delivery and Collection Costs of sound technician	Y	Enabling the community to provide quality events. No fees are charged to attend.	Community Event
Community Group							
FITBI	Attendance at meetings. Use of Council facility for meetings	In-kind staff labour Fee Waiver	Y	Printing and promotion	Y	Support for Economic Development which in part would otherwise not be done or fall directly to Council	Community Group
Flinders Island Football Junior	Use of Football oval and facilities for Junior football.	Fee Waiver	Y	Mowing Rubbish removal and collection	Y	Reduce costs to the group to support physical activity and recreation opportunities.	Community Group
Flinders Island Netball	Use of Netball courts for Saturday competition, some mowing and	Fee Waiver	Y	Rubbish removal and collection, mowing and	Y	Reduce costs to the group to support physical activity and recreation opportunities.	Community Group

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Friends of Patriarchs	Grade road as requested.	Nil	N	Operational Grant. Road Grading.	Y	Recognition of tourist and environmental importance of the Patriarchs. Property is privately owned.	Community Group
Furneaux Community Arts	Use of building which Council maintains for low rent	Fee Waiver	Y	Building maintenance and replacement	Y	Arts and cultural Support	Community Group
Furneaux Museum & Furneaux Historical Society	Provision of the building and land for the facility Mow grounds	Fee Waiver (Rent)	Y	Mow Grounds. Building maintenance and replacement	Y	Provides service to the community and visitors. Historically Council only inherited the facilities as the then Society had limited finances and legal coverage.	Community Group
Pony Club	Use of a portion of the oval, tea rooms and the stables. Lease agreement.	Fee Waiver	Y	Power	Y	Reduce costs to the group to support physical activity and recreation opportunities.	Community Group
Show Society	Support with event set up and grounds, bin delivery and	In-kind staff labour, fee waiver on	Y	Bin delivery and collection	Y	Enabling the Community to provide quality events.	Community Group
Emita Sports & Recreation Inc	Use of hall for committee requirements.	Fee Waiver	Y	Bin delivery and collection	Y	Support to the committee who provide events, activities and purchase equipment for the hall. Effectively committee fundraisers for facilities and provides events.	Community Group
Lions	Waive hire fees for showground for Lions Market, bin delivery and collection	Fee waiver	Y	Bin delivery and collection	Y	To reduce costs to the group to support their existence which in turn provides community services. Understand that Lions charge fees for Market stallholders.	Community Group
Council							
Emita Sports & Hall Committee	Use of hall for committee requirements.	Fee Waiver	Y	Bin delivery and collection	Y	Support to the committee who provide events, activities and purchases equipment for the hall. Effectively committee fundraisers for facilities and equipment as an arm of Council.	Council
Lady Barron Hall Committee	Use of hall for all committee requirements.	Fee Waiver	Y	Bin delivery and collection	Y	Support to the committee who provide assistance to the running of the Fitness Facility, annual event and hall requirements. Effectively committee fundraisers for facilities and equipment as an arm of Council.	Council

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Government							
Library and Online Centre	Land on which the building is located.	Land In-kind staff Labour	Y		N	To provide a community service that otherwise may not be possible.	Government
MPC	Partnership to deliver RFDS service.		Y	Current staff and other costs	Y	Partnership in delivering RFDS health services for community benefit. Under review.	Government
MPC	Hall Hire	Fee Waiver	Y		N	Partnership. Council regularly uses the MPC Strzelecki Room at no cost as a trade-off.	Government
School	Assistance with school programs including school surfing program, Transition, Cubby Project and end of year assembly.	Fee Waiver In-kind staff support	Y	Plant (ute) Financial support	Y	Maintaining ongoing partnerships Provide opportunities to diversify student learning and community outcomes Engaging youth demographic including 0-25 years.	Government
SES	Account is held at council and a budget is allocated per annum.	Financial contribution	Y	\$2000 per annum	Y	To provide and support emergency services. General Council obligation.	Government
Not-For-Profit Business							
Duckpond	Free lease, maintenance on building, rubbish removal, respond	Fee Waiver	Y	Plant (ute) Financial support	Y	Maintaining ongoing partnerships. Council provided free lease upon relinquishing childcare services.	Not-for-Profit Business
FIAAI	Ongoing partnerships and sharing of resources to deliver school holiday program and Furneaux Islands Festival.		Y		Y	Collaboration to achieve greater community outcomes. Develop and maintain existing partnerships.	Not-for-Profit Business
Island News	Waive fees for use of the FAEC entrance for printing.	Fee Waiver	Y	Portion of electricity	Y	Offset in-kind by free space in Island News.	Not-for-Profit Business
Self Interest Group							
Acapelicans	Use of Carpet room for singing	Fee Waiver	Y	Cleaning Power	Y	Uncertain	Self Interest Group
Community Choir	Use of Carpet room for singing	Fee Waiver	Y	Cleaning Power	Y	Uncertain	Self Interest Group
Karate	Use of the Carpet room and timer area for sessions	Fee Waiver	Y	Cleaning Power	Y	Support for health and well being. Not sure whether costs are charged by provider to users.	Self Interest Group
Lapidary Society	Use of Lapidary room at Holloway Park including power	Fee Waiver	Y	Cleaning Power	Y	Uncertain	Self Interest Group

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