

SPORTING AND COMMUNITY LEASES AND LICENCES COUNCIL POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

Council acknowledges the societal and economic value sporting and community groups provide to the city. Council is committed to supporting sporting and community groups that enter into lease or license arrangements with the City, to ensure they are affordable.

POLICY SCOPE

This policy applies to sporting and community groups in the City of Bunbury

POLICY DETAILS

Sporting groups may be defined as a group of people formed for the purpose of playing sports. Community groups may be defined as a group of people formed, at a community level, for the purpose of working towards the creation or enhancement of their community. Sporting and community groups do not earn profits for their administrators or members.

The City of Bunbury may provide leases and licenses to organisations which cover land and buildings owned or managed by the City including Crown land.

It is acknowledged that the cost of providing affordable leases and licenses to sporting and community groups is subsidised by the ratepayers of Bunbury. This Policy is not intended to generate a revenue stream.

To protect the City's interests all leases and licenses are to include two non-negotiable clauses those being:

1. unless otherwise agreed, a redevelopment clause, providing a twelve month notice period; and
2. a remediation clause to ensure buildings and assets not owned or approved by the City are appropriately dealt with when any lease or license arrangement ends.

Sporting or community groups that enter into a lease or license arrangement with the City will not be charged a rental fee.

Sporting and community groups will be charged a fee for the preparation of documents, including variations, extensions, assignments and surrenders to existing leases/licenses.

Sporting and community groups with existing "peppercorn" leases/licenses will remain as such and not be charged a fee for the preparation of documents.

All sporting and community groups that enter into lease or license arrangements with the City will be charged minimum rates.

Sporting and community groups that do not pay rates due to existing lease or license terms or legislative exemptions will remain as such and not be charged rates.

Sporting and community groups that enter into lease or license arrangements over storage facilities less than 300sqm and have a permitted use consistent with storage of equipment and goods only, as outlined in their lease or license, will not be charged rates.

No concessions will be given to the Emergency Services Levy and waste services charges.

The City provides substantial infrastructure to its lessees and licensees. The upkeep and maintenance of the leased/licensed premises will continue to be undertaken by sporting and community groups in accordance with the terms contained within their lease or license, which will make clear the responsibilities of all parties to the lease or license. This Policy does not incorporate;

- Leasing of airport sites or casual hire of City of Bunbury facilities:
- Government funded entities; or
- Commercial leasing and licensing arrangements.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

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