

Leasing of Council Land and Facilities

Head of Power

This policy is developed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Land Act 1994*.

Policy Objective

To provide access to Council owned or managed land and facilities for the delivery of opportunities which contribute to building safe, strong and self reliant communities.

Policy Statement

Council is committed to:

1. Maximising the community benefit and use of Council owned and controlled land and facilities.
2. Ensuring equitable, needs based distribution of facilities and land.
3. Ensuring consistent tenure conditions.
4. Defining responsibilities and costs associated with the construction, maintenance and operation of facilities.
5. Acknowledging the contribution of community organisations through the development of partnerships and provision of services and facilities.
6. Working with community organisations to support appropriate financial and asset management practices.

Eligibility

1. Leasing of land must benefit the wider community and fall within the following purposes:
 - (i) Sporting
 - (ii) Recreational
 - (iii) Community Services, or
 - (iv) Arts and Cultural.
2. Applicants must have a local connection and interest in the community.

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3. Applicants must fall within the following categories:
 - (i) Sporting
 - (ii) Recreational
 - (iii) Community Services (including health)
 - (iv) Arts and Cultural
 - (v) Educational
4. All applicant organisations will be incorporated pursuant to the *Associations Incorporations Act (1991) Queensland*.

Lease Area and Type

1. Where a building is to be leased to a community organisation the footprint of the building only is leased from Council.
2. A lease will be granted over the full site where an exclusive or potentially hazardous activity occurs e.g. golf club, bowls club, museum, tennis courts etc.
3. A permit to occupy will be granted for the use of activity areas outside the building footprint and will clearly define all responsibilities of the Club during the term.
4. A permit to occupy will be granted over land and buildings where a community group is trying to establish a new service or program.

Tenure Term

1. The period of standard lease term will be up to 10 years, with leases of up to 20 or 30 years where the lessee invests significant funds into infrastructure.
2. The period for permits to occupy will be up to five years with the maximum being three years on Crown Land.
3. Longer lease terms may also be negotiated for emergency services.

Fees and Charges

Fees and charges are to be accordance with Council's annual schedule of fees

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