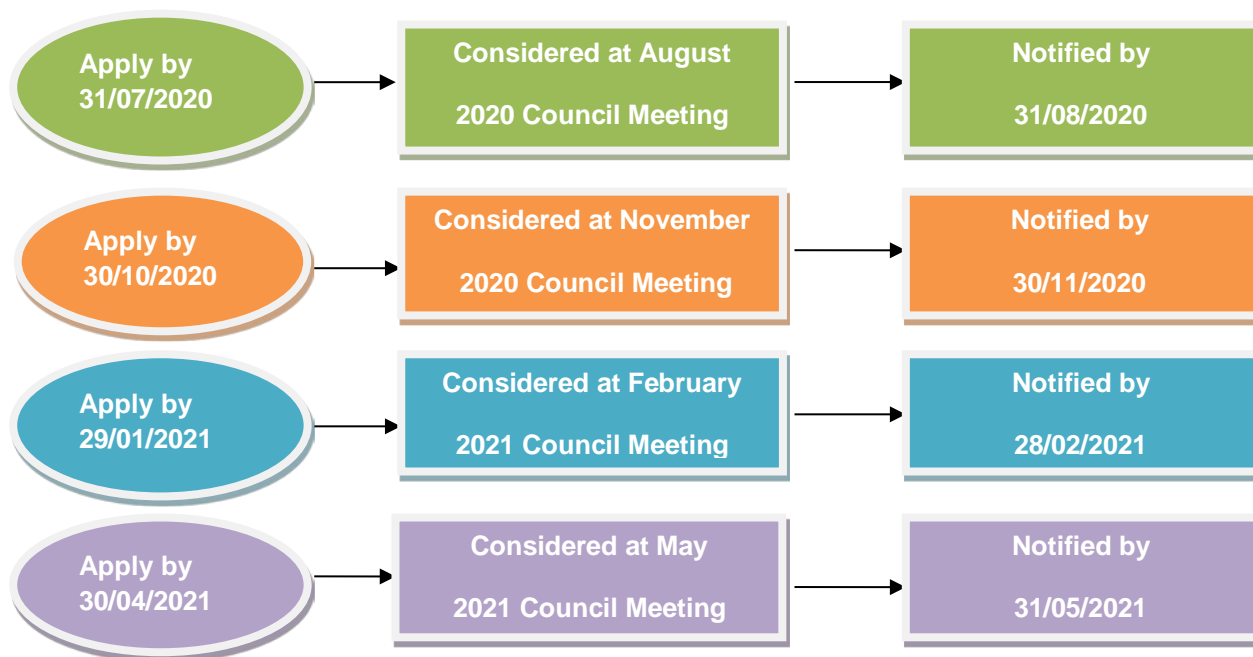


Donations, Contributions & Grants

Information/Guide to applicants

2020/2021



Wentworth Shire Council is accountable to the Community for the management and disbursement of its funds, and is compelled to ensure that this is done in a manner that maximises benefits to the Community.

For the 2020/2021 financial year, Council has allocated \$170,000.00 to be distributed back to the community through donations, fee waivers and exemptions, Grants (cash sponsorship), in-kind support and the Community Chest.

It is important to note that the decisions about whether to grant an application request rests totally with the Council and cannot be delegated to Council staff. Therefore, to avoid disappointment, applicants are urged to provide full and complete details, and ensure that applications are submitted within the timelines provided.

In respect to fee rebates, if the event is to run before Council has considered the request; the applicant must pay all applicable charges and may request either a partial reimbursement or a donation. Fee rebates/reductions are considered the exception rather than the rule.

**Table 1 – Wentworth Shire Council - Donations, Contribution & Grants
Contribution Categories 2020/21**

Category	Definition
1. Fee Rebate	<p>Fee Rebates are defined as being where an individual or group requests that a fee (as outlined in the management plan) is reduced or waived or refunded.</p> <p>Examples of what will be considered as a request to waive fees are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reduction in the cost to hire a hall or reserve. • A reduction in the cost to hire Council plant or equipment. <p><i>Fee Rebates are not granted for any event where an entry fee is charged, as this can be factored in to the entry fee.</i></p>
2. Donations	<p>Donations are defined as being a request for Council to make a small, one off cash contribution to a cause, organisation, or person.</p> <p>Examples of what will be considered as a donation include contributions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A school presentation evening. • Purchase of an item. • A charity or fund raiser. <p><i>Donations will not generally be granted to organisations for expenses that would be deemed as operational expenses, such as power and utilities costs.</i></p>
3. Grants (Cash sponsorship)	<p>Cash Sponsorships and Grants are defined as being a request for Council to make a cash contribution to a specific item or event.</p> <p>Examples of what will be considered as a sponsorship are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash sponsorship to support the activities of a group, club or organisation. • Cash sponsorship of a specific event or function.
4. In Kind Support	<p>In-kind support is a request for Council to provide contributions of staff, equipment or other services by negotiation.</p> <p>Examples of in-kind support are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary loan of light depot equipment – sand bags, bollards, witches hats, signage, bunting and safety tape. • Temporary loan of special events equipment. • Preparation of council reserves for use for special events. • Event promotion through Council publications. • Use of Council staff or services.

5. Rate Reduction	<p>Rate reductions are defined as being a request for a reduction in one of Councils standard rates (as defined in the management plan).</p> <p>Examples of what will be considered as a rate reduction are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request to reduce the municipal rates charged to a particular organisation. • Request to reduce the rates for the collection of garbage.
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Table 2 – Wentworth Shire Council - Donations, Contribution & Grants Eligibility Criteria 2020/21

Criteria 1 – Location Requests of Council can only be made by individuals that reside in, or organisations whose operations are based within, the Wentworth Shire Council. In the case of events, the event must be predominately staged within the Wentworth Shire.		Criteria 2 – Alignment with Community Objectives Council will give priority to applications that support one or more of the identified community objectives within the Community Strategic Plan.
Criteria 3	Category of the Organisation who is making the request	Examples
Ineligible	Commercial Business/Operation, Political Organisations This category applies to private and family functions, trade fairs, product launches, meetings of registered political groups/parties, conventions and all income generating activities for personal or corporate profit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered political parties. • Private businesses, business owners or corporations.
A	Government Funded Organisations/Activities This category applies to organisations that are substantially funded from Federal and/or State Government sources, regardless of whether they are run by an incorporated body, not for profit organisation, or government department. These organisations will generally receive substantial operational funding from one or a combination of Local, State or Federal government bodies, or through other revenue raising activities such as the collection of fees and charges. <i>NB: Only small donations for non-operational items will be considered for these organisations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State & Federal Government Departments and agencies. • Police • Community Service Agencies. • Schools & TAFE • Vocational. education & training providers. • Aged care facilities.
B	Pre-schools and Charitable Organisations This category applies to pre-schools and organisations that are set up for charitable, social, philanthropic, or other similar purpose and who have DGR status with the ATO. These organisations will generally have the capacity to raise funds and/or apply for operational funding from one or a combination of Local, State or Federal government grants programs or through the charging of fees. <i>NB: Pre-schools may make application for a 25% refund on public liability insurance, garbage, water and sewerage charges. Council will also meet the cost of building insurance on pre-schools. Applications for Grants under this program must be accompanied by your organisations Audited Financial Statements.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare groups. • Registered charities. • Pre-schools.

C	<p>Community Service Organisations, Not for Profit groups and Special Interest Groups</p> <p>This category applies to organisations that provide services, representation, advocacy and activities in the community. They are established for social and community purposes, and are not conducted for profit or gain of individual members. These organisations will generally have limited capacity to raise funds from a variety of sources including membership, sponsorship, project focused grant funding.</p> <p><i>Applications for Grants under this program must be accompanied by your organisations Audited Financial Statements.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not for profit play groups or day care organisations. • Sporting & recreational clubs. • Rotary & Lions Clubs. • Aged & pensioner groups. • Men-in-a-shed.
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Table 3 - Wentworth Shire Council - Donations, Contributions & Grants

Category Limitations for 2020/21

NB:- This table should be read in conjunction with the information provided in tables 1 and 2		Fee Waiver	Donation	Grant	In-kind support	Rate reduction
A	Government Funded Organisations/Activities	x	Max. \$250	x	x	x
B	Pre-schools & Charitable organisations		Max. \$250	Max. \$5,000		Max. 25% refund
C	Community Service organisations, Not for profit or special interest groups		Max. \$250	Max. \$5,000		x

The **Footsteps to our Future** Community Strategic Plan is not a Council plan - Council simply facilitates the process on behalf of the community. The Community Strategic Plan was developed after extensive consultation within the community and as such applications for Donations, Grants and In-kind sponsorship will need to show how this funding will align with the Community Strategic Plan which is the needs and wants of the community. When completing your application form please choose from the list below which Strategy(s) best fits your application.

Strategy Number	Table 4: Community Strategic Plan
1.1	Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand.
2.1	Grow visitation to the Shire by developing a quality visitor experience and promoting our destination.
2.2	Enhance access to local health and aged care services.
2.3	Enhance access to maternal and child health services, child care and pre-school services.
2.4	Enhance access to education, skills and training.

2.5	Maintain/create desirable open spaces and recreation facilities.
3.1	Promote the efficient delivery of water supply, sewer and drainage services for the long term interests of future generations.
3.2	Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure.
3.3	Prepare for natural disasters, biosecurity risks and climate change.

3.4	Reduce, reuse and recover waste.
3.5	Recognise the importance of a healthy Murray-Darling river system.
4.1	Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery.
4.2	Encourage locals to volunteer their time within their local community.
4.3	Promote disability inclusion within the general community.
4.4	Encourage the self determination of the Aboriginal Community
4.5	Encourage the self determination of individual townships and community groups.
4.6	Collaborate with others to achieve desired outcomes for the local community.
4.7	Promote the celebration of the region's rich cultural and social heritage.