

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS COMMUNITY FACILITIES POLICY

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To provide a framework for Wentworth Shire Council (Council) to enter into partnerships with community organisations to contribute financially to the construction or upgrade of Council controlled community facilities.

1. POLICY STATEMENT

The intent of this policy is to guide and manage community contributions towards improvements to Council controlled community facilities.

2. POLICY COVERAGE

This policy applies to any community group or organisation wishing to contribute to upgrades or construction of Council controlled community facilities.

3. STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets.

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure.

4. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term/Word	Definition
Community Organisation	Not-for-profit, formally incorporated group, association, club etc who provide the community and its members with opportunities to engage in local community, cultural, leisure, sporting and educational activities.
Council	Council of the Shire of Wentworth
Controlled facilities	Facilities that are managed on behalf of the community by Council.

5. POLICY CONTENT

It is the policy of Council that:

Council will endeavour to ensure value for money through the efficient and effective use of Council resources when considering upgrades or construction of community facilities.

Council will ensure that the upgrade or construction of community facilities enhances participation opportunities by maximising the shared use of facilities by multiple user groups for a range of purposes.

Council and the community organisation(s) will enter into an agreement regarding financial contributions prior to the commencement of the project.

Where a community organisation is partially or fully funding a project, they must contribute financially prior to the project commencement.

Council will consider allowing community contributions to be paid in instalments where the proposed project benefits the wider community.

External sponsorship, grants or donations gained by the community organisation will be deemed as part of that organisations contribution to the project.

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Generally, Council will not accept in-kind contributions (volunteer labour or donated goods or services) as an alternative to a full cash contribution, as in-kind contributions have the potential to expose Council to some degree of risk due to the changing nature of volunteers and problems that can arise with the quality of in-kind contributions of goods or services.

In the instance that Council does accept in-kind contributions, the proposed contributions will only be accepted from suitably qualified contractors or supplies approved by Council. Prior to approval, Council officers must be satisfied that an appropriate degree of guarantee is afforded Council with regard to quality of workmanship and materials.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS & LEGISLATION

Legislation

- *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*
- *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*

Council Policies

- AF016 – Asset Management Policy
- GOV005 – Procurement Policy
- GOV013 – Enterprise Risk Management Policy
- GOV020 – Code of Conduct Policy
- GOV022 – Legislative Compliance Policy
- GOV023 – Conflicts of Interest Policy

Council Document

- Legislative Compliance Framework
- Governance Framework
- Risk Management Framework
- Risk Management Plan
- Asset Management Plans
- Asset Management Strategy
- Conflict of Interests Register

7. ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

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8. DOCUMENT APPROVAL

This document is the latest version of the official policy of the Wentworth Shire Council, as adopted by Council on 20 April 2022. All previous versions of this policy are null and void.

This policy may be amended or revoked by Council at any time.

A PDF copy of the signed document can be accessed from Council's record management system and Reliansys.



Signed:

22 April 2022

General Manager Wentworth Shire Council

Date

