

10.5 Policy (Review) - Donations - Rates and Charges

POLICY NAME: DONATIONS – RATES AND CHARGES
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OBJECTIVE

To provide clear guidelines for the donation of rates and charges by Council.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act Ballina Shire Council annually donates rates and charges to a range of community groups. This policy provides a framework to explain how Council allocates that assistance.

In accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act a Council Resolution is required for each and every donation each year. This policy provides a framework for the donation but not the authority to donate.

POLICY

Council will annually donate rates, water, sewer, on site sewage management fees (OSSM), stormwater management charges and waste charges to assist organisations in providing community based services to the Ballina local government area. Details of this assistance are as follows:

Guidelines for Selection:

- The recipient organisation is not for profit and provides a community service within the Ballina Local Government area.
- The organisation is typically located on community owned land, being either Council or crown land.

Strategies:

1. Each financial year Council will donate a set percentage of the rates and or charges payable based on the following categories of community groups:

Category	Rates		Water		Sewer		Waste	OSSM	Stormwater
			Access	Consump	Access	Usage			
Percentage (%)	100	75	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
schools and groups			Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes
Public Halls	Yes		Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes
Armed Services (RSL)	Yes		Yes		Yes				Yes
Cultural Society	Yes				Yes				Yes
Guide and Boy Scouts Associations			Yes		Yes			Yes	
Clubs			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
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Community Support		Yes	Yes		Yes				Yes

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Percentage (%)	100	75	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Pre-schools and Playgroups			Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes
Public Halls	Yes		Yes		Yes			Yes	Yes
Returned Services League (RSL)	Yes		Yes		Yes				Yes
Agricultural Society	Yes				Yes				Yes
Girl Guide and Boy Scouts Associations			Yes		Yes			Yes	
Surf Clubs			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Category	Rates		Water		Sewer		Waste	OSSM	Stormwater
Percentage (%)	100	75	Access	Consump	Access	Usage			
Riding for Disabled							Yes		
Ballina RSL Youth Club	Yes								
State Emergency Services (SES)							Yes		
Country Women's Associations (i)	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Ballina naval Museum Inc			Yes		Yes				

- (i) Donated in accordance with lease conditions
2. Details of the current organisations included in each of the above categories are as follows.

<p>Pre-schools and Playgroups</p> <p>Biala Special School Fox Street Pre-School Ballina Playgroup River Street Pre-School Lennox Head Pre-School Sugartown Pre-School Alstonville Playgroup Wollongbar Pre-School Rainbow/Early intervention Lennox Head Playgroup</p> <p>RSL</p> <p>Alstonville RSL Sub-Branch</p>	<p>Public Halls</p> <p>Lennox Head Hall Meerschaum Vale Hall McLeans Ridges Hall Newrybar Hall Northlakes Community Centre Pearces Creek Hall Pimlico Hall Rous Mill Hall Tintenbar School of Arts Wardell War Memorial Hall Wigmore Hall Wollongbar Hall</p> <p>Surf Life Saving Clubs</p> <p>Ballina/Lismore Jnr SLSC Lennox/Alstonville SLSC Ballina/Lismore SLSC</p>
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Council has adopted a backlog sewer program that aims to provide sewer infrastructure to environmentally sensitive properties located on the urban fringes. Council has agreed to provide an 80% subsidy for the costs of reticulation and associated infrastructure for residential properties. Council will recoup the costs of the 20% that is payable by residential and 100% due by non-residential property owners via the imposition of a higher annual sewer charge over a five year period.

For the properties in the table below however, Council resolved (Resolution 270308/20A) to waive the individual sewer charge for a period until the cumulative financial assistance granted matches the backlog sewer charge.

Australian Seabird Rescue Inc	264 North Creek Road, Ballina
Ballina Christian Education Association Ltd	7 Gallans Road, Ballina
Ballina Congregation of Jehovah's Witness	105 Smith Drive, Ballina

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