

POLICY NAME: DONATIONS - WASTE DISPOSAL
FEES FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT
GROUPS

POLICY REF: D09

MEETING ADOPTED: 27 October 2022
Resolution No. 271022/29

POLICY HISTORY: 220318/19; 270314/31; 280509/18



OBJECTIVE

To provide clear policy guidelines to assist not-for-profit community groups that operate second hand shops in applying for exemptions from waste disposal fees at the Ballina Waste Management Centre.

POLICY

Council recognises that not-for-profit community groups involved in the operation of second hand shops provide the community with significant social benefits, whilst helping to divert valuable resources from being sent to landfill.

To assist those not-for-profit community organisations in delivering those services Council has endorsed the following guidelines for fee relief from annual waste disposal fees.

Guidelines

1. Council will provide a \$2,500 2022/23 credit (indexed yearly in accordance with waste management fees) at the Waste Management Centre for each bona fide not-for-profit organisation that runs a disposal store for the sale of second hand and reusable items within the Ballina Local Government Area.
2. To ensure adequate records are maintained of this service, eligible organisations must apply to Council in writing prior to utilising this service.
3. To ensure transparency and accountability, eligible organisations must qualify for fee relief by providing proof of being a registered not-for-profit charitable organisation.
4. If an eligible organisation wishes to request an expansion of this service then that organisation must apply to Council in writing each year, as part of Council's annual donations exhibition process (normally conducted during May each year - refer to the Council policy titled "Donations - Financial Assistance" for further information). This will then ensure that any additional request for assistance is considered with the majority of other financial assistance requests.

BACKGROUND

Not-for-profit community groups often have limited financial resources whilst providing the community with significant social benefits. In recognition of these limited financial resources, Council has developed this policy to provide fee relief from waste disposal charges to assist not-for-profit community groups that run disposal stores for the sale of second hand and reusable items.

DEFINITIONS

Not-for-Profit Community Group – a registered charity that operates an Op Shop or second hand goods shop in the Ballina Shire.

SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy applies to:

- Council employees
- Not-for-Profit Community Groups

RELATED DOCUMENTATION

This policy applies to not-for-profit community groups that run disposal stores for the sale of second hand and reusable items. As a minimum this policy should be read in conjunction with Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

REVIEW

The Donations - Waste Disposal Fees for Not-for-Profit Groups Policy is to be reviewed every four years.