

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This policy aims to recognise the work of charitable organisations in the Moree Plains Shire community by providing clear guidelines to manage the waiving of waste disposal fees and charges in a fair and sustainable manner.

2.0 PURPOSE

This policy aims to ensure the fair and equitable application of Council's waste disposal fees and charges to charitable organisations, while enabling the effective management of Council's waste facilities.

3.0 SCOPE

3.1 This policy applies to general waste being transported to all Moree Plains Shire waste facilities by not-for-profit organisations and non-government organisations registered as a charitable organisation involved in the operation of second hand shops and located within the Moree Plains Shire Council.

4.0 POLICY STATEMENT


4.1 Council recognises that not-for-profit charitable community groups involved in the operation of second hand shops provide the community with significant social benefits, while helping to divert valuable resources from being sent to landfill. By operating these charity services, organisations are often burdened by the costs of disposing illegally dumped, unusable waste items deposited at charity bins. This policy aims to assist the not-for-profit charitable organisations in delivering their services to the community by eliminating waste fees.

4.2 Guidelines

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

- 4.2.1 To ensure transparency and accountability eligible organisations must qualify for fee relief by providing proof of being a registered not-for-profit charitable organisation located in the Moree Plains Shire Council.
- 4.2.2 To ensure adequate records are maintained of this service, eligible organisations must apply to the General Manager in writing prior to utilising this service.

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- 4.2.3 The Water and Waste Manager is to review applications against the policy and make recommendations to the General Manager for approval or refusal.
- 4.2.4 If an eligible organisation wishes to request an expansion of this service then that organisation must apply to Council in writing as part of the Public Donations Application process under Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- 4.2.5 The disposal of hazardous or offensive waste is not available under this assistance agreement. Disposal of hazardous or offensive waste will be charged as per Council's Waste Disposal Fees and Charges Schedule.
- 4.2.6 If hazardous waste or offensive waste is disposed of, the right to withdraw any organisations approval will be exercised.

6.0 DELEGATIONS

Implementation of the Policy is to be facilitated by the Water and Waste Manager to ensure that this Policy is understood and adhered to by all staff and charitable organisations.

7.0 REFERENCES

- 7.1 The following legislation, procedures and guidelines have been referred to in developing this policy:
- *Local Government Act 1993*
 - Moree Plains Shire Council Waste Disposal Fees and Charges Schedule
 - Subsidy for waste disposal by charitable organisations and community groups Policy - Wagga Wagga City Council
 - Waste Disposal Fees for Not-for-profit Organisations - Byron Shire Council


8.0 DISPUTE PROCEDURE

- 8.1. In the event of a dispute over any aspect of this policy, immediate action will be taken to resolve the situation through effective and constructive consultation between the parties concerned. If a resolution cannot be reached, the services of a mediator will be requested to finalise the matter to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

9.0 REVIEW

- 9.1. Council will review this policy if at any time it is apparent that the circumstances which gave rise to the policy have changed substantially.

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9.2 This policy is to be reviewed no later than four (4) years after its adoption by Council.

10.0 LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

10.1 The following link this policy to the Moree Plains 2035 Community Strategic Plan:

An inclusive and caring community

S2. Our community is inclusive, connected and collaborative

An environmental role model

E2. We live sustainably and use our resources responsibly.

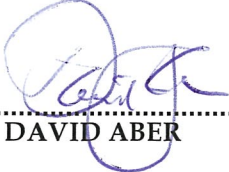
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SIGNED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER OF MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL,
WHOSE SIGNATURE APPEARS BELOW.



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