



Dowerin District High School

REGIONAL TEACHER DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL
MATHEMATICS and SCIENCE

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Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mrs Manisha Barthakur

The long-standing partnership with the Shire of Dowerin is highly valued and we appreciate the support that is provided to enhance the teaching and learning program at Dowerin District High School, both in kind and personally. Support of the Workplace Learning program and the way the Shire involves our students and Leadership Team is greatly appreciated. Your generosity in allowing us to use Shire facilities with no cost means our limited funds can be directed towards a variety of programs and resources. A terrific example of this was the use of the netball shed and badminton facilities to host the regional Lego League competition. The extra funding meant that we could support volunteers from Curtin University to assist in running the event and it showcased our town to attendees from as far away as Bruce Rock.

We respectfully request the Council consider waiving or minimising fees for the attached list of events. Previously the Shire has committed to a three-year waiver which has been helpful in school planning and budgeting. We ask that this would be a consideration of the Council once again.

We will, of course, make formal booking arrangements with the Shire Office as dates are confirmed. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need further information.

Kind regards

Sonia Hammond
Principal

10 February 2026

POSSIBLE USE OF SHIRE FACILITIES

Oval / Sports Facilities

- Faction Athletics Carnival (1 day competition, 1 day marking)
- Athletics Training (6 hours in line with school timetable)
- Faction Cross Country (1 Day)
- T20 Cricket (Combined schools event with the WACA)
- Running Club (1 x early morning and 1 x afternoon using the Field Days site)
- Badminton (approximately 10 lessons)
- Emergency Services Cadets Training (Intermittent - oval and reserves)

Dowerin Community Club

- Faction Carnival (1 day - ablutions and kitchen only)
- Faction Cross Country (1 day - ablutions and kitchen only)
- Holly-ann Martin Safe4Kids presentation for parents and community (1 evening, 1 day session)
- T20 Cricket (1 day - ablutions only)
- Bowling Greens (6-10 sessions/year)
- Tennis Courts (6-10 sessions/year)
- Leadership Event (1 day)

Swimming pool (Term 1 and 4)

- In-term Swimming Lessons (8 days)
- Faction Swimming Carnival (1 day)
- Faction Swimming Trials (10 hours as school timetable allows)
- Emergency Services Cadets - Water Activities (10 hours)
- Physical Education - water based activities (Max 10 hours)

Town Hall

- School Production (to be confirmed. Approx 10 x 3 hours and 5 days. We can work around other groups)
- Occasional incursions if school facilities do not suit.

25 January 2023

Mrs Barbara Garner
Principle
Dowerin District High School
35 Memorial Avenue
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Via Email: Barbara.Garner@education.wa.edu.au

Dear Barb

REQUEST FOR FEES TO BE WAIVED

I write in response to your correspondence dated 21 November 2022 requesting assistance from the Shire to waiver or minimise fees for the use of our facilities.

I am pleased to advise that Council considered your request at its 20 December 2022 Ordinary Council meeting and resolved as follows (CMRef 0710):

“That, in accordance with Section 6.12 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council resolves to provide financial support to the Dowerin District High School for a three-year period beginning 1 January 2023 by allowing:

- 1. Free entry for participants and spectators to utilise the Dowerin Memorial Swimming Pool for swimming lessons, swimming trials, swimming carnivals and cadet training;***
- 2. Free use of the oval and sports facilities adjacent to the Dowerin District High School for physical education lessons, faction and interschool athletics carnivals, cross country training, the Regional Inland Lighthouse Network Student Leadership Event and cadet training;***
- 3. Preparation of athletic jumps;***
- 4. Free use of the Dowerin Community Club facilities for the above activities; and***
- 5. Free use of the Town Hall for a school production and occasional incursions.***

Note: The Dowerin District High School is to pay for the hire of the Community Bus at the rate listed in the relevant financial years’ Schedule of Fees and Charges.”

This support is in recognition of the value of Dowerin District High School in our community and the positive relationship between our organisations.

I will ensure all Shire staff are advised of this Council resolution, it may however be necessary to remind members of your team to write “No Charge as per Council resolution CMRef 0710” on booking forms as a reminder to Shire staff when entering bookings.

If you have any further queries please contact Linley Dregghorn, Executive & Governance Officer, on the number below or via email on ldregghorn@dowerin.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Rebecca McCall
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



10.1.7 DOWERIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST FOR SUPPORT/FEEES WAIVER

Date: 21 February 2018
Applicant: Dowerin District High School
Location: N/A
File Ref: COMM-1436413546-21
Disclosure of Interest: E. Richards, Governance Officer and Leadership Event Organising Committee Member.
Author: E. Richards, Governance Officer
Senior Officer: A. Selvey, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 8. Letter from Dowerin District High School

Summary

This item seeks a resolution of Council in relation to a request from Dowerin District High School to waive or minimise fees for the use of Shire facilities for various events and activities in 2018.

Background

The Shire received a letter from Dowerin District High School on 7 February 2018 (see Attachment 8) requesting complementary or reduced fee for use of Shire facilities for the following events in 2018:

- Use of the swimming pool for in-term swimming, faction carnivals and practice.
- Use of the recreational facilities adjacent to the school for:
 - Physical education lessons as required;
 - Faction and Interschool Athletics Carnivals;
 - Cross Country Training;
 - The Regional Inland Lighthouse Network Student Leadership Event;
 - Regional Robotics Day; and
 - Other interschool academic days in our role as a Regional Teacher Development School for Mathematics and Science.
- Use of the Town Hall for a school production in Term 4.
- Use of the above facilities and local nature reserves for the Dowerin DHS Emergency Services Cadet Unit to engage in training.

The Shire has allowed free access to the Pool in previous years. Current Fees & Charges have no charge to the use of the Town Hall or Lesser Hall for School events.

Comment

This item is being brought before Council as the value of the sponsorship support is substantial and the 2017/18 Fees and Charges adopted by Council does not include this sponsorship. While the CEO supports this request, the CEO's delegated authority – 2.3 Community Funding, to waive Council adopted fees and charges, is set by Council to the value of \$100 per application.

Financial Implications

The monetary value in foregone revenue is estimated at approximately \$2800.

For the use of the pool, this is calculated by multiplying the cost of entry for a child & adult (i.e. \$4) by anticipated numbers for each event and deducting approximately 50% to allow for families who have season passes and would therefore be eligible for entry for these events at no additional cost.

For the use of Recreation facilities, the charges are based on either day hire rates or physical education lessons running for approx. two terms for 2 days per week and 1-hour sessions. No charges are applicable for the use of sporting ovals only the ablution areas (however booking forms must still be completed to ensure no maintenance is being conducted during the time of use on the area).

Risk Implications

Nil

Consultation

Andrea Selvey, Chief Executive Officer

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995 - SECT 6.12 refers to the Power to defer, grant discounts, waive or write off debts.

(1) Subject to subsection (2) and any other written law, a local government may —

(b) waive or grant concessions in relation to any amount of money;

Strategic Implications

Strategic Community Plan

Objective 1.2 - Pride and Participation in our Community.

Voting Requirements

Simple majority required.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 10.1.7

THAT COUNCIL BY SIMPLE MAJORITY PURSUANT TO S.6.12 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT RESOLVES TO SUPPORT THE DOWERIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BY ALLOWING FREE ENTRY FOR PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS AT THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS NOTING FOREGONE REVENUE IS ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY \$2800:

- ***USE OF THE SWIMMING POOL FOR IN-TERM SWIMMING, FACTION CARNIVALS AND PRACTICE.***
- ***USE OF THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ADJACENT TO THE SCHOOL FOR:***
 - ***PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS AS REQUIRED;***
 - ***FACTION AND INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVALS;***
 - ***CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING;***
 - ***THE REGIONAL INLAND LIGHTHOUSE NETWORK STUDENT LEADERSHIP EVENT;***
 - ***REGIONAL ROBOTICS DAY;***
 - ***POSSIBLY OTHER INTERSCHOOL ACADEMIC DAYS IN OUR ROLE AS A REGIONAL TEACHER DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE;***

- **USE OF THE TOWN HALL FOR A SCHOOL PRODUCTION IN TERM 4.**
- **USE OF THE ABOVE FACILITIES AND LOCAL NATURE RESERVES FOR THE DOWERIN DHS EMERGENCY SERVICES CADET UNIT TO ENGAGE IN TRAINING.**

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 10.1.7

Moved: Cr AJ Metcalf

Seconded: Cr LG Hagboom

Carried: 7/0

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