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1 INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POLICY

POLICY INFORMATION

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3 PURPOSE

This document describes our arrangements for supporting community service and similar organisations located in constituent council areas through grant concessions and donations.

4 SCOPE

This policy applies to community service and similar organisations located in constituent council areas.

5 DEFINITIONS

Term	DEFINITION
Constituent Councils	Coolamon Shire Council, Temora Shire Council, Junee Shire Council, Bland Shire Council, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, Hilltops Council and Narranderra Shire Council
Responsible Persons	A council member, a staff member, or a designated person within Goldenfields Water County Council as identified by their role or delegation.
Community Groups and Service Organisations	As identified in section 6
Goldenfields Council	Goldenfields Water County Council – also referred to as Council
We, Us and Our	Refers to Goldenfields Water County Council

6 POLICY

Council has made grant concessions and donations in previous years to community service and support bodies. These grant concessions and donations may be individual and recurrent. Council may consider providing further support to these organisations; however, it is not currently intended that any other sponsorship allocations will be made available on a reoccurring or general basis.

The following community groups and service organisations may be granted particular concessions as set out below.

6.1 All constituent general purpose councils -

A donation equal to the value of access charges levied on the first connection to any community land, together with any connections within road reserves (where such

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connection is used for public beautification) and crown reserves (where such reserves are not leased or otherwise subject to restrictions on public access).

6.2 All schools (State and Church), colleges and preschools within Council's service area –

On application, a donation of \$200 per annum each, generally to be applied towards the cost of prizes and/or awards to students or, following a written application, any other approved purpose. This donation amount may be reviewed by the General Manager from time to time in accordance with budgetary and cost of living.

6.3 All serviced premises owned by recognised churches –

A donation equal to the value of access charges for any connection which serves, in whole or part, a place of public worship, residence occupied by a minister of religion and/or member of a recognised religious order, and/or welfare facility operated by that church (not including commercial operations).

6.4 All serviced premises owned (or held in trust) and used by the following community organisations, together with others which may be accepted from time to time –

A donation equal to the value of access charges for any connection which serves premises primarily utilised to further the objectives of such organisation:

- Scouting & Guiding movement
- Rescue and disaster response groups
- Masonic Lodge meeting places
- Community halls/recreation facilities
- Country Women's Association
- Red Cross
- Local history societies/museums
- Local senior citizens' groups
- Agricultural showgrounds
- Unlicensed RSL Halls or similar premises

6.5 Premises operated by other organisations or individuals –

Such concessions as may be approved by Council from time to time.

6.6 Meters and Connection

Council will, subject to the agreement of responsible persons, permanently disconnect properties of an eligible Community Group and Service at no cost but agrees to subsequently make any permanent reconnection for continued use without charge.

Council will also combine multiple meters on properties receiving access charge donations at its own expense in cases where that provides Council with a cost-effective means of managing such connections.

7 APPLICATIONS

Applications must be made in writing to Council at: 84 Parkes Street, Temora NSW 2666 or via office@gwcc.nsw.gov.au.

8 ACTION/COMPLIANCE

Community Groups and Service Organisations must demonstrate compliance with one or all policy conditions as outlined above.