# POLICY REVIEW – RATING OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND – SPORTING AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Policy with Amendments

Meeting Date: 11 August 2020

## SPORTING AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS USING COUNCIL AND VESTED LAND - RATEABILITY

DIVISION

**BUSINESS UNIT** 

**RESPONSIBILITY AREA** 

**Corporate Services** 

Administration

**Property Administration** 

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

To ensure that all organisations leasing property owned by or vested in the Council are treated equitably with regard to rating and other charges.

#### **POLICY:**

- 1. Any organisation leasing or renting land and/or facilities from the Council shall be rateable, unless provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 provide for them to be non-rateable.
- 2. The Shire will be responsible for paying the applicable Shire rates on properties leased to the following until the expiry of the respective leases:

Facility	Lessee
Mount Barker Speedway	Mount Barker Speedway Club
Narpanup Golf Course	Narpanup Golf Club
Mount Barker Communications Tower	Bevan Lang
Kendenup Golf Course and Country Club	Kendenup Country Club
Mount Barker Historic Museum	Plantagenet Historical Society
Mount Barker Railway Station	Mount Barker Tourist Bureau Amazing South Coast Tourism Inc
Arts Centre (Mitchell House)	Plantagenet Arts Council
Kendenup Tennis Courts	Kendenup Tennis Club
Cattle Saleyards - Shed	Albany Cattle Association
Cattle Saleyards - Cattle Yards	M & J Mitchell Pty Ltd
Lower Floor - Mount Barker Community Resource Centre (excl Library)	Mount Barker Community Resource Centre / Baptist Union of WA
Lot 150 Beverley Road Kendenup	Kendenup Community Grounds Committee Inc
Upper Floor – Mount Barker Community Resource Centre	Department of Training and Workforce Development – South Regional TAFE

- 3. Following the expiry and renewal of the leases in Part 2 above, the leased properties will be categorised as follows:
  - a. Charitable Status 100% Waiver

Annual declaration required to exempt from rates due to charitable or public purpose status.

Facility	Lessee
Kendenup First Responders Building Hall	St John Ambulance
Mount Barker Child Care Centre	Wanslea Early Learning and Development Inc

#### b. State Government Service or Purpose – 100% Waiver

Annual declaration required to exempt from rates due to charitable or public purpose status.

Facility	Lessee
Plantagenet District Hall - Lesser Hall	WA Country Health Service

#### c. Service to the public on behalf of the Shire – 100% Waiver

Facility	Lessee
Mount Barker Historic Museum	Plantagenet Historical Society
Woogenellup Hall	Woogenellup Progress Association Inc
Porongurup Hall	Porongurup Community Association Inc

#### d. Other Service Organisation/Sporting Club

Organisations in this category are to be given either a 50% or 100% waiver on their rates to reflect that there is some level of community benefit provided. The decision is to be made by the Council when the respective leases are renewed.

The degree to which rates should be waived for each of these is considered on a case by case basis, but as a guide the following factors are to be considered:

- Benefits to the Shire as a whole of activities being provided;
- Number of active participants or people benefitting;
- Structure of organisation (ie: not for profit or other, membership fees payable, base of operations);
- Ability to recoup costs, such as commercial kitchen, bar or fee for service.
- Exclusion/inclusion of sections of the community.

Facility	Lessee	Specific Council decision regarding a waiver
Mount Barker Speedway	Mount Barker Speedway Club	100%
West Plantagenet Pony Club Grounds	West Plantagenet Pony Club	100%
Mount Barker Men's Shed	Plantagenet Men's Shed	100%
Narpanup Golf Course	Narpanup Golf Club	
Mount Barker Communications	Bevan Lang	
Kendenup Golf Course and Country Club	Kendenup Country Club	
Mount Barker Railway Station	Mount Barker Tourist Bureau-Amazing South Coast Tourism Inc	
Mount Barker Tennis Courts	Mount Barker Tennis Club	100%
Arts Centre (Mitchell House)	Plantagenet Arts Council	
Kendenup Tennis Courts	Kendenup Tennis Club	100%

Lower Floor - Mount Barker Community Resource Centre (excl Library)	Mount Barker Community Resource Centre / Baptist Union of WA	
Lot 150 Beverley Road Kendenup	Kendenup Community Grounds Committee Inc	100%
Sounness Park Clubrooms	Plantagenet Sporting Club	100%
Plantagenet District Hall	Plantagenet Players	100%
Upper Floor – Mount Barker Community Resource Centre	Department of Training and Workforce Development – South Regional TAFE	
Frost Park Training Track	Mount Barker Turf Club Inc.	<u>50%</u>
Part Lot 250 Memorial Road Mount Barker (Former HACC Building)	Plantagenet News	100%
Part of Lot 250 Memorial Road, Mount Barker (Lesser Hall)	Empowering Plantagenet Seniors Inc	100%
Portion of Mount Barker Railway Station	Wilson Inlet Catchment Committee Inc	100%
Portion of Mount Barker Railway Station	Oyster Harbour Catchment Group	100%

e. Commercial entities or persons running a profit making business – Lessee responsible for rates

Facility	Lessee
Cattle Saleyards - Cattle Yards	M & J Mitchell Pty Ltd
Plantagenet Medical Centre	Prima Stella Pty Ltd trading as Pioneer Health

- 4. Future leases with sporting and community groups or other persons/organisations will include provision for the lessee to be responsible for paying the applicable Shire rates, however a decision is to be made regarding any waiver applicable in accordance with Clause 3 of this policy.
- 5. All lessees are responsible for fees and charges otherwise applicable, such as rubbish collection charges and the Emergency Services Levy.
- 6. Lessees responsible for paying Shire rates are not eligible to apply for an annual donation, in lieu of the rates, as a part of the Shire's annual Financial Assistance Grants process.

ADOPTED: 11 NOVEMBER 2008 LAST REVIEWED: 14 JUNE 2020

## STRATA LOT 30, 215 PORONGURUP ROAD, MOUNT BARKER – WITHDRAWAL OF CAVEAT

Withdrawal of Caveat Document

Meeting Date: 11 August 2020





## Application to remove caveat - 14 day notice (s141A)



Approved form 2018-48164 Reg 3 of the Transfer of Land Regulations 2004

The information in this form is collected under statutory authority and used for the purpose of maintaining publicly searchable registers and indexes.

#### Jurisdiction

State of Western Australia

#### Legislation

Transfer of Land Act 1893

Lodging party details

Name Shire of Plantagenet

Address PO Box 48

1 0 Box 10

MOUNT BARKER WA 6324

Issuing box

Phone

e +61898921111

Fax

Email

rates@sop.wa.gov.au

Reference

2059-675

Land / Interest

Title(volume-folio)

Extent Land description

Whole LOT 30 ON STRATA PLAN 30200

Interest

**CAVEAT K224287** 

Pamela Chambers

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Applicant(s)

SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET (ABN 29084782574) OF PO BOX 48 MOUNT BARKER WA 6324

#### Operative words

The applicant(s) hereby apply to remove the referenced caveat as to the land described pursuant to section 141A of the *Transfer of Land Act 1893*, sending 14 days notice to the caveator(s).

Preparer details

Name

Phone

Reference

#### **Execution date**

11/08/2020

#### Applicant(s) execution

The common seal of SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET (ABN 29084782574) was hereunto affixed in the presence of

Common Seal

Signature

Signer name

PAUL SHEEDY

Signer designation

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Signature

Signer name

CHRISTOPHER PAVLOVICH

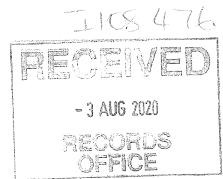
Signer designation

SHIRE PRESIDENT

## MOUNT BARKER VISITOR CENTRE – ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

Porongurup Promotions Association Letter dated 1 August 2020

Meeting Date: 11 August 2020



Porongurup Promotions Association

ABN 88 481 914 677

01/8/2020

Att: Mr Paul Sheedy

CEO, Shire of Plantagenet

Lowood Rd

Mt Barker WA 6324

RE: MT BARKER VISITOR CENTRE

Dear Paul.

As you may be aware the Amazing South Coast Inc "ASC" resolved some time ago to divest their interests in the Mt Barker Visitor Centre located on Albany Highway Mt Barker effective on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

We understand the lease of the Visitor centre building from the Shire remains with the Amazing South Coast Events Inc which is in fact the previous "Mt Barker Tourist Bureau Inc. which expires on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 albeit with a rollover provision.

In this post COVID-19 period tourists are active and the Mt Barker Visitor Centre "MBVC" is a vital part of our tourism product. The MBVC long serving and loyal volunteers are back as keen and enthusiastic as before. The Porongurup Progress Association has therefore taken the initiative to operate the MBVC with the authority of the ASC. It may also be worth noting the visitor centre coordinator has volunteered to work for no renumeration "in good faith" for the month of July to keep the doors open.

The Amazing South Coast Events Inc (as the lessee of the building) management committee has resigned and a Special General Meeting is to be called for the vacant positions to be filled with local people from the Plantagenet district. This will then return the MBVC back to the care and control of our community. It is very comforting to know our locals are keen and enthusiastic to drive the MBVC and promote our local and regional tourism product.

At the recent Tourism Forum facilitated by the Plantagenet Shire it was clear our community required tourism to support our local retail spend, create jobs, grow economic activity and that the MBVC is a vital part of our strategic future. There is a cost involved and with our volunteers, grant funding, industry contribution and support from the shire, we can maintain the visitor centre and expand to promote all local business.

Due to reforming the MBVC from scratch some ongoing financial support is critical and urgent. The Porongurup Progress Association on behalf of the ASC Events Inc formally requests support from the Plantagenet Shire.

- 1. That the utility and maintenance costs associated with the MBVC building currently funded by the shire be continued for the term of the lease and,
- 2. That the shire compensates the lessee for the cost of the MBVC coordinator at \$450 per week for the term of the lease. The coordinator role is a 0.4 FTE at 15 hrs/week and is responsible for the day to day management of the following, but not limited to (volunteers' coordination, promotional material, retails stocks, financial management, reporting to the committee and the like).

I have also requested through the Shire President that this funding request be considered by Council at the next council meeting scheduled for the  $11^{\rm th}$  August 2020 as timing is critical to keep the MBVC momentum and lights on.

Yours Sincerely,

Scott Drummond

President, Porongurup Progress Ass.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGM/BREAKFAST/POLITICAL FORUM 2020 – COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

**Program Information** 

Meeting Date: 11 August 2020

## WALGA AGM | Breakfast | Political Forum

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The 2020 WALGA AGM will be held on Friday, 25 September at Crown Perth.

Due to the cancellation of the WA Local Government Convention and Trade Exhibition, WALGA will be holding a number of events alongside this year's AGM including a breakfast event with special guest speaker, a political forum available to Mayors, Presidents and CEOs and a sundowner at the end of the day's proceedings. A special lunch for WALGA award recipients will also be held by invitation only.

PLEASE NOTE: Pre-event registrations for all events are *essential* due to possible COVID-19 restrictions.

A draft schedule is provided below:

7:00am Registration Desk open for *Breakfast* 

7:30am – 9:00am WALGA Breakfast with Paul Hasleby

Paul Hasleby appears by arrangement with Cheri Gardiner & Associates

This event is open to Elected Members, Local Government Officers and

WALGA Preferred Suppliers.

8:00am Registration Desk open for *Political Forum* and *AGM* 

9:15am – 12:00pm Political Forum

This event is open to Mayors, Presidents and Local Government CEOs

11:30am – 1:30pm 2020 WALGA AWARDS Lunch - by invitation only

1:30pm - 5:30pm WALGA Annual General Meeting (includes presentation of Honours Awards

2:50pm - 3:20pm Refreshments

3:30pm – 5:15pm WALGA Annual General Meeting continues

5:30pm - 7:00pm Sundowner

Schedule correct as of 20 July 2020. Times are subject to change.