

Special Council Meeting

18 May 2021

Commencing at 3.00pm

Agenda

Notice of Meeting.

To: The President and Councillors

A Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Toodyay will be held in the Council Chambers at the Shire of Toodyay, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay on the abovementioned date and time.

The Special Meeting of Council has been called by the Shire President in accordance with section 5.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The Special Meeting of Council is for the purpose of considering the Fees and Charges for Toodyay Recreation Centre, and all matters related thereto.

Suzie Haslehurst
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Our Vision, Purpose and Values

The Shire of Toodyay works together with the community to obtain the best possible social, economic, and environmental outcomes for the people of Toodyay.

Vision: We are a vibrant rural community that respects our environment, celebrates our past and embraces a sustainable future.

Purpose: Local Government and community working together to obtain the best possible social, economic, and environmental outcomes for the people of Toodyay.

Community Values: We value highly:

- Our sense of community support and spirit;
- Our natural environment and healthy ecosystems;
- Our rural lifestyle;
- Our historic town; and
- Our local economy built on agriculture and emerging tourism, arts and cultural opportunities.

Shire Values: To progress the community's aspirations, the Shire is guided by:

Integrity: We behave honestly to the highest ethical standard.

Accountability: We are transparent in our actions and accountable to the community.

Inclusiveness: We are responsive to the community and we encourage involvement by all people.

Commitment: We translate our plans into actions and demonstrate the persistence that produces results.

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Shire President	Councillors	
Cr Rosemary Madacsi	Cr Ben Bell	Cr Therese Chitty
Deputy Shire President	Vacant position	Cr Phil Hart
Cr Beth Ruthven	Cr Mick McKeown	Cr Susan Pearce
	Cr Brian Rayner	

PRELIMINARIES

1. COVID-19 restrictions and safe physical distancing measures.
 2. Mobile phones should be switched off.
 3. Please familiarise yourself with the location of the exit doors in case of an emergency.
 4. The meeting will be livestreamed and the use of recording devices in the Council Chambers is not allowed.
 5. Councillors are requested to activate their microphones when addressing the meeting and deactivate them once finished speaking.
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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member is to run through the Preliminaries on the previous page of the Agenda, and to declare the Ordinary Meeting of Council open.

Acknowledgement of Country: *“I acknowledge the Ballardong Noongar people, the traditional custodians of the land where we meet today and the Yued and Whadjuk people, who are traditional custodians of respective lands within the wider Shire of Toodyay. I pay my respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.”*

2. RECORDS OF ATTENDANCE

2.1 APOLOGIES

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (relating to the purpose of the meeting)

5. PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS (relating to the purpose of the meeting)

6. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING AND SHIRE OFFICER REPORTS

6.1 Toodyay Recreation Centre Fee Structure

Date of Report:	1 February 2021
File Reference:	PRO15/FIN28
Author:	M Lamb – Compliance and Communications Officer
Responsible Officer:	S Haslehurst – Chief Executive Officer
Previously Before Council:	April 2021
Author's Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Council's Role in the matter:	Executive
Attachment:	1. Fee Structure

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To request that Council adopts the proposed fee structure for the operation of the Toodyay Recreation Centre (TRC).

BACKGROUND

The Toodyay Aquatic Centre became operational on 24 October 2020 followed by the official opening of the Toodyay Recreation Centre on 21 November 2020.

The TRC was purposely built to facilitate the sports of tennis, netball, basketball, field hockey, rugby and soccer.

Council appointed Clublinks as the Venue Manager of the TRC in August 2020.

This report was before Council in February 2021. Consideration of the report was deferred to the March meeting due to the presentation of a petition to Council by the Toodyay Tennis Club. This report was withdrawn from the March meeting in order for the administration to research statutory compliance issues and seek legal advice. This report was presented again in April 2021 where a question concerning 6.17 of the *Local Government Act 1995* was raised and although this section was not quoted in the previous report, the provisions contained in s6.17 of the Act were strongly considered when the fees for the TRC were recommended to Council.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

A fee structure has been put in place by the Venue Manager.

It has been recognised that for some clubs and associations, the move to the TRC may place them in a poor financial position with the increase in fees expected to be paid for use of the TRC. The Venue Manager has created an introductory fee for clubs with annual incremental increases with the view to enabling those clubs to cope with the any financial burden which maybe paced upon them.

The Venue Manager has also considered and compared the cost of the same or similar amenities being offered in Northam and has created the fee structure with all fees comparable with those of Northam and other surrounding districts.

The Venue Manager is working towards increasing participation through 'dry sports' at the centre and fees may be negotiated down in order to accommodate young and evolving clubs and activities.

It is noted that a petition was presented to Council at the February meeting by the Toodyay Tennis Club Inc. The concerns identified in the petition are acknowledged.

The proposed fee structure was introduced to Council at a workshop on 15 September 2020. Following consultation, the model has been adjusted to attract and encourage use of the Recreation Centre.

Shire officers and the venue manager are committed to proactively engaging with all users of the Recreation Centre as well as the broader community.

Further specific information has now been added to the proposed fee structure and these fees are set at the discretion of Council. The fee structure will be presented to Council again during the 21/22 budget review for any required amendments.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

Consultative:

The fee structure has been created after consultation with the clubs and with consultation of surrounding districts offering the same or similar amenities.

Other considerations have been the size of the club, the average age of the club, the financial positions of the individual clubs as well as their past fee obligations.

Strategic:

Key points from the Strategic Community Plan that apply to this decision are:

- Social: our community wellbeing and connection
 - O1: Maintain and develop services that meet the requirements of our diverse community.
 - O2: Facilitate community safety and wellbeing.
 - O3: Support the development of places and spaces for recreation, learning, art and culture.
- Economic: business and jobs in the community
 - O2: Promote Toodyay as a tourism destination.
- Built environment: Our buildings, roads and transport.
 - O2: Ensure our built environment meets community needs.

Policy related:

F.16 Financial Governance.

Financial:

The fees received through this structure will have a positive benefit to the Shire with the income offsetting the running costs of the TRC.

Council will have an opportunity when reviewing fees and charges during budget deliberations for the 21/22 budget to change or amend these TRC fees.

Legal and Statutory:

A misunderstanding of the regulations meant that the correct statutory process under the *Local Government Act* s6.16 and s19 was not followed.

Legal advice has been received. All fees paid to date by the community for access and use of the facility are reasonable and acceptable. Once Council sets these fees, the CEO will give notice under s6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The setting of the TRC fees and charges were considered with a strong regard for the provisions set out in s6.17 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and in particular s6.17(1):

- (1) *In determining the amount of a fee or charge for a service or for goods a local government is required to take into consideration the following factors —*
 - (a) *the cost to the local government of providing the service or goods; and*
 - (b) *the importance of the service or goods to the community; and*
 - (c) *the price at which the service or goods could be provided by an alternative provider.*

Fees and charges were set for potential participating clubs and groups using each groups' current annual financial commitments as a base, with consideration also given to similar groups and clubs operating in surrounding Shires and Districts.

For many groups and sporting clubs the TRC has provided the opportunity to reform and invigorate the sporting life of Toodyay. The aquatic centre in particular, has provided a large portion of our community with a much-needed fitness, health and wellbeing outlet that has been on the community's wish list for many years. With this in mind, entry fees were set with the understating of how important this service was to the community as well as to encourage use and participation with reference to other similar operations in surrounding Shires and Districts.

It is widely acknowledged that if Local Government set the fees to cover 100% of the actual costs of operating the venue it would more than likely be prohibitive for use by community groups and defeat the purpose of the Community ethos.

As this is the first year of operation and considering the Shire has not operated a venue of this size previously, the first-year fees and charges were set on the low side to encourage use and participation and also as a guide and basis for Council in setting fees for subsequent financial years.

Risk related:

Clubs may decide the cost of moving to the TRC is still too high and places undue financial burdens of the clubs.

It also may be that cost for user groups is still too low and attracts further sporting and community groups to use the TRC – with the use outgrowing the scope of the facility to cope.

Setting fees too low may also impose a financial burden on the Shire in not recouping sufficient funds to operate the centre effectively.

Workforce

As has been the case to date, significant staff time will be required to monitor and manage community expectations of the TRC in partnership with the Venue Manager.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the proposed fee structure as attached to this report for the effective operation of the Toodyay Recreation Centre;
2. Requests the CEO to give notice under s6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*; and
3. Includes the fees and charges as part of the current financial year 2020/2021 budget.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

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Toodyay Recreation Centre - Fees and Charges

Fees may be applied on a pro rata basis. Any hourly bookings by clubs will attract casual hourly rates.

Type	Facilities Included	Term	Fee (Incl. GST)	Comments
Seasonal Club Use	Sporting pitch/courts Changerooms/toilets Pavilion 1/2 Storage Room	Winter Summer	From \$550.00	Based on 3 sessions per week: Training x 2 and Game. Any additional use will attract fees. Night training sessions require the use of lights. This is included in the fee.
Annual Club Use	Sporting pitch/courts Changerooms/toilets Pavilion 1/2 Storage Room	Annual	\$2,750.00	Based on 3 sessions per week. Any additional use will attract fees. Night use requires the use of lights. This is included in the fee.
Casual Use	Pitch hire Changerooms/toilets (at the discretion of the Venue Manager)	Per hour (min 2 hrs)** 1/2 day Full day	\$40.00 \$250.00 \$350.00	**Currently free of charge. Night training sessions require the use of lights. This is included in the fee.
Casual Use	Multi use netball/basketball courts**	Per person Per hour	\$5.00 \$25.00	Some training to be held at night and requires the use of lights. This is included in the fee. **Currently free of charge.
Casual Hire	Tennis Courts	1 court per hour 4 courts per hour Racquet hire Ball hire	\$25.00 \$80.00 \$5.00 \$5.00	Night training sessions require the use of lights. This is included in the fee.
Social Sports	As required.	Team registration Per game per player	From \$35.00 +\$5.00	
Kitchen	Kitchen - general user Community fee	Per hour Per day TBC	From \$20.00 From \$100.00 \$20.00	The hire and use of the kitchen for not for profit organisations may be set as a community fee.
Kiosk food and beverage	Kitchen - sale of food and beverage		Cost +15%	

Pavilion - Clubs / Community Groups

Registered clubs and not for profit community groups can use this fee structure. Hire periods can be negotiated with Venue Manager.
Evening functions must be concluded by 12.00pm.

Type	Facilities	Term	Fee (Incl. GST)	Comments
Pavilion Function Room	1/2 room	Per hour	\$30.00	Includes use of tables and chairs. Catering facility will be included at a separate rate. Cleaning fee where applicable will be 100% of the cost charged by the Shire's nominated contractor.
		Full Day	\$150.00	
		Cleaning		
		Bond	\$500.00	
		Per hour	\$50.00	
		Full Day	\$250.00	
Pavilion Function Room	Full Room	Cleaning		
		Bond	\$500.00	

Pavilion - Commercial Use

Cleaning fees where applicable will be 100% of the cost charged by the Shire's nominated contractor.
Evening functions must be concluded by 12.00pm.

Type	Facilities	Term	Fee (Incl. GST)	Comments
Pavilion Function Room	Full Room	Per hour	\$70.00	Includes use of tables and chairs. Catering facility will be included at a separate rate.
		Full Day	\$300.00	
		Cleaning	100%	
		Bond	\$500.00	

Acquatic Centre

A bond of \$100 may be charged for use of this facility.
All Aquatic fees include GST - unless otherwise stated.

Type	Facilities	Term	Fee (Incl. GST)	Comments
Multi Use Room	Full Room	N/A	\$100.00	
Outside grounds	Party with over 20 children attending	N/A	\$100.00	
Kiosk food and beverage	N/A	N/A	Cost +15%	
Swimming Pool	Casual	Multi Visit (11 visits)	Season	
		Adult	\$50.00	
		Child	\$40.00	
		Family	\$20.00	
Concession	2 adults & 2 Children		\$40.00	
Swim Programs	Member	Non Member (includes pool entry)		
		8 week swim program	\$110.00	
		Pre squad	\$144.00	
		Squad	\$155.00	
		Competitive	\$196.00	
		Master/Social Fitness	\$155.00	
		School Carnivals	\$440.00	
School time trials	\$200.00			