

	POLICY - RATE RELIEF FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS	3.7	
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1. OBJECTIVE

To recognise the contributions community groups and organisations make to the community and to assist them by providing rate relief.

2. SCOPE

This policy covers all forms of community groups and organisations.

3. DEFINITIONS

Nil.

4. PROCEDURE

This policy refers only to the general rates that are payable on the proportion of land that is owned or used by the organisation. Commonwealth, Crown, State and Council owned land is exempt from this policy. All organisations listed below are required to pay all service rates and charges in full. A remission on general rates can only be considered initially upon receipt of a written request from the organisation to the General Manager.

Type of Organisation:

A. Clubs - 100% remission in general rates

- Examples of such organisations are Scouts, Girl Guides, Special Interest Groups, Retired Servicemen's League and similar.

B. Sporting Bodies - Licensed Premises no remission, Unlicensed premises 25% remission on general rates

- Examples of such organisations are Cricket, Football, Tennis, Badminton, Soccer Clubs, Sporting Shooters Clubs, Boating Clubs and the like.

C. Community Organisations - 50% remission on general rates

- Examples of such organisations are Country Women's Association, Tidy Towns.

D. Health Facilities -No remission from general rates

- Examples of such organisations are Nursing Homes, Retirement Homes, Child Care Centres, Doctors Surgeries, Specialist Consultancy Practices, and the like.

E. Not For Profit Organisations - 50% remission on general rates

- Examples of such organisations are Australian Bush Heritage Fund, St Vincent De Paul, Salvation Army, and the like.
- To qualify for a remission the property must be solely used for public or community purposes. If the property is used for any other purpose then no remission on general rates is available.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is current practice.

6. DELEGATION

This policy is delegated to the General Manager.

7. RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the General Manager or Manager Corporate Services to ensure this policy is implemented.

8. REPORTING

Nil.

9. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Section 129 of *The Local Government Act 1993*.

10. REFERENCES

Nil.

11. ATTACHMENTS

Nil.