



Water & Sewer Subsidy

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear and transparent framework for Council to determine water and sewer subsidies for community groups and not-for-profit organisations (including religious bodies) that operate, and are located, within the Carrathool Shire LGA.

This policy acknowledges the valuable contribution made by local committees and other not-for-profit organisations which continue to provide voluntary assistance in maintaining facilities and/or provide services that are available to the general public.

Definitions

Council:	Carrathool Shire Council
Community Group / Not-for-Profit Organisation	Not-for-profit organisation or association of persons with the primary aim of working to provide services and benefits to the community.

Reference

Nil

Policy statements

Organisations listed in Schedule 1 (below) will be eligible for water and sewer subsidies as detailed subject to the following conditions:

1. All water usage above the maximum limits detailed in Schedule 1 will be charged according to the rates applicable in the current Fees & Charges.
2. In times of water shortage, low pressure etc. the organisation in the appropriate area will, immediately upon advice from Council, cease all watering operations until further notice.
3. At no time is water to be allowed to be wasted or excessively used - even if such waste or excessive use does not put the total usage beyond the limits specified in Schedule 1 below.
4. All water used must only be for the care and maintenance of the facility provided by the relevant organisation. Council may specify hours of usage from time to time.
5. Where an organisation's account is in arrears, these arrangements will cease until 1 July of the year in which the account is returned to current status.
6. Each eligible organisation must sign an agreement binding them to the above conditions prior to the implementation of the arrangement.
7. For those organisations with alternative water supplies, Council will subsidise the cost of electricity utilised in pumping water to reserves to an upper limit equivalent to the local water charge for 4500 kl.

Each water/sewer fund will be recompensed annually by Council's General Fund for the total value of subsidies provided in that year.

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Schedule 1 – List of Subsidies

Community Group/ Not-for-Profit Organisation	Access Charges	Water Connection	Water Usage Subsidy
CWA (all)	Water	N/A	N/A
Churches (all)	Water/Sewer	Waived	150 kl
Hillston Community Centre	Water/Sewer	Waived	100%
Goolgowi Public Hall	Water/Sewer	Waived	100%
Rankins Springs Public Hall	Water/Sewer	Waived	100%
Carrathool Public Hall	Water/Sewer	Waived	100%
Merriwagga Public Hall	Water/Sewer	Waived	100%
Goolgowi Rec Ground – Football Club	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Goolgowi Rec Ground – Tennis/Cricket Club	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Goolgowi Golf Club	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Carrathool Rec Ground	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Carrathool Racecourse Trust	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Merriwagga Golf Club	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Merriwagga Rec Ground	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Rankins Springs Golf Club	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Hillston Racecourse & Showground	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Hillston Aquatic Club	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Hillston Golf Club	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Hillston School Oval	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Rankins Springs Rifle Club	N/A	N/A	700 kl
Rankins Springs Rec Ground	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Goolgowi Public School	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Rankins Springs Public School	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
St Joseph’s School	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Carrathool Public School	N/A	N/A	4500 kl
Hillston Historical Museum	N/A	N/A	700 kl



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Associated Documents

Nil

Review

This policy may be amended from time to time and will be reviewed within four years of its adoption (or latest amendment) with reference to any relevant legislation, best practice guides, or other factor.