



## POLICY

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### *Community Facilities*

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#### **FUNDING ASSISTANCE OF LOCALLY OWNED SPORTSGROUNDS AND COMMUNITY HALLS**

1. All residents of the District have access to Council-owned sportsgrounds and halls, irrespective of their location, and can therefore be expected to pay something towards their maintenance costs through the rating system. (For example, sports teams play all over the District, not just on their home patch).
2. Where locally owned facilities are used and managed generally in the same manner as Council owned facilities, this local provision may be satisfying the same local and District need that in other communities is met by Council owned facilities.
3. Where locally owned facilities are used and managed generally in the same manner as Council owned facilities, and where these facilities meet a need that elsewhere is catered for by Council owned facilities, the local community can reasonably expect some level of funding input from their rates into the local facilities, as occurs in communities with Council provided facilities.
4. In the interests of District-wide equity, the Waimakariri District Council has accepted the principles above as the basis for providing some funding assistance to locally owned sportsgrounds and community halls, where they meet specific criteria.
5. To qualify for the funding assistance, a locally owned sportsground or community hall must comply with the following criteria:
  - a) Be an active recreation area generally available for use by the public.
  - b) The sportsground or hall should be of a type normally provided by the Waimakariri District Council, i.e. playing fields, but not tennis courts, bowling greens, golf courses, showgrounds etc.
  - c) Be clearly accessible to the public at all reasonable times, either by direct physical access or via some form of booking system.
  - d) Specific user groups may have priority claims to use through ownership or an agreement with the owner, but when this right is not being exercised, the facility is available for other public use.
  - e) Entry fees for sportsgrounds may be charged during specific recreation events, but not at other times.
  - f) Hire charges for halls may be charged for public use provided the charges are no higher than those applying for use of Council owned community halls or have otherwise been approved by the Council.
  - g) In the case of locally owned sportsgrounds or community halls it should be clearly demonstrable that similar Council owned facilities either do not exist in the same community, or are unable to cope with local demand.



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- h) The Waimakariri District Council will provide a grant to the management organisations of the locally owned sportsgrounds and community halls, to meet the cost of rates on the proportion of the facility available for public use and meeting the criteria, and to assist maintenance costs of same.
- i) For sportsgrounds, the maintenance portion of the grant will be based on a dollar value per hectare on land available for public use and meeting the criteria, the value of which will be set by the Council each year when the final budget is approved.
- j) For community halls, the maintenance portion of the grant will be based on a percentage of the capital value of the hall and associated property, the level of which will be set by the Council each year when the final Council budget is approved.
- k) The management organisation of locally owned sportsgrounds and community halls will be required to agree and comply with the criteria set out in this policy.
- l) At the end of the financial year, the management organisations of locally owned sportsgrounds and community halls will be requested to furnish to the Services Committee via the relevant Ward Committee or Community Board, an annual report and balance sheet to a specification set by the Chief Financial Officer.

<b>QUALIFYING FACILITIES</b>	
<b><i>Sportsgrounds</i></b>	<b><i>Community Halls</i></b>
Rice Park	Sefton Hall
Southbrook Sports ground	North Loburn Hall
Kaiapoi Park	Clarkville Hall
Rangiora A & P Showgrounds (part)	East Eyreton Hall
Oxford A & P Showgrounds (part)	Ohoka Hall
Cust swimming pool land	Swannanoa Hall
	Pines Beach Hall
	Tuahiwi Hall
	Coopers Creek Hall
	Saltwater Creek Hall

Other qualifying sites may be added to this list at the discretion of the Community and Recreation Committee.