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**Title:** **Hosting of Major Events at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre**

**Category:** **Recreation, Parks, Bushland and Reserves**

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## 1. Objectives

To provide a framework in considering the viability of applications from peak sporting bodies or associations, or at those times when the Council is invited to negotiate the opportunity to conduct a major event at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre, to ensure the Council receives appropriate media value and/or a positive contribution to the community.

## 2. Background

This policy was developed to address the methodology and financial implications of hosting major events at Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre.

## 3. Policy

That:

1. From time to time, Centre management may invite, or be invited to enter into negotiations with organisers of events to explore the viability of conducting such events at the Centre.
2. Subject to, but not limited to, the provision of either a financial, strategic, promotional or other benefit to the Centre and/or Council and/or the Hobart community, and having consideration to the level of disruption likely to members and regular users of the Centre, a discount may be provided on the quantum of fees and charges associated with the use of the Centre for events.
3. The General Manager shall ensure that any discount provided in point 3 above is fully and accurately costed, defensible and in accordance with Council's Grants and Benefits Disclosure and is appropriately recorded in the Council's Annual Report.

4. That the Centre aims to achieve at a minimum cost recovery in the hosting of any event and that the pricing, if negotiated, is in accordance with the National Competition Policy: Applying the Principles to Local Government in Tasmania
5. Use by members and the general public be catered for on those occasions that are not incompatible with other permitted uses which require exclusive use of the Centre's facilities.
6. During such times the Centre is being utilised for events, a minimum of two (2) lap lanes, where possible, will be made available for the members and general public in the Centre.
7. Should the Centre be unable to provide the lanes the Centre to advertise this to their members and the public through its regular communication channels.

## 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre Controlling Authority - Terms of Reference

Council Delegation - General Manager – Clause A.1(i) “To waive or reduce hire fees for Council's services or facilities.”

National Competition Policy: Applying the Principles to Local Government in Tasmania (Treasury December 2013)

Economic Regulator Act 2009 (see Part 6)

[Competitive Neutrality Principles](#) (Competition Principles Agreement) (National Competition Council, April 1995 - as amended)

*Local Government Act 1993*

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