

# Policy

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

**Category:** Community Services and Events

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## 1. Objectives

To provide a framework that guides Council’s decision making when considering hosting of major events at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre (the Centre), including but not limited to:

1. Process for negotiating and recording fee reductions or waivers, including sponsorship.
2. Minimum operating standards for members and other users of the Centre during the hosting of major events.

## 2. Background

This policy was developed to address the scheduling prioritisation, 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 major events to explore the viability and availability of conducting such events at the Centre.
2. The Centre may, at its discretion, refuse to host events based upon but not limited to:
  - a. Capacity to host the event
  - b. Financial viability of hosting the event
  - c. The likely level of disruption to members and other users of the Centre as a result of hosting the event
  - d. Alignment with the City of Hobart’s vision and associated strategies.

3. Fees or charges associated with the use of the Centre for events may be waived or reduced by the authorised Director or the Chief Executive Officer, subject to the provision of either a financial, strategic, promotional or other benefit to the Centre and/or Council and/or the Hobart community.
4. Waived or reduced fees or charges shall be fully and accurately costed, defensible and in accordance with Council's *Grants and Benefits Disclosure Policy* and shall be appropriately recorded in the Council's Annual Report.
5. The Centre shall aim to achieve, at a minimum, cost recovery in the hosting of any event.
6. The pricing, if negotiated, shall be in accordance with the *National Competition Policy: Applying the Principles to Local Government in Tasmania*.
7. During such times that the Centre is being utilised for major events, a minimum of two (2) lap lanes in any pool in the Centre, where possible, shall be made available for members and other users.
8. Should the Centre be unable to provide the two (2) lap lanes for use by members and other users, the Centre shall advertise this to their members and other users through the Centre's regular communication channels.
9. On occasion when a major event requires exclusive use of one of the Centre's facilities, the Centre shall make remaining facilities accessible for use by members and other users.

#### **4. Legislation, Terminology and References**

[Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre – Lane Space Allocation Policy](#)

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

City of Hobart – Grants and Benefits Disclosure Policy

Economic Regulator Act 2009 (see Part 6)

Local Government Act 1993 (TAS)

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

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