

**COUNCIL POLICY LV135****GROUND SUBSIDIES FOR LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS**

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to:

1. Acknowledge the valuable role that local sporting clubs play in ensuring that the local community has access to a wide range of leisure opportunities.
2. Outline the circumstances in which Council will consider making contributions and providing a subsidy to assist with grounds maintenance of recreation facilities.

**Policy**

Council's financial contribution to local sporting clubs for grounds maintenance is subject to available funding and will be determined as part of Council's annual budget development process. Contribution is not guaranteed to continue from year to year.

Council may consider the following in addition to any other circumstances or matters:

1. The financial situation and viability of the sporting club.
2. Past contributions made or provided by Council.
3. The contribution of the sporting club to grounds maintenance comparative to the amount requested from Council.
4. Contribution the sporting club makes to the local community.
5. The number of members of the sporting club including the number of ratepayers who are members.
6. Whether the playing surface is open to the public. And if so, the value of the open space to the community.
7. Equity with other local sporting clubs.

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