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Related Policies and Codes:	Clause 7 Statement Government Business Enterprises (Competition) Act 1996
Related Procedures:	Gawler Civic Centre Operations Manual (CR18/17277)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to guide staff and potential hirers regarding the hire of Gawler Civic Centre venues, including key objectives, definitions, concessions and terms and conditions.
- 1.2 This policy does not apply to properties, facilities or contractors that are leased, hired or managed from or through the Town of Gawler and for which a contract has been established.
- 1.3 This policy seeks to outline the key guidelines for hiring Gawler Civic Centre venues only, it does not apply to other Council facilities.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The primary purpose of the Gawler Civic Centre is to revitalise and redevelop existing main street community buildings that will drive economic growth, create new jobs and strengthen the social and cultural base of Gawler and the region.
- 2.2 To ensure community access to high quality Event Spaces and Meeting Rooms.
- 2.3 To optimise venue hire revenue and deliver a sustainable operation.

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- 2.4 To ensure that fees and charges set for the Gawler Civic Centre Event Spaces and Meeting Rooms reflect:
- A premier, new, function, event and meeting venue in the northern suburbs of Adelaide
 - Venue capabilities and strengths, benchmarked across the region
 - Australian National Competition Policy guidelines and competitive neutrality
- 2.5 To ensure there is a clear process for venue hire at the Gawler Civic Centre, as a distinct Council facility.

3. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

Gawler Civic Centre (89-91 Murray Street, Gawler)	The redevelopment of the State Heritage listed Town of Gawler Institute and Town Hall will contain six business functions, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gawler Public Library - Cultural Heritage Centre - Event Spaces and Meeting Rooms - Youth Space - Business Innovation Hub - Civic Centre Café
Institute	Northern building of the Gawler Civic Centre redevelopment (91 Murray Street, Gawler).
Town Hall	Southern building of the Gawler Civic Centre redevelopment (89 Murray Street, Gawler).
Event Space	Refers to the four (4) rooms on the first floor of the Institute building. The Hall , Seating Gallery and Council Chamber can be used separately or as a combined, large venue. Also on this floor, the James Martin Room serves as an event space in its own right or it can act as a foyer/reception area for the larger event spaces.
Meeting Room	Refers to the nine (-9) rooms on the lower ground, ground and first floors of the Town Hall building.
Council	Town of Gawler.
Hire rates	Refers to the fees and charges set for each Event Space and Meeting Room (excluding staff/contractor fees), dependent on the hire time required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event Spaces: Half-Day and Full-Day rates - Meeting Rooms: Hourly and Full-Day rates For current hire rates and definition of same, refer to the Gawler Civic Centre Application to Hire form or the Council website. Outside of standard business hours, staffing costs may apply.
Corporate hirer	Includes Government (excluding Government School groups), Business and Corporate organisations or Private Hirers.
Community hirer	Includes registered Charities, Service Clubs, School groups (Pre/Primary/Secondary) or not-for-profit Community groups.
Casual hirer	Those hirers that book an Event Space or Meeting Room, nine or less times per financial year, including single use hirers.
Regular hirer	Those hirers that book an Event Space or Meeting Room, ten or more times per financial year, booked simultaneously and in advance. A regular hirer will receive a concession from the standard hire rate.

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4. HIRER CONCESSIONS

4.1 The Gawler Civic Centre venue hire rates will be modelled on a **two-tier categorisation system**:

4.1.1 **Corporate Rate – full fee-paying hirers**

Applicable to all corporate hirers booking Gawler Civic Centre Event Spaces or Meeting Rooms.

4.1.2 **Community Rate – 50% discount on hire rate**

Applicable to all community hirers booking Gawler Civic Centre Event Spaces or Meeting Rooms.

4.2 **Special Community Hirer Concession** – free Town Hall Meeting Room hire for all Town of Gawler registered* community hirers.

** registered address within the Town of Gawler and/or demonstrated Town of Gawler activity*

4.3 **Regular hirers** – receive a **20% concession** off their hire rate.

5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

5.1 Application to Hire form:

Those individuals or groups wishing to hire a Gawler Civic Centre venue must complete a **Gawler Civic Centre Application to hire** form, which requires them to outline their contact details, booking details, venue(s) and equipment required and any additional requirements. The full Gawler Civic Centre Terms and Conditions of use are also outlined on this form.

5.2 Fees and Charges:

Hirers are required to pay the correct venue hire rate as set out in Council's annual Fees and Charges register, their signed Hire Agreement contract and the terms of their invoice. Council reserves the right to consider special circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

5.3 Orderly activities:

Hirers and the activity for which they use a Gawler Civic Centre venue, must not breach defamation, privacy, intellectual property or copyright laws.

Council reserves the right to refuse or cancel any booking, at its discretion, if the purpose or activity is deemed to be an inappropriate use of the premises.

Further, hirers shall not permit any act, or anything, which may negatively impact the reputation of the Council. The Council must be informed of the activity for which any venue is to be used at the time the booking is made.

5.4 Catering:

Hirers requiring any food or beverage as part of their booking and use of Gawler Civic Centre venues must inform Council staff on application, or as soon as practicable before their booking. Catering must be provided and approved at the discretion of Council management.

5.5 Damages:

At the completion of the Hirer's booking, all furniture must be returned to its original position, which is where they were found on arrival to the venue, or to a pre-arranged format.

All areas must be left in a clean and tidy state.

Any damages must be immediately reported to Council.

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The hirer must reimburse the Council for any damage or breakages to furniture, fittings or equipment at a cost and terms determined by Council.

5.6 Insurance:

All Gawler Civic Centre Event Space and Meeting Room hirers will be required to have a current Public Liability Insurance policy of no less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and are required to present proof of currency of their policy at the time of application to hire a Gawler Civic Centre venue. One-off hirer's (eg Weddings, Social Gatherings) will be covered by Council's General Public and Products Liability Insurance Policy. This does not apply to one-off events held by businesses or organisations who would be expected to be covered by their own Public and Products Liability Insurance Policy. For those bookings deemed to be high risk by Council staff, further conditions may apply.

5.7 Full Terms and Conditions:

Gawler Civic Centre hirers will be provided full terms and conditions upon application to hire the venues and/or via the Gawler Civic Centre Application to Hire form and/or via the Council website.

6. REVIEW AND EVALUATION

The effectiveness of this Policy will be reviewed on a 3-yearly basis.

The Chief Executive Officer will report to Council on the outcome of the evaluation and if relevant make recommendations for amendments, alteration or substitution of a new Policy.

The Policy will not be altered or substituted so as to affect a process already commenced.

7. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about this Policy can be obtained by:

Telephone: 8522 9211

Email: council@gawler.sa.gov.au

Appointment: Town of Gawler Administration Centre, 43 High Street, Gawler East.

Letter: PO Box 130, Gawler SA 5118

8. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

The Policy is available to be downloaded, free of charge, from Council's website at www.gawler.sa.gov.au.

A printed copy may be purchased on request from the Council's Administration Centre.