

## 12.1 Alteration to 2024/25 Fees and Charges for Camping Lake Leschenaultia

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### **PURPOSE**

For Council to consider adoption of a fee which has been applied in the past, however was not included in the fees and charges adopted in the 2024/25 annual budget. The non-inclusion was an oversight.

### **BACKGROUND**

In order to comply with the provisions of section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, all fees and charges to be levied by Council for the financial year are to be submitted for adoption by Council. The 2024/25 Fees and Charges Schedule was adopted by Council on 31 July 2024 (SC03.07.24).

### **STATUTORY / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Under section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995* a local government may impose (by absolute majority) and recover a fee or charge for any goods or service it provides or proposes to provide, other than a service for which a service charge is imposed.

Fees and charges are to be imposed when adopting the annual budget but may be imposed during a financial year and/or amended from time to time during a financial year (by absolute majority). Where fees and charges are imposed or amended during a financial year, local public notice must be given and the date of effect is to be stated in this notice.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Fees and charges for additional campers per night account for approximately \$40,000 per annum. If this fee is not charged, the Shire will forgo this amount on income.

### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Mundaring Strategic Community Plan 2020 - 2030

Priority 4 - Governance

Objective 4.4 – High standard of governance and accountability

Strategy 4.4.8 – Compliance with the Local Government Act 1995 and all relevant legislation and regulations

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

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## RISK IMPLICATIONS

<b>Risk:</b> Financial. Not adopting the amendment to the fees and charges will have an impact on the Shire's forecast revenue for the forthcoming financial year.		
<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Likely	Minor	Moderate
<b>Action / Strategy</b>		
Council amends the fees and charges.		

## CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Council Decision will be communicated in the following way/s.

Direct to stakeholder /s	Website article/ post	Social media post	Print article/ media release	E-newsletter/ Community update	Advertisement	Nil
✓	✓				✓	Notice boards.

## EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Nil

## COMMENT

The Lake Leschenaultia Camping Additional People Per Night fees and charges require consideration. The table below shows the proposed fee and charge for 2024/25

The new fee structure aim to simplify the fee structure for additional adults and children staying on camp sites at the Lake. The 2023/24 fees had separate fees for 4 differing seasons, Low, Standard, High and Peak. The new structure is proposing one flat fee for additional adults and one for children. Children under 2 years old remain free.

Lake Leschenaultia Camping	Authority (Council)	GST Applicable	2023-24 Fee (Incl. GST)	2024-25 Proposed Fee (Incl GST)
<b>Additional People Per Night</b>				
Adult (18 years and over)	C	Y	Seasonal charge: \$6 low; \$12 standard; \$13 high; \$15 peak	\$12.50
Children ( <b>Between 3 and 17 years</b> )	C	Y	Seasonal charge \$4 low; \$7 standard; \$8 high; \$10 peak	\$8.00
Children 2 years and under			Free	Free

The fee can come into effect from the date of public notice, which is proposed to be 16 August 2024.

### **Voting Requirement**

Absolute Majority - *Local Government Act 1995* section <Type Section Ref> 6.16

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council,

1. by absolute majority, amends the 2024/25 Schedule of Fees and Charges to take effect on 16 August 2024, as follows:

Lake Leschenaultia - Camping-Additional People Per Night

- Adult- \$12.50
- Children- \$8.00
- Children 2 years and under- Free; and

2. Gives local public notice of the new fee in accordance with Section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995.