

# WM 1 – Rubbish Removal for Community Events

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## 1 Objectives

To provide assistance in disposal of rubbish at community events having a demonstrable community benefit.

## 2 Policy

The Shire will provide assistance with rubbish disposal at community events having a demonstrable community benefit, either via picking up rubbish from mobile garbage bins after an event or by funding this service by the Shire's rubbish collection contractor.

### 2.1 Extent of Services

- 1 Organisers of the event, if applying for financial assistance for rubbish disposal, must demonstrate that the event has demonstrable benefits for the broader community (and therefore is eligible for assistance with rubbish disposal) and is not just a private event. Organisers of private events can instead seek a funding contribution from Council for rubbish disposal in the annual community grants and service agreements application process.
- 2 Rubbish will be collected at the conclusion of an event (within 5 days of the event concluding) but not during an event. Community events seeking a rubbish collection service during an event may apply for a community grant or service agreement for that service.
- 3 The emptying of rubbish bins by either the Shire rubbish truck or the Shire's rubbish collection contractor is restricted to rubbish deposited in mobile garbage bins suitable for lifting into the rubbish truck by the automatic lifting device attached to the truck. Neither the Shire nor contractor is able to collect rubbish deposited in 44 gallon drums or other containers not able to be lifted using the automatic lifting device as lifting these containers by hand would be a breach of occupational health and safety guidelines.
- 4 The Shire has a surplus of old mobile garbage bins at the waste disposal site that are available for use by community groups subject to the group taking responsibility for transporting the empty bins to and from the waste disposal site and event.
- 5 If more than one event is scheduled for the same week access to the above bins will be on a "first come" basis via application to the CEO.
- 6 Due to the problems associated with contamination of recycling bins during events (due to improper disposal of waste into recycling bins) a recycling bin collection service is not offered. If an event wishes to provide dedicated recycling bins for use by the public the responsibility is on the organisers of the event to monitor use of those bins and to transport the bins to the waste disposal site for disposal in the recycling bins.
- 7 The donation of rubbish disposal costs are not available to an event that already obtains Council financial assistance via a service agreement as the costs of rubbish disposal may already be factored into the service agreement. As these service agreements are renewed every third year the cost of rubbish disposal can be included.

### 2.2 How to Apply for Assistance

Requests for assistance with event rubbish collection can be made in writing (including email) to the CEO.

### 2.3 Calculating the Cost of the Assistance

Whilst there is no charge to the event organisers there is a need for the Shire to cost the provision of the rubbish disposal service against the applicable donation account. The cost of emptying a bin is the same as for a domestic rubbish service therefore each bin emptied will have a cost determined by dividing the annual domestic rubbish collection charge by 52.

## 3 Applicable Legislation and Documents

Act	s.2.7(2)(b) <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> – The council is to determine the local government's policies
Regulation	N/A
Local Law	N/A
Shire Policies	CR 7 – Australia Day Events PH 3 - Blues Festival Trading PR 1 – Policy for Allowing Functions in shire Reserves and Parks
Related Documents	N/A
Related Procedure	N/A

## 4 Administration

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