

16 FEES AND CHARGES - HIRE OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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SUMMARY OF REPORT

Moving to Yalawanyi Gunyah, the new Administration Building for MidCoast Council, provides Council with the opportunity to allow businesses, community groups and members of the public to hire the new Council Chambers for the purpose of holding meetings and /or events.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

That Council place the new fee for the hire of its Council Chamber at Yalawanyi Gunyah on public exhibition for 28 days allowing for submissions from the public prior to amending its Fees and Charges to include this hire fee.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 610F(3) of the Act requires Council to give public notice of any fee allowing for submissions from the public.

DISCUSSION

MidCoast Council is keen to facilitate and encourage members of the community to experience and use the new administration building wherever possible. One such opportunity is to allow businesses, community groups and members of the public to hire the Council Chambers in its new administration building for functions and events.

Council proposes that the fees in the table below are advertised, giving public notice and seeking feedback prior to adding them to its existing adopted fees and charges.

HIRE FEES	
Half Day (up to 4 hours maximum) - Not for Profit Rate	\$200.00
Half Day (up to 4 hours maximum) - Professional Rate	\$300.00
Full Day (up to 7.5 hours maximum) - Not for Profit Rate	\$350.00
Full Day (up to 7.5 hours maximum) - Professional Rate	\$550.00
Booking Deposit Bond - Not For Profit Rate	\$250.00
Booking Deposit Bond - Professional Rate	\$500.00
MidCoast Council Audio/Tech staff required (per hour)	\$150.00 Per Hour

Section 610F (*extract below*) requires that Council give public notice of this new fee (as it is for a new service) and allow for submissions from the public prior to adding it to its existing Fees and Charges.

610F Public notice of fees

(1) *A council must not determine the amount of a fee until it has given public notice of the fee in accordance with this section and has considered any submissions duly made to it during the period of public notice.*

(2) *Public notice of the amount of a proposed fee must be given (in accordance with section 405) in the draft operational plan for the year in which the fee is to be made.*

(3) *However, if, after the date on which the operational plan commences—*

(a) a new service is provided, or the nature or extent of an existing service is changed, or

(b) the regulations in accordance with which the fee is determined are amended,

the council must give public notice (in accordance with section 705) for at least 28 days of the fee proposed for the new or changed service or the fee determined in accordance with the amended regulations.

CONSULTATION

In accordance with Section 610F(3) of the Act, Council is required to give public notice of this new fee allowing for submissions from the public prior to adding it to its existing Fees and Charges.

TIMEFRAME

To be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The fee aims to cover the costs associated with the setting up and packing up of the Council Chamber where businesses, community groups and members of the public seek to hire the facility.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council place the new fee for the hire of its Council Chamber at Yalawanyi Gunyah on public exhibition for 28 days allowing for submissions from the public prior to amending its Fees and Charges to include this hire fee.