

CHANGES TO THE 2008-2009 FEES AND CHARGES

Subsequent to the adoption of the 2008-2009 Management Plan (including Fees and Charges) on 26 June 2008, the Council adopted the following changes to the 2008-2009 Fees and Charges on the 30 September 2008 (Minute No. 662, 30/09/08).

		2008/2009				
Type of Fee/Charge	2007/2008 Excl. GST	Fee	GST	Total Payable	Pricing Policy	Comments
Bins for One-off Events						
<i>Planned requests Per bin (240 lt)</i>	\$27.27	\$32.00	\$3.20	\$35.20	FS/CS	This rate requires a minimum of one weeks notification of service requirements and includes the delivery, pick and disposal of waste material.
<i>Urgent requests Per bin (240 lt)</i>	New	\$42.00	\$4.20	\$46.20	FS/CS	This rate incurs additional costs for service delivery where the minimum of one weeks notification of service requirements is NOT provided and includes the delivery, pick and disposal of waste material.

		2008/2009				
Type of Fee/Charge	2007/2008 Excl. GST	Fee	GST	Total Payable	Pricing Policy	Comments
Vacation Care						
Full day Per Child <i>Non Excursion Rate</i>	\$31.00	\$32.00	N/A	\$32.00	FS/CP	
Full day Per Child <i>Excursion Rate</i>	\$36.00	\$37.00	N/A	\$37.00	FS/CP	
New Child Registration Fee	\$10.50	\$15.50	N/A	\$15.50	FS/CP	
Overtime / Late fee	\$15.00	\$15.50	N/A	\$15.50	FS/CP	Per 15 minutes

The details of these changes can found in the extract of Item 25 from the 30 September 2008 Council Business Paper below.

ITEM NO: 25

SUBJECT: **ADOPTION OF CHANGES TO THE 2008-2009 FEES AND CHARGES**

FILE NO: F02965

Recommendations:

1. *That the Council adopts the inclusions to the 2008-2009 Fees and Charges as follows:*
 - a) *Fee for Supply of Extra Bins for One-off Events to be included in the 'Events' section of the 2008-2009 Fees and Charges as follows:*
 - Planned requests per bin (240 litre) - \$35.20
 - Urgent requests per bin (240 litre) - \$46.20
 - b) *Fees for Blackheath Vacation Care Program be included in the 'Children, Family Day Care and Vacation Care' section of the 2008-2009 Fees and Charges as follows:*
 - Fee per day per child - \$32.00
 - Fee per day per child excursion rate - \$37.00
 - New child registration fee - \$15.50
 - Overtime / late fee - \$15.50 for every 15 minutes
 2. *That the fees be added to the 2008-2009 Fees and Charges schedule.*
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Report by Group Manager, Community and Corporate:

Background

Due to two fees being inadvertently omitted from the 2008-2009 Management Plan, at the Council meeting of 15 July 2008 it was resolved:

- “1. *That the Council approves the following proposed inclusions to the 2008-2009 Fees and Charges for public exhibition:*
 - a) *Fee for Supply of Extra Bins for One-off Events to be included in the 'Events' section of the 2008-2009 Fees and Charges as follows:*
 - Planned requests per bin (240 litre) - \$35.20
 - Urgent requests per bin (240 litre) - \$46.20
 - b) *Fees for Blackheath Vacation Care Program be included in the 'Children, Family Day Care and Vacation Care' section of the 2008-2009 Fees and Charges as follows:*
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2. *That the proposed changes be publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 16 July to Tuesday 12 August 2008 via advertisement in the Blue Mountains Gazette .*

3. *That a further report come to the Council after the public exhibition, presenting any public submissions received.*”

(Minute No. 552, 15/07/08)

Having now been publicly exhibited as required by the Local Government Act, 1993 (Section 610F), these fees are now being recommended for adoption.

External consultation

These fees have been on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by the Local Government Act, 1993 (Section 610F) from Wednesday 23 July to Tuesday 19 August 2008. The fees were advertised in the Blue Mountains Gazette (23/07/08, 30/07/08 and 6/08/08) and on the Council’s website. No public submissions on these fees were received.

2008-2009 Fees and Charges Being Recommended for Adoption

Details of the two fees are provided below in the following sections:

- A. Inclusion of Fee for Supply of Extra Bins for One-off Events; and
- B. Inclusion of Fees for Blackheath Vacation Care Program.

A. Inclusion of Fee for Supply of Extra Bins for One-off Events

This fee was inadvertently omitted from the 2008-2009 Management Plan adopted by the Council on 24 June 2008. This fee is for the provision of additional litterbins and services not currently provided in the public precinct in which the event is being held. There have not been many calls for one-off events in the past, and a fee of \$30 per bin was included in previous Management Plans. However, there is raised community expectation in regards to events, and an increasing number of one-off community events being held.

It is recommended that the following fees be included in the ‘Events’ section of the 2008-2009 Fees and Charges.

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						delivery where the minimum of one weeks notification of service requirements is NOT provided and includes the delivery, pick and disposal of waste material.

Sustainability Assessment (Triple Bottom Line Reporting)

Effects	Positive	Negative
Environmental	Good litter management preventing litter from entering the Council’s drainage network and / or ending up in the National Park or Sydney’s water supply.	No significant negative impacts.
Social	Enhances community amenity by keeping event areas clean and free of litter.	Events may be affected due to additional costs in bin provision and litter collection.
Economic	Improved event management encourages greater participation and economic return to the Blue Mountains.	Additional costs for community members to run events.

Financial implications for the Council

There have not been many calls for one-off events in the past, and a fee was included in previous Management Plans for single bins. However, due to raised community expectations in regards to events, and the increasing numbers of community events being held, the Council does not have the funding to be able to absorb the extra cost to provide these additional waste management services for the events. The Council has additional employment costs relating to overtime, (events are mainly on the weekend), vehicle operating costs, and waste disposal fees. These costs will be offset by the fee charged.

Legal and risk management issues for the Council

If bins are not provided at events, the potential legal and risk management issues are:

- EPA fines;
- Complaints by community members;

- Damage to council assets from inappropriate rubbish disposal;
- Potential health issues for the community and staff related to inadequate management of general waste; and
- Vermin problems.

B. Inclusion of Fees for Blackheath Vacation Care Program

Increases to fees and charges for Blackheath Vacation Care were not included in the 2008-2009 Management Plan adopted by Council on 24 June 2008, as it was anticipated that auspice of the service would be transferred to another organisation before the commencement of the 2008-2009 financial year. This transfer did not occur as expected. These recommended fees relate to the charges to families, which contribute to the costs of the Blackheath Vacation Care program (BVC). BVC is managed by the Council’s Family Day Care Scheme, and provides vacation care for children 5-12 years in the Blackheath area.

It is recommended that the following fees be included in the ‘Children, Family Day Care and Vacation Care’ section of the 2008-2009 Fees and Charges.

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Sustainability Assessment (Triple Bottom Line Reporting)

Effects	Positive	Negative
Environmental	There are no significant positive environmental impacts.	There are no significant negative environmental impacts.
Social	The fees are an essential component of the program budget which enables the provision of a Vacation Care Program in the Blackheath area.	There are no significant negative social impacts.
Economic	The fees contribute to the Blackheath Vacation Care program costs	There are no significant negative economic impacts.

Financial implications for the Council

The recommended fees contribute to the operational costs of running the Blackheath Vacation Care program.

Legal and risk management issues for the Council

There are no legal or risk management issues related to this fee.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the two amendments to the 2008-2009 Fees and Charges as outlined in the report are adopted and added to the 2008-2009 Fees and Charges schedule.