



WASTE DISPOSAL PRIVILEGES FOR FUNDRAISERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS POLICY

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POLICY OBJECTIVE

This policy has been developed to ensure a fair and reasonable approach is taken in relation to waste disposal privileges. Council recognises and appreciates the work undertaken by Fundraising and Community Groups and is happy to assist, whilst being mindful of the ever-increasing costs associated with the disposal of waste.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

Nil

DEFINITIONS

- Fundraising Group** A group that raises funds solely to provide benefit to the wider community.
- Community Group** A group that is:
- a community based organisation/service;
 - not for profit;
 - an ongoing recognised group;
 - not currently receiving ongoing operating funds from the South Gippsland Shire Council or State or Federal Government;
 - providing a service to the whole community; and
 - not operating for the sole benefit of its own association.
- Waste** Any material that cannot be reused, resold or recycled.
Note: Only waste generated within the South Gippsland Shire will be accepted.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council encourages and supports Fundraising Groups and Community Groups through the provision of financial assistance in the form of waste disposal privileges.

POLICY SCOPE

The group seeking waste disposal privileges must:

- be a recognised Fundraising Group or Community Group; and



- provide services within the South Gippsland Shire.

A group may be entitled to waste disposal privileges if:

- they are disposing of waste resulting from an emergency or natural disaster;
- the waste has been collected during Clean Up Australia Day activities;
- the waste has been collected during community clean-ups on Council owned or managed property;
- the works carried out by a Community Group would otherwise have been done by Council; or
- in the case of a fundraising group, the waste has been generated directly as a result of fundraising activities.

Fundraising Group or Community Group

A Fundraising Group or Community Group may apply to Council for waste disposal privileges at any time. Written applications must be on the group's letterhead to ensure that only incorporated groups are requesting free waste disposal.

Once a request has been received, an application form will be forwarded for completion and returned to Council. All details on the form must be completed including the estimated amount of waste likely to be disposed of by the group. Groups are asked to be as accurate as possible when estimating the amount of waste to be disposed of, as this will assist with planning for the management of waste at transfer stations and the Koonwarra Landfill. Council may limit the amount of waste to be disposed of by any group.

Groups must meet the requirements (see Definitions) of the Policy in order to qualify for waste disposal privileges.

Other Organisations

Where groups are requesting waste disposal privileges for materials generated from an emergency or natural disaster, they must contact Council to seek approval for waste disposal privileges.

Where large quantities of material are generated, the group may be directed to the Koonwarra Landfill.

Other Requirements

Recyclables must be separated from the load wherever possible and placed in the appropriate areas at the disposal facility as directed by the attendant. Recyclable materials include glass, plastic bottles, steel cans, aluminium cans, white goods (fridges must be degassed), electronic waste, metal, aluminium, paper, cardboard, green waste and clean, untreated/unpainted wood waste (free of nails etc).



RISK ASSESSMENT

Financial

The major risk to Council through continuing to implement this Policy in its current state is the increased costs of the required reimbursements to Council's transfer station contractor. This is mitigated through maintaining the eligibility criteria for participating groups and through the enforcement of monthly limits on waste disposal quantities for each group.

If the Policy was discontinued, there is a risk that some dumped material may end up having to be managed by Council. There is also the risk that some groups providing community services may not be able to continue due to the cost of waste disposal often caused by illegal dumping in the case of op-shops.

IMPLEMENTATION | AUDIT | REVIEW

The responsibility and implementation of the policy rests with the Infrastructure Directorate.

This policy will be reviewed and adopted on a 4 year cycle.

This policy will be published on Council's website.