



MAITLAND CITY COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Name:	BOWLING CLUBS – LEASE OF PUBLIC RESERVES
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Business Group:	Service Planning & Regulation
Responsible Officer:	Group Manager Service Planning Regulation
OBJECTIVE	To establish guidelines in relation Bowling Clubs and the lease of public reserves.

The following report was submitted by the Town Clerk to the Finance, Priority and Resources Committee:-

“The following advise has been received from the Department of Local Government in respect of the lease of public reserve land to Bowling Clubs:-

‘In this regard, it is considered that where occupations on publicly owned land are permitted, they should be allowed on a basis which is seen to provide an adequate return to the community at large and not to be subsidised by requiring a rent less than economic one or absolution from payment of local government rates.

In the light of this, future approvals, if given, are likely to be conditioned, unless there are mitigating factors such as there being provision in a lease of public reserve land to allow a degree of public usage and/or commitments by lessee bodies towards the improvement of public facilities, so that the rental would be based on 6% of the unimproved value of the land, in addition to the payment of rates.

*Council’s existing charges for Rentals to Bowling Clubs (approved on 28th October, 1980) are at the rate of \$242.00 per green which is based on the rates payable by the **highest rated Bowling Club** which owns its Bowling Greens.*

Under the recommendations outlined in the correspondence received from the Department of Local Government, rentals in respect of Maitland Park and Maitland City Bowling Club would increase from \$726.00 to \$1,468.00. This is based on rental 6% of U.C.V. of \$15,000.00, plus rates of \$568.00.”



Recommendations to Committee

1. The correspondence be noted at this stage; and
2. Rentals in respect of Bowling Clubs on Public Reserves be determined, in future years, on the basis of Departmental recommendation.

The Committee recommended to Council that the recommendation be adopted.

The recommendation was adopted in Open Council.

NOTE:

- Rentals in respect of Maitland Park Bowling Club be based on rental 6% of UCV of \$15,000, plus rates;
- Rentals in respect of Bowling Clubs on Public Reserves be determined, in future years, on the basis of Departmental recommendations.