

Attachment 3: Material Variances and Fee Price Changes

Table 1: Escalations applied to existing fees (incl animal management, excl bonds and deposits)

	Percentage of total number of fees	
No change	38.1%	
Increase of 0.1 - 1.9%	3.4%	
Increase of 2 - 3.9%	56.1%	
Increase of 4 - 9.9%	1.6%	
Material increases or decreases *	0.7%	

(*Existing fees with material price variations are discussed individually in table 2 below)

Table 2: Fees with material price adjustments compared to 2019-20 (including bonds and deposits)

Fee Name	2020/2021 Comment	Number of fees	2020/2021 Fee (incl. GST)	2019/2020 Fee (incl. GST)	% fee increase
Bonds and Deposits					
Bond for Sport and Recreation Clubhouse Use	Bonds that apply to Sport and Recreation Clubhouses (booked in conjunction with seasonal sporting ground use) are to be increased as the existing rate of \$220 is low relative to other facilities and benchmark costs, and is insufficient to cover or deter damage.	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 220.00	127%
Bond for Commercial Use of Facilities	Bonds are applied on a per location per season basis. Bonds for commercial use of Council Facilities have been set at a flat rate of \$1,000.00. For the Briggs Road Function Room and Rosewood Showgrounds Cultural Centre, the bond rate had been slightly decreased from \$1,030.00. For facilities other than those two, the bond is proposed to increase from \$460.00. Whilst the increase appears significant, the commercial rate is now consistent with other facility bond rates, and provides a greater incentive to users not to cause damage to the premises. The bond for community use of facilities (other than Rosewood Showgrounds Cultural Centre) is to remain relatively low, at \$480.00. Bonds are applied on a per location per event basis.	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 460.00	117%
Print Copy and Post at Library Branches (self service)					
Black and white - A3 page copy or print	Self service print and copy at Ipswich Library Branches have not been subject to an increase in the last four years. Fees for the standard black and white, A4 page services are to remain at ten cents per page to minimise costs to students and the community who use this service most.	1	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.20	28%
Colour - A3 page copy or print		1	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.50	34%
Colour - A4 page copy or print	Premium services for colour and larger page size printing are proposed to be subject to price increases of between five and fifty cents per page to keep pace with operational costs.	1	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.75	34%

Fee Name	2020/2021 Comment	Number of fees	2020/2021 Fee (incl. GST)	2019/2020 Fee (incl. GST)	% fee increase
Venue and Park Hire Fees					
Facilities hire – Daily rate for commercial use	The daily fee for commercial hire of venues and facilities (other than Rosewood Showgrounds Cultural Centre) has been reduced to be consistent with market rates for comparable facilities with minimal internal fittings and facilitates. The previous day rate was also high relative to the annual fee - as a result it was cheaper for groups to book for a year rather than a number of days, thereby reducing availability of the facility unnecessarily.	1	\$ 450.00	\$ 840.00	-46%
Rosewood Showgrounds Cultural Centre - Daily rate for community use	A reduction in the daily rate is proposed in order to keep this facility competitive in the market. A new seasonal fee is also being introduced for community group bookings, which the daily rate has been set to compliment.	1	\$ 340.00	\$ 425.00	-20%
Daily hire of Sporting Grounds	The daily fee for use of sporting grounds (per location booking, excluding North Ipswich Reserve Oval A) is proposed to be reduced. The previous day rate of \$130 was high relative to the seasonal fee. As a result, it was cheaper in some cases for community groups to book for a season rather than a number of days, which in turn reduced the availability of the facility for other users. The new fee is in line with market rates, and any use after 6pm incurs a lighting charge in addition.	1	\$ 60.00	\$ 130.00	-54%
Other Services					
Fire Station 101 Members Day Pass	The proposed price is consistent with benchmarks for other service providers. Members using the service regularly can opt for a monthly pass for \$165.	1	\$ 33.00	\$ 22.00	50%