

Child Care Centre Fees

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1. TITLE

Child Care Centre Fees

2. OBJECTIVE

To provide for a high quality Child Care Service that is cost neutral to Council.

3. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term	Meaning
N/a	

4. POLICY

- 4.1 Council will set Child Care Centre fees annually at a rate that ensures the service operates within a 'cost neutral' budget.
- 4.2 Council will inform all enrolled families of their eligibility to apply for Child Care Benefit, Child Care Rebate, and Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance. These are benefits available to eligible families to assist with the cost of child care. They are paid by the Australian Government through the Department of Human Services, Family Assistance Office.
- 4.3 Council will negotiate the timing of the payment of fees with families experiencing financial difficulties and will apply for special child care assistance on behalf of the family after eligibility has been determined in accordance with the guidelines contained in the Australian Government, Department of Education and Training Child Care Service Handbook.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER COMPATIBILITY

This Policy has been assessed as being compatible with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

6. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Council-Operated Child Care Centres - Enrolment System Policy
Kindergarten Central Enrolment Service Policy

7. REFERENCES/RESOURCES

Child Care Service Handbook (Australian Government, Department of Education and Training).