

<b>Policy number</b>	Policy 116
<b>Policy title</b>	Donations – Financial assistance
<b>Strategic outcomes supported</b>	S3 – An empowered community with a sense of pride, safety and belonging S4 – A place where all people have an awareness and appreciation of arts, culture, education and heritage

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### **POLICY OBJECTIVE:**

~~The donations program will support the local or regional community through an annual financial Assistance program, donation (gifting of funds) for charitable purposes, services or enhancement of amenity, or to benefit a cause, whereby the Town receives no direct branding or recognition benefit.~~

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~~Donations will be for the provision of charitable purposes, services or amenities; or to support individual or group achievement at a state or national level of competition.~~

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~~The Town reserves the right to request a profile of the donation recipient including what the funds will or have been used for.~~

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### **POLICY SCOPE:**

~~This policy applies to the making of financial donations made by the Town. Removed to fit new policy template.~~

### **DEFINITIONS:**

~~Nil. Definitions provided in new policy~~

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

~~1. The Town will provide an annual Donations – Financial Assistance Program each financial year for the provision of charitable purposes, services or amenities; or to support individual or group achievement at a state or national level. No direct benefit will be sought from the Town, however in-direct benefits may eventuate through the voluntary recognition of the Town by the recipient.~~

### **Aims:**

~~2.1 The aims of the Town of Victoria Park's Community Donations Program are:~~

- a. To complement the Town of Victoria Park's strategic objectives;
- b. To support the following five (35) categories groups through the donation of a financial assistance:
  - Sporting Activities
  - To support local residents who reside within the Town aged between 12-25 years to participate within their sporting discipline at a state, national or international level
  - Applicants must produce a letter of selection form their state sporting association or national body

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Donations will be capped at \$200 per person travelling interstate per annum and \$300 per person travelling internationally per financial year

- ~~i. Welfare, charity and community groups for initiatives or programs which benefit the local or regional community capped at \$500 per application;~~
- ~~ii. State representation at national level for sport, academic and educational achievement \$200 per person or \$400 per group of two or more people attending the same event at the same time;~~
- ~~iii. National representation at international level for sport, academic and educational achievement \$300 per person or \$600 per group of two or more people attending the same event at the same time;~~
- ~~iv.i. Pre-primary to secondary schools for initiatives which benefit the local community or the amenity of the school \$500 per application; **now captured under Community grants**~~
- ~~ii. School welfare assistance-  
Youth Leadership and Development~~

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Youth Leadership and Development

- i. To support individuals aged between 12-25 years nominated to undertake a youth leadership or development course delivered by a recognised organisation for personal and/ or professional development
- ii. Applicants must demonstrate a letter of offer to undertake the personal or professional development
- iii. Funding will be capped at \$300 per individual

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School Welfare

- ~~iii. Maximum of two applications per school, per financial year, to support the welfare of students and families requiring assistance with educational fees or items. Capped at \$200 per student. The school must submit the donation application on behalf of the student/ family.~~

~~3. Applications which fall outside of these categories or exceed the maximum donation amounts specified, may be referred to Council for determination.~~

**Ineligibility:**

~~4. Applicants will be ineligible for a donation where the:~~

- ~~a. Applicant has already received a donation in that financial year from the Town.~~
- ~~b. Applicant has an outstanding debt with the Town~~
- ~~c. Applicant has failed to submit a satisfactory Town acquittal for a previous Town grant~~
- ~~d. Application is submitted retrospectively i.e.: after a project, activity and /or program has already taken place~~
- ~~e. Application is a Town employee or an elected member and their immediate family members. **Blanket statement in new policy**~~

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~~5. The Town reserves the right to deny any donation application which conflicts with the Town's Vision, Mission or Values, or which would bring the Town's brand or reputation into disrepute, or at its discretion. **Blanket statement in new policy**~~

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**RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

Nil.

<b>Policy manager</b>	Manager – Community
<b>Responsible officers</b>	Community Development Coordinator
<b>Approval authority</b>	Council
<b>Next Evaluation Date</b>	

**REVISION HISTORY**

Version	Approved, Amended, Rescinded or Reviewed	Date	Authority	Resolution Number	Key Changes/Notes
1	Approved	28/09/1999	Council	-	Item 4.1
1	Reviewed	09/07/2013	Council	-	Item 10.1
1	Reviewed	11/08/2015	Council	-	Item 10.1
2	Amended	17/11/2017	Council	-	Item 13.1
3	Reviewed and Amended	20/08/2019	Council	148/2019	Item 10.1