

Property Prospectus

874 Albany Highway



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK

Opportunity Overview

The Town of Victoria Park (the Town) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from suitably qualified parties to lease or licence premises located at 874 Albany Highway, East Victoria Park.

This property is located within the Albany Highway Precinct, one of the Town's key commercial and activity centres, offering a vibrant mix of retail, hospitality, office, entertainment, and service-based businesses.

This rare opportunity provides prospective tenants with the ability to secure a presence within a highly visible and well-established district centre location, positioned to benefit from strong surrounding activity, passing traffic, and ongoing precinct activation.

The Town is seeking a proponent who can demonstrate:

- A viable and sustainable use
- Alignment with the intended planning framework
- Capacity to deliver and operate the proposed use

Property Summary

- Location: 874 Albany Highway, East Victoria Park
- Land Area: Approx. 526m²
- Building Area: Approx. 92m²
- Building Type: Character office/multifunction premises comprising three consulting rooms or offices, a central reception area, kitchen facilities, and an external toilet.
- Building Code of Australia (BCA) Classification: Class 5 – Office, currently used as a consulting office
- Access: Albany Highway frontage with rear laneway access with potential for the rear gate to be used for site parking
- Zoning under LPS2 (Local Planning Scheme No. 2): **District Centre**
 - To facilitate a mix of land uses that focus on the weekly needs of the wider district catchment.
 - To provide a community focal point for people, services, employment and leisure that are highly accessible, and do not adversely impact on adjoining residential areas.
 - To facilitate developments of a scale and design that contribute to the desired character of the district centre, and to a high quality public realm through fine grained active frontages and building design that encourage public interaction.
 - To provide a broad range of employment opportunities to encourage diversity within the centre.
 - To ensure a mix of commercial and residential developments, which provide for activity and accessibility at the street level and support provision of public transport and pedestrian links.
 - To provide for a wide range of residential accommodation, including high density residential, to meet the diverse needs of the community.

Commercial Framework

Applicants are invited to submit a commercial offer with regard to the current market valuation of approximately \$24,000-\$28,000 per annum plus GST and outgoings. Consistent with Policy 310, the Town will seek to achieve an outcome that best aligns with or exceeds market value, subject to overall proposal merit.

Proposals will be assessed having regard to:

- Alignment with market valuation
- Proposed lease terms
- Overall benefit to the Town

Lease or licence terms will be negotiated in line with Council Policy 310 – Leasing and Licensing (Annexure 1)

Key Lease Considerations

- Net lease structure (tenant responsible for outgoings)
- Estimated outgoings (excluding utilities)
 - Council Rates approximately \$3,700
 - Emergency Services Levy \$460
 - Building Insurance \$135
 - Land tax
- Tenant responsible for fit out, approvals, maintenance, and statutory compliance.
- Currently the town conducts the below preventative and compliance maintenance on the property at an approximate cost of \$2,400 per annum which will be on charged:
 - Electrical testing
 - Pest control and treatments
 - Gutter cleaning
- Property offered on an “as is” basis
- Lease subject to standard Town lease conditions and Council approval

Submission Requirements

Applicants must review the Towns Policy 310 - Leasing and Licencing policy (Annexure 1) and are requested to provide a concise submission including:

1. Applicant Details
 - a. Registered name of individual/company/organisation and ABN
 - b. Business/Trading Name
 - c. Contact details
 - d. Business relevant structure (e.g. company, incorporated association, not for profit)
2. Proposed Use
 - a. Description of intended use
 - b. How the use aligns with the site and zoning
 - c. Outline how you believe your organisation will align with the Town's plans, policies, and strategies (if applicable)
 - d. Any community or public benefit (if applicable)
3. Commercial Offer
 - a. Proposed rent and how you arrived at that calculation (per annum)
 - b. Lease term and options
 - c. Proposed rent review method
 - d. Security (bond or bank guarantee)
 - e. Any key conditions
4. Financial Capacity
 - a. Evidence of ability to meet lease obligations (e.g. financials, accountant reference, or similar)
 - b. Relevant experience in operating or leasing similar premises (desirable)

- c. Confirm you have the relevant insurance:
 - i. Public Liability Insurances (no less than \$20M).
 - ii. Workers compensation insurance cover.
 - iii. Work Health and Safety considerations and compliance.
5. Relevant Experience
 - a. Experience operating a similar use
 - b. An overview of key personnel
6. Concept (if applicable)
 - a. High-level fit-out or use concept (no detailed drawings required)
7. Referees
 - a. Minimum two contactable referees

Assessment Criteria

Submissions will be assessed on:

- Commercial offer and alignment with market valuation
- Suitability and viability of the proposed use
- Demonstrated financial capacity
- Relevant experience
- Overall benefit and activation of the site

The Town may shortlist applicants and enter into negotiations with one or more parties.

Process and Conditions

- This is an Expression of Interest process, not a binding offer
- The Town is not obliged to accept any submission
- Shortlisted applicants may be invited to provide further detail
- Any proposed lease remains subject to Council approval and statutory processes

Leasing of the property will be undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 (WA), including public notice requirements where applicable.

Enquiries and Submissions

Submissions must be lodged by the closing date.

For enquiries:

Contact: Property Development and Leasing Team

email: admin@vicpark.wa.gov.au

phone: (08) 9311 8111

Annexure 1

Policy number	Policy 310
Policy title	Leasing and licensing
Strategic outcomes supported	CL1 – Effectively managing resources and performance CL3 - Accountability and good governance

Policy objective:

This policy provides guidelines for leasing and licensing of facilities under Town ownership or management.

This policy aims to:

- Balance appropriate management and responsible use of the Town’s facilities for the benefit of the community.
- Ensure sound financial management and effective administration.
- Balance administration of the Town’s leases and licences with the objectives of the Town’s Land Asset Optimisation Strategy.
- Ensure Town managed properties are appropriately maintained, developed and occupied.
- Ensure any in kind support from the Town, including peppercorn, discounted or other rent subsidy, is recognised transparently in light of community benefit and having regard to social impact investment processes.
- Provide a framework for key lease and licence terms.

Policy scope:

This Policy applies to all leases and licences of facilities owned or managed by the Town.

Policy definitions:

Community Purpose means use primarily aimed at benefiting the local community. It includes use by an incorporated sporting club or community organisation or community group, and may also include use for a Government Purpose where the Town considers that use to be of particular value to the local community.

Community Facility means a Facility intended for use for a Community Purpose.

Commercial Purpose means use aimed at advancing commercial or economic interests. This typically entails business activity that targets income generation or profit.

Commercial Facility means a Facility intended for use for a Commercial Purpose.

Facility means land, halls, pavilions, change rooms, clubrooms, civic offices and other buildings owned or managed by the Town.

Government Purpose means use for the provision of public services by a State or Federal government department or a body corporate that is incorporated within Australia and is a public authority or an instrumentality or agency of the Crown.

Land Asset Optimisation Strategy means the strategy adopted by Council resolution 253/2022 dated 13 December 2022.

Lease means a written contract of terms under which the Town grants exclusive possession of all or part of a Facility for a specified period of time in return for the payment of rent.

Licence means a written contract of terms under which the Town grants non-exclusive possession in respect of a Facility for a specified period of time.

Long Lease means a Lease, the fixed term of which is longer than any of: (1) an initial term of 5 years; (2) an option to extend for a further period of up to 5 years.

Social Impact Investment Process: Peppercorn Leases means Attachment 2 to Council resolution 235/2022 dated 15 November 2022.

Policy statement:

1. The Town of Victoria Park owns and manages Facilities on behalf of its community. Leases and Licences provide means for Facilities to be made available for the use, benefit and in the best interests of residents and ratepayers.
2. Decisions regarding Leasing and/or Licensing of Facilities will have regard to the following principles:
 - a. Supporting local groups
 - b. Social Return, including Social Impact Investment Process: Peppercorn Leases
 - c. Sustainability
 - d. Commercial Value
 - e. Equity
 - f. Exclusive or shared use
 - g. Financial Return
 - h. Land Asset Optimisation Strategy
 - i. Transparency as to leasing and licensing terms
3. Facilities will be classified in accordance with Policy 221 Strategic Management of Land and Property Assets.

Administration:

4. Leases and Licences of the Town's Community Facilities will be administered in an equitable and consistent manner so far as is reasonable and practicable.
5. Leases and Licences of the Town's Commercial Facilities will be administered so as to maximise income generation for the Town, to align with market conditions so far as is reasonable and practicable.

Leases

6. Leases are to comply with the following:
 - a. Exclusive possession is to be granted in respect of the Facility;
 - b. Leases will be for a fixed term of up to 5 years with any option to extend being for a further term of up to 5 years;
 - c. The Lessee will be responsible for all non structural maintenance within the leased area and will provide documentation on the following (if applicable):
 - i. Fire servicing equipment;
 - ii. Mechanical services maintenance and service records (in accordance with Australian Standards);

- iii. Annual gutter cleaning;
 - iv. Annual pest control treatments;
 - v. Electrical compliance testing;
 - vi. Sewer pump and grease trapping services; and
 - vii. Septic system servicing.
- d. The Lessee will be responsible for cleaning and the general presentation of the leased area;
 - e. The Lessee will be responsible for all operating/running costs, including but not limited to:
 - i. Refuse collection;
 - ii. Emergency services levy;
 - iii. Water rates;
 - iv. Council rates;
 - v. All utilities related to their use (e.g. electricity, gas, water, telecommunications etc.); and
 - vi. Reimbursement of the Town for the cost of building insurance, where the Lease is for a Commercial Purpose or a Government Purpose.
 - f. The Lessee will be responsible for obtaining appropriate insurance (e.g. public liability insurance, contents insurance etc.);
 - g. The Lease will be based on a rental amount;
 - h. The Lease will include a redevelopment clause. If the Town wishes to do anything that may result in significant redevelopment of the land and/or Facility, the Town may give six months written notice of termination of the Lease, requiring the Lessee to vacate on such termination;
 - i. The Lessee will be permitted to undertake capital improvements (with prior written approval from the Chief Executive Officer), provided that the Town will not be obliged to pay compensation for such improvements on termination; and
 - j. Approval from the Chief Executive Officer will be required prior to any assignment or subletting.
7. The Town as the Lessor will be responsible for:
- a. Arranging appropriate building insurance at the cost of the Town, limited to the protections under the Local Government Insurance Scheme; and
 - b. All structural maintenance within the leased area.

Licences

- 8. Licences provide non-exclusive possession of a Facility use and typically provide sporting clubs and other community based user groups with use of a Facility shared with other users, for example on a seasonal basis. Shared use promotes greater utilisation of Facilities, which are a finite resource.
- 9. Licences are to comply with the following:
 - a. A grant of non-exclusive possession of the Facility;
 - b. Licences will be for a term of up to 3 years;
 - c. The Licensee will be responsible for obtaining appropriate insurance (e.g. public liability insurance, contents insurance)
 - d. A licence fee will apply;
 - e. The Licence will include a redevelopment clause, whereby if the Town wishes to do anything that may result in significant redevelopment of the land and/or Facility, the Town may give six months written notice of termination of the Licence requiring the Licensee to vacate on such termination;
 - f. Approval from the Chief Executive Officer will be required prior to any sublicensing of the premises (if granted the power to sublicense); and
 - g. The Licensee will be responsible for cleaning and the general presentation of the leased area;
- 10. The Town as the Licensor will be responsible for:
 - a. Arranging appropriate building insurance at the cost of the Town, limited to the protections under the Local Government Insurance Scheme;
 - b. Managing the Facility as a shared use venue;

- c. Ensuring the user groups needs can be met as a shared use Facility in the Town's view;
- d. All maintenance of the Facility, including structural, as well as any capital development of the facility; and
- e. All utility costs associated with the Facility (which may in the interests of promoting responsible consumption be on charged in part or in full to the Licensee).

Additional guidelines – Lease and Licences of Commercial Facilities

11. In general, Leases and Licences for Commercial Purposes will only be granted where a Facility is located on property held for capital appreciation or income generation.
12. Leases and Licences of a Commercial Facility shall:
 - a. Be at a rental not less than 10% below a market rental valuation assessment by a licensed valuer that takes into account relevant and applicable matters affecting the Facility (for example, restrictions (if any) placed on the use of the Facility by any Management Order, Town Planning zoning and land title restrictions);
 - b. The rent is to be reviewed every 12 months in accordance with the rate of CPI and at 5 year intervals in accordance with valuation by a licensed valuer;
 - c. The Lessee or Licensee will be responsible to reimburse the Town for the cost of building insurance; and
 - d. The Lessee or Licensee will be responsible for the cost of local government rates (unless exempt).

Additional guidelines – Leases and Licences of Community Facilities

13. Leases and Licences of Community Facilities will typically be granted only to bodies that are incorporated with charitable, benevolent, cultural, educational, recreational, sporting or other like nature, the members of which are not entitled or permitted to receive any pecuniary profit from the body's transactions.
14. The following apply to Leases and Licences of Community Facilities:
 - a. Rents/Licence Fees will usually be at a peppercorn, discounted or other subsidised rate set by Council having regard to the community benefit to be achieved and social impact investment processes. Where the Community Purpose is a Government Purpose, the rent/licence fee shall be market related.
 - b. Lessees and Licensees shall use reasonable endeavours to (so far as is reasonably practicable) comply with the Social Impact Investment Process: Peppercorn Leases;
 - c. The Town's Annual Report will contain an estimate of the value of each Facility that is made available at a peppercorn, discounted or other subsidised rate, in the interests of full disclosure of the amount of the subsidy provided by the Town by way of reduced rent or licence fee;
 - d. Lessees and Licensees that receive any form of subsidy from the Town will be required to deliver programs, services and social benefits for the community and to acknowledge any peppercorn, discounted or other subsidised rent or licence fee is to be acknowledged by the Lessee/Licensee to the Town's satisfaction in Lessee/Licensee's the annual report, promotional materials and correspondence;
 - e. Lessees and Licensees will be required to annually provide information to the Town to assist with accurate records of office holder contact details, financial data and occupancy statistics. They will also be subject to annual facility inspections to ensure maintenance obligations are being met.

Additional guidelines – Legislative Requirements

The application of this policy shall be subject to relevant and applicable legislative requirements and shall be modified in order to comply with such requirements, for example:

- The form, content and management of residential tenancies is regulated by the Residential Tenancies Act

1987;

- Commercial Tenancy (Retail Shops) Agreements Act 1985.

Additional guidelines - Long Lease

A Long Lease will not be considered unless Council is satisfied that exceptional circumstances justify such tenure to be granted. Exceptional circumstances may include significant income to the Town, significant capital investment into the Facility by a Lessee or significant community benefit.

Approval

15. All Long Leases, Leases and Licences of a Facility must be approved by Council, unless authority to approve has been delegated by Council to the Chief Executive Officer.
16. Approval must comply with any applicable requirements of Section 3.58 and/or Section 3.59 of the Local Government Act 1995.
17. Criteria for the Town to lease or licence a Facility shall include the Town being satisfied that:
 - a. The use is consistent with the Town Planning zoning, any land title restrictions and the nature of the reserve or Facility and the surrounding area;
 - b. The applicant is capable of ensuring the safe and appropriate use of the reserve or facility.
18. The applicant may be required to provide:
 - a. A bond or other security;
 - b. Proof of qualifications;
 - c. Audited financial statements;
 - d. Proof of relevant current insurance;
 - e. Permits, trading licence and/or a liquor licence; and
 - f. Evidence of risk and event management practices, such as a risk management plan, noise management, traffic management and compliance to environmental health requirements.

Crown Land

19. Leases and Licences of crown land managed by the Town require additional approval under Section 18 of the Land Administration Act 1997 from the State Government (Minister for Lands). Other government departments may have approval requirements, for example, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservations and Attractions for land adjacent to the Swan River.

Related documents

[Commercial Tenancy \(Retail Shops\) Agreements Act 1985](#)
[Disability Services Act 1993](#)
[Land Administration Act 1997](#)
[Local Government Act 1995](#)
[Property Law Act 1969](#)
[Residential Tenancies Act 1987](#)
[Land Asset Optimisation Strategy](#)
[Policy 221 Strategic Management of Land and Property Assets](#)
[Social Impact Investment Process: Peppercorn Leases](#)