



# BLAIRGOWRIE

## YACHT SQUADRON INC.

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## Policy

Title: **Community Group Use of Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron**

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### 1. Background

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron values its place within the community and is committed to fostering community activities and engagement with a variety of interest groups. The purpose of this policy is to define Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron's position in relation to the use of its facilities by community groups. This policy also forms the basis for a consistent approach in the management and use of the facilities.

### 2. Definitions

The following table outlines different categories of users which are relevant to this policy and to which different access requirements may apply.

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| Community Group         | <p>An organisation that is not-for-profit, accessible and accountable to members of the community. A community group provides the community and/or its members with opportunities to engage in local community, cultural, sporting, leisure and/or educational activities.</p> <p>Generally a community group or not-for-profit organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>~ Has primary objectives relating to community benefit and community engagement and participation</li><li>~ Levies fees/charges on members of the club or group, which are paid into the club or group bank account. The club or group is run by a committee of members, who administer the funds on behalf of the interests of the club or group.</li><li>~ Has an elected management or executive group that act on behalf of and for the benefit of the club, organisation and/or the broader community.</li><li>~ Not all community groups are formally incorporated associations.</li></ul> |
| Commercial Organisation | <p>An organisation commercial in nature or operated for the primary purpose of returning a commercial benefit, monetary gain or profit.</p> <p>Generally a commercial organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>~ Levies fees/charges on participants aimed at recovering the operating costs and generating a personal profit</li><li>~ Has controlling principals who make the decisions and who are not answerable to a committee or board of trustees</li></ul>  |

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|  | <p>~ Has no specific requirement to act on behalf of, or in the interests of the activity's participants</p> <p>~ Has no constitution or democratically elected community representation</p> <p>~ Has primary objectives relating to the generation of fee for service.</p> |
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### 3. Policy Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- ~ Ensure member facilities and services are protected for the enjoyment of members and their visitors;
- Where facility space is available to groups outside of our member base to;
- ~ Optimise opportunities for local community engagement;
  - ~ Encourage greater participation in activities that improve individual and community health and well-being;
  - ~ Ensure that people and groups with special needs have the opportunity to access community facilities;
  - ~ Ensure the use of facilities is sustainable over time;
  - ~ Optimise the use of BYS facilities; and
  - ~ Ensure the management of BYS facilities is consistent, fair and equitable.

These objectives form the basis of the criteria used to evaluate applications for use of facilities, and to determine the successful applicant should more than one group apply for use of a facility at the same time.

### 4. Facilities

The Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron provides a number of facilities to our members and visitors;

- ~ ScottsqShed
  - o McCarthy Training Centre (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)
  - o Ground Floor Room & Lower Deck
- ~ The Clubhouse
  - o Junior Lounge & Lower Deck
  - o Racing Lounge
  - o Senior Lounge
  - o 1st Floor Deck
  - o Committee Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Throughout the year and particularly during the winter months the above facilities are available for hire by community groups. The following conditions apply;

- ~ A booking will only be accepted where it does not conflict with member needs for that space;
- ~ Furniture in the racing lounge and senior lounge must be left in its position for members use;
- ~ Should furniture need to be rearranged in the McCarthy Training Centre or Junior Lounge the hirer must return it to its original position at the end of the hire period.

## **5. Fees**

The hire fees for the Clubhouse are yet to be determined (construction period).

The McCarthy Training Centre is available for hire by Community Groups for \$100 per day and for \$250 per day by Commercial Organisations.

The fees cover access to the area and use of the equipment normally housed in that area. Additional services (such as food & beverage) or equipment can be made available at additional cost by prior arrangement.

Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron will consider reducing or waiving fees for not-for-profit groups supporting groups with special needs, education groups as well as those supporting sailing programs.

## **6. Bookings**

Bookings should be directed to [info@bys.asn.au](mailto:info@bys.asn.au) or 03 5988 8453.

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