

9.1 - Notice of Motion – Byford Heritage Country Choir (SJ901)	
Councillor	Councillor Coales
Disclosure of Officers Interest:	No officer involved in the preparation of this report has an interest to declare in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .

Notice of Motion

A Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Coales via email on Wednesday, 2 December 2020.

The Notice of Motion is “That Council APPROVES the fee waiver request from the Heritage Country Choir for hiring of the Briggs Park Pavilion – Main Hall in 2020-21 to the amount of \$450. This waiver is in addition to the waiver of \$1,275 provided under delegated authority on 19 November 2020.”

Officer Comment

The costs of hiring the Briggs Park Pavilion – Main Hall for 2020-21 for the times and dates specified by the Byford Heritage Country Choir is \$2,275. A request was received from the applicant on 19 October 2020 requesting a partial fee waiver of \$1,725 (**attachment 1**). Under delegated authority, on 19 November 2020 Officers granted a fee waiver of \$1,275. An additional waiver of \$450 would provide for the fee waiver originally requested by the organisation.

In the application, the organisation stated that the waiver was sought because COVID-19 has decreased the choir’s capacity to receive fees from members. Fewer performances have been held and expenses have increased with the employment of a professional accompanist and conductor.

It is accepted practice that Shire facilities are provided on a cost basis. Each year Council sets fees for facility hire in the annual budget. Fee waivers are intended for times of unusual hardship, not as an annual application. While COVID-19 is an unusual hardship, the fees for 2020-21 were calculated on the reduced hours advised by the organisation in their fee reduction request as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2018 and 2019, Council approved fee reductions of \$5,116 and \$3,650 for the organisation.

Attachments (available under separate cover)

- **9.1 – attachment 1** - application for Fee Waiver / Fee Reduction – Heritage Country Choir (E20/14180)

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Voting Requirements: Simple Majority

Councillor Recommendation

That Council APPROVES the fee waiver request from the Heritage Country Choir for hiring of the Briggs Park Pavilion – Main Hall in 2020-21 to the amount of \$450. This waiver is in addition to the waiver of \$1,275 provided under delegated authority on 19 November 2020.