

**POLICY PURPOSE**

To enable fair and equitable access to Council property by leases and licenses to community groups.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

That the establishment of agreements creates positive partnerships and certainty which provide assured outcomes to both the group undertaking the agreement and to the general community;

That Council wishes to provide equitable access to Council buildings and public open space by the community including community groups, associations and committees of management;

That all agreements set parameters in which the lessee or licensee can operate;

That agreements established ensure that Council owned assets are meeting the needs of the Alice Springs community;

That the establishment of new agreements and new facilities are planned in a manner which takes into consideration community need, demographics, the number of potential users, industry patterns, research and the particular needs of neighbourhood areas;

Council reserves the right to negotiate with individual tenants specific terms and conditions for each applicable lease agreement.

A lease or licence is a form of agreement. The principles are equally applicable to the preparation of either form of agreement.

**Refer to attached document "Community Groups - Leases and Licences Procedures" that incorporates definitions, guidelines for leases, guidelines for licences, and other supporting information.**