



# Application for Hire of UHSC Merriwa Youth Centre Bow Street, Merriwa

- Casual Allocation     
  School     
  Event     
  Regular Use

Please complete the following application form and return to:

General Manager | Upper Hunter Shire Council | PO Box 208, Scone NSW 2337

**Phone:** Council Office 6540 1100 | Merriwa Youth Centre 6521 7249

**Email:** council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Name of Applicant, Club,  
Assoc, School:

Activity to be carried out:

Number of Attendees:

Date(s) and times for booking:

Fees for Centre Use:.....	Half Day	Full Day
Business Use: .....	\$30 per hour	\$100
Community Group Use.....	\$16 half day	\$30
Private use .....	To be discussed	

Council Use Only:

JN: 1780 110 125

Date Received: .....

Cost: .....

Date Approved:.....

Paid: Yes/No.....

Approved by: .....

Outstanding Fees: Yes/No .....

Print Name:.....

Certificate of Currency Attached: Yes/No

**Primary Contact:**

First name:  Surname:

Postal Address:   
 Postcode:

Telephone number:  Mobile number:

Email:

**Secondary Contact:**

First name:  Surname:

Postal Address:   
 Postcode:

Telephone number:  Mobile number:

Email:

**Invoice address:**

First name:  Surname:

Postal Address:   
 Postcode:

Telephone number:  Mobile number:

Email:

**INSURANCE**  
**The applicant MUST attach evidence of a current Public Liability Policy for \$20 million, which indemnifies Upper Hunter Shire Council from and against all claims arising from the user group/organisation's legal liability as a result of its occupancy.**

**PRIVACY STATEMENT**

The personal information that Council is collecting from you is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The intended recipients of the personal information are officers within Council; data service providers engaged by Council from time to time; any other agent of Council. The supply of the information is voluntary. If you cannot provide or do not wish to provide the information sought, Council will be unable to process your application. You may make application for access or amendment to information held by Council. You may also make a request that Council suppresses your personal information from a public register. Council will consider any such application in accordance with the Act. Council is the agency that holds the information. Enquiries concerning this matter can be addressed to the Public/Privacy Officer.

Permits/Exemptions: (Subject to Council approval)

Please tick the appropriate boxes

- a) Use of loudspeakers and public address systems (where applicable)  YES  NO
- b) Erection of a temporary building or shelter (e.g. tent, marquee etc.) If yes, please provide dimensions and proposed site plan  YES  NO
- c) Sale or consumption of alcohol (Copy of liquor licence to be attached)  YES  NO
- d) Sale of food/drink items (if yes, understand Council Food Surveillance Policy)  YES  NO
- e) Read and understood the terms and conditions of use of Sporting Facilities/Reserves/Parks  YES  NO

COMMENTS:


I certify that the information in the cover sheet and the attached sections of this form are true and complete.

Name	Delegation/Position	Signature	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

# Terms and Conditions for use of UHSC Youth Services Merriwa Youth Centre



## Definitions

- ◆ *Risk Assessment* – an assessment of the level of risk and likelihood of risk associated with the task.
- ◆ *User group* – includes but is not limited to organisations, clubs, businesses and schools.
- ◆ *Hirer* – casual bookings – *normally a family or party group or private function and cannot use the facility for more than a total of 10 days over any 12 month period*
- ◆ *Work Method Statement* – Step by step listing of how the task is to be completed and the level of risk determined through a risk assessment.

## Bookings

- ◆ All applications for use of Merriwa Youth Centre must be made in writing using standard form provided
- ◆ When Council permission is granted to a person or organisation for one activity, no other activity shall be substituted nor will sub-letting by the person or organisation be allowed.
- ◆ The person or organisation that has approval to use the hall will be responsible for the conduct of ALL persons using the grounds and facilities provided as well as the safe custody and proper use of the property, furniture, fittings and appliances.

## Hall Care

- ◆ It is the responsibility of the user group or hirer to ensure
  1. all lights are turned off;
  2. all taps and showers are turned off;
  3. windows, doors, and gates are closed and locked prior to vacating the facility;
  4. The user group or hirer will be responsible for any damage to the facilities resulting from failure to care for the facility.
- ◆ Only one electrical appliance is to be used in each power point. Power points are not to be overloaded with double adaptors or power boards. Any modification to hirer's electrical equipment on site is to be carried out by a qualified electrician.
- ◆ Organisations wishing to have entertainment at any of their events, where the entertainment involves a level of noise (e.g. a band playing), or draws a large crowd, may be subject to Council's "Night Time Entertainment Policy". Organisations must inform Council at the time of making inquiries about booking the facility if this is the case.

## Food & Beverages

- ◆ Glass containers and bottles are not permitted on any area of the Centre. It is the responsibility of the user groups or hirer to ensure that this rule is enforced. User groups will be charged the cost of removal of glass from the premises.
- ◆ Hirers will comply with any requirements of the **Food Act 2003** and the **Food Regulation 2004**. The web site available: [www.foodstandards.gov.au](http://www.foodstandards.gov.au)
- ◆ Any loss of perishables will be the sole responsibility of the user group or hirer. Council will not be responsible for the loss of any perishables for any reason.
- ◆ All user groups wishing to sell Alcohol will be required to obtain permission from Council with specific dates and times, as well as hold a Function On-Licence<sup>1</sup>. All persons who will be carrying out the sales of Alcohol will be required to have a Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate. Any persons who are caught consuming Alcohol on Council Property without prior approval; become the responsibility of the user group or hirer.

## Special Events

- ◆ Occasionally, Council may, under special circumstances, require the use of the Centre for a special event or purpose. Under these circumstances, Council has the right to the occupation of the Hall for the duration of the event. Council will provide as much notice as possible under these circumstances and will assist the affected user group in finding a suitable alternative venue.
- ◆ Events that do not form part of the intended use of the ground will be required to submit a special event application to Council, Concerts etc.

## Building Repairs/Damage

- ◆ User groups or Hirers must inform Council as soon as possible if any damage is found to the building, equipment, buildings and environments.
- ◆ Report any incident to Council property through Customer Service on 6540 1100. Failure to do so will result in the costs to repair such damage being charged to the responsible user group or hirer.

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1. In accordance with the *Liquor Act 1982*.

## Site Inspection

- ◆ It is the responsibility of the user group or hirers to inspect the premises to ensure that they are safe for participants to use prior to any activities taking place. This includes an outer ground inspection. The user group or hirers must document the inspection prior to use of the premises.
- ◆ If the Hall is deemed to be in a hazardous or dangerous condition or is in any way unfit for use, the user group shall report the hazard or dangerous condition to Council immediately. The user group or hirer shall not, without the consent of Council in writing, permit the use of the Hall.

## Keys

- ◆ Regular hirers of premises will be issued with keys to amenities and facilities
- ◆ Each group will be issued with 2 sets of keys at a cost of \$40 (2015/16)

## Infrastructure and Improvements

- ◆ Any upgrades, replacement or maintenance on Council property that user groups or hirers are seeking to undertake are required to obtain the permission of Council before work is carried out.
- ◆ Any work undertaken on Council property requires that appropriate OH&S work method statements and risk assessments are documented and implemented with all documents signed and dated by the person undertaking the work.

## Advertising & Signage

- ◆ All signage including advertising and temporary signs need to be authorised by Council's Community and Recreation section in accordance with Council's DCP Guidelines for Outdoor Advertising.

## Subletting

- ◆ User groups shall not sublet grounds to other groups unless approved by Council. This ensures casual users are fully aware of terms and conditions of the hire of the venue and also contribute to maintenance costs.

## Facilities

- ◆ Organisations wishing to engage amusement devices for any reason, will need to provide Council with the following original documents:
  - ◆ Logbook for each amusement device within the meaning of the Construction Safety Regulation, 1950, and
  - ◆ Current Public Liability Policy with a minimum cover of \$20M (Attach original Certificate of Currency with the interest of Upper Hunter Shire Council noted clearly on the Certificate)
  - ◆ If the person or organisation fails to enforce the observation of any of these conditions or fails to remove any person who has committed any breach of these conditions from the area, the use of the sporting facility or recreation area shall be terminated, without any liability being incurred by Council.

## Insurance & Child Protection

- ◆ All user groups should be incorporated and hold a current Public Liability Insurance policy for a minimum of \$20 million which indemnifies Council from and against all claims arising from the user group/organisation's legal liability as a result of its occupancy. A copy of your current Public Liability premium should be supplied to Council.
- ◆ Council maintains a Public Liability Insurance Policy of casual hirers and should Council need to claim on this policy, the hirer is responsible for the first \$1,000 (excess) of any such claim
- ◆ User groups are required to ensure that all players and officials are covered by insurance.
- ◆ Any incidents occurring, not caused by a player or occurring naturally are to be reported to Council.
- ◆ The user group or hirer accepts full and complete responsibility for any loss of or damage to any personal property (including money, jewellery & credit cards), property on hire or loan or any contents stored in the facility. The user group must obtain their own insurance.
- ◆ NSW Child Protection Legislation - Sporting user groups who provide services for children and wish to use or hire Council's facilities must have appropriate Child Protection policies or procedures in place. For further information on the Child Protection Checklist please contact NSW Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02.

## Policy & Protocol

- ◆ Councils adopted "Smoke Free Outdoor Area Policy" is to be enforced by the user group.
- ◆ Maintenance Protocol that applies to Sporting Facility/Reserve/Park is to be enforced by the user group.