Purpose

The Subsidies to Performance Groups Program encourages participation in and provision of cultural services and activities in the Penrith community.

Policy Statement

The Subsidies to Performance Groups Program outlines the use of and development opportunities available through the application of subsidies program, in addition to stating the clauses that must be considered and applied when considering requests.

Scope

This plan applies to all Council staff and local community groups.
POLICY:

The Subsidies to Performance Groups Program encourages participation in and provision of cultural services and activities in the Penrith community. The subsidies can be used for capital equipment as well as for the provision of developmental opportunities for groups (including the option to work with guest musicians and performers), publicity and marketing strategies to increase audience numbers and new members, and performances that assist to highlight the cultural vitality and diversity of Penrith City. The following clauses have been considered and must be applied in application of this policy:

a) Council may contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 as a donation.

b) The level of subsidy is determined by receipt of a twelve (12) month budget from the group which details proposed activities, expenses and income. The attached table details the subsidy provided to each group.

c) All expenditure made by subsidy is to be verified by appropriate documentation.

d) All groups acknowledge the support of Penrith City Council in the publicity and marketing of events.

e) If any local band, orchestra, musical or performance group does not meet the requirements of this policy the available funds can be utilised by an alternative community cultural group subject to the relevant documentation being provided.

f) The General Manager is authorised to apply subsidies to performance groups in accordance with this policy.

g) Council will be provided information annually concerning the administration of this policy.