
CHARITY POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The Sydney Hills Business Chamber (“**the Chamber**”) is a not for profit (NFP) organisation and is an active supporter of registered charities and NFP organisations within its membership and the community.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all members, Board members, employees, volunteers, customers, support partners, visitors and suppliers of the Chamber.

3. DEFINITION

This policy defines “support” as providing member NFP/charity organisations with benefits allowing them to promote their organisation, cause or events where the activity of promotion is consistent with standard member benefits as provided to all members and specific benefits extended from time to time and at the discretion of the Chamber.

4. POLICY

The Chamber can only consider supporting the activities of members who:

- are NFP / charity organisations registered with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC);
- operate within the Hills area;
- have been a member of the Chamber for more than six (6) months; and
- support the vision, values, reputation and objectives consistent with those of the Chamber.

NFP / charity organisations requesting the Chamber’s support are to submit a formal request in writing to the Chairperson of the Chamber which details:-

- the proposed event or cause;
- the support required by the Chamber;
- copies of required insurances and formal Authority to Fundraise; and
- how the event or cause will benefit the community within the Hills area.

The Chamber will assess requests from registered NFP / charity organisations based on the merit of each request, with an expected eight (8) week lead time to assess the request.

Each request will be assessed to determine whether it meets the Policies and objectives of the Chamber and whether the Chamber has the resources to successfully undertake the proposed event and/or activity.

The Chamber will respond in writing to the NFP / charity organisations to confirm whether the request received was approved or otherwise.

The Chamber cannot sponsor, collect, distribute or donate to a member organisation or its activities - as this is considered by the Department of Fair Trading as a distribution of funds to a member.

The Chamber will hold events consistent with its goals at which a member NFP / charity organisation may be allowed to promote their NFP/charity organisation as an event host (in accordance with the Chamber’s event hosting standard processes) and/or conduct fundraising activities.

Members and guests of the Chamber may at their own discretion and cost choose to participate in a member NFP / charity organisation event and/or activity.

The Chamber may if it deems it is consistent with its objectives, buy seats, table, stand or the like at a member charity event.

Individual members may buy tickets and personally promote and encourage participation in line with standard member promotional policies.

Member NFP / charity organisations may use the standard promotional benefits available to all members of the Chamber.

5. BREACH OF POLICY

Any member, Board member, employee, customer, support partner, visitors and/or supplier to the Chamber who acts in breach of this Policy or any other Policy of the Chamber may face disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, membership, and/or engagement.