

## 7. COMMUNITY CENTRES

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The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the operation of community centres in the Board's area for the 1997/98 year.

### **Abberley Park Hall**

The year saw seven organisations utilising the hall on a regular basis, down from eleven the previous year. During the year there was an average of one community group and two social groups using the hall each month on a one-off basis. This means that the frequency of use is down from the previous year, but remains consistent with other years.

Current user charges are:

<i>Hourly Rate</i>	\$6.00
<i>Half Day</i>	\$25.00
<i>Social Function</i>	\$140.00

There is a need for some external maintenance.

### **Ouruhia Hall**

The previous two years had seen a substantial decline income from hall hire, however the 1997/98 year saw a slight 3% increase in income from this source. Most of the hall's income arises from 21<sup>st</sup> and weddings with a diminishing return from other sources. There is one regular weekly user (Bowls Club) and approximately four or five other semi-users during the year.

Current charges are:

<i>21<sup>st</sup> Birthdays</i>	\$170.00
<i>Weddings</i>	\$185.00

This includes use of the hall the night before the function for decorating purposes. Other uses were charged on a negotiated basis.

There are no building maintenance requirements at present.

### **Shirley Community Centre**

A further increase in usage of the centre was experienced during the year with 30 plus regular, permanent users and approximately 30 casual users during the year.

Current charges are:

<i>Hall Use</i>	\$30.00 per session
<i>Rooms (regular Use)</i>	Negotiable
<i>Room (Casual)</i>	\$17.00 per session

The centre is in need of:

- resurfacing of the seal at the back entrance;
- a two-way swinging door to enable adequate access for disabled people;
- maintenance of the doors for the disabled toilets;
- a handrail for the wheelchair ramp at the back entrance.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted and that any required maintenance items be considered by the Board's and the Council's budget meetings.