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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 1998/99 year.

### **Abberley Park Hall**

The year saw a reduction from seven to six organisations utilising the hall on a regular basis. During the year there was an average 1 to 2 community groups and social groups using the hall each month on a one-off basis. The hall tends to be used more during the summer months. This means that the frequency of use is down from the previous year.

Current user charges are:

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

These are the same as last year.

Regular maintenance inside and out during the year including minor works to ensure compliance with health and safety in the workplace requirements such as treating the ramp access to make it more slip-proof.

### **Ouruhia Hall**

This year has seen a substantial increase in income from hall hire. Most of the hall's income arises from 21<sup>st</sup> parties and weddings. 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.

### **St Albans Community Resource Centre**

During this year there has been a gradual increase in the number of both regular (now 15) and casual users of the facility. Several groups are hiring the facility on a regular basis for displays, exhibitions etc.

Current charges are:

<i>Hourly Rate</i>	\$5.00 per hour
<i>Exhibition/long term</i>	Negotiable

During the year there has been an ongoing building programme to bring the premises up to building compliance and health and safety requirements.

Requests have been made for further works to the exterior of the premises such as further security lights and the sealing of the driveway.

### **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 to 40 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's Management Committee has advised that there will be changes to the charges, including a rate for "commercial" users, effective from 1 August, 1999.

During the year the metal grills were removed from the windows. This necessitated major structural works to some of the window frames. Some minor maintenance items were reported and attended to during the year.

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

### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted.