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**Title:** kunanyi / Mount Wellington Observation Shelter – Hire Use Guidelines

**Category:** Recreation, Parks, Bushland and Reserves

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## 1. Objectives

To provide guidance and parameters on the type of activities permitted in the hire of the kunanyi / Mount Wellington Observation Shelter.

## 2. Background

The Observation Shelter provides an observation point from the summit of kunanyi / Mount Wellington.

It remains a public facility designed for access and use by the general community.

The opening hours of the facility for the general public are generally 8.00 am to 4.30 pm (non-daylight saving months) and to 8.00 pm (daylight saving months), seven days per week.

Outside the hours noted above, the facility remains available for hire, within the guidelines detailed below.

The hire fee applicable is established in the City's Fees and Charges schedule and accordingly, reviewed annually.

## 3. Policy

That:

1. The kunanyi / Mount Wellington Observation Shelter remains a public facility principally for the use of the general public, during daylight hours.
2. For security purposes the facility to be closed to the general public after dark, with the closures times to vary throughout the year, as deemed necessary by the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate.

- (i) During snow/ice events, the shelter remain open as a safety refuge.
3. The hire of the facility outside the hours available to the general public may be permitted within the following guidelines, at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate:
- (i) Events/functions with a public benefit that promote educational, cultural, artistic, heritage, aboriginal, tourism or economic development outcomes be considered on a case by case basis.
  - (ii) All events and functions are to be alcohol free.
  - (iii) Bookings be subject to cancellation in the event that extreme weather (fire, snow, ice or wind) results in the closure of Pinnacle Road, at no cost to the Council.
  - (iv) All rubbish generated by the hired use of the facility be required to be removed from the summit area by the hirer.
  - (v) Fees and security deposits, as contained in the City's Fees and Charges schedule and all other charges or costs that may be applicable in relation to the hired use of the facility be the responsibility of the hirer.
  - (vi) The City's general terms and conditions for the use and hire of its open spaces apply.
4. The hire of the facility for private use or purposes not be permitted.

## 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

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