

**LOCAL COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION****PROPOSED NEW LEASE  
FOR  
SUMMER HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE INCORPORATED  
131 SMITH STREET, SUMMER HILL****Background**

Summer Hill Community Centre Incorporated (SHCCI) has occupied the purpose-built Community Centre at 131 Smith Street, Summer Hill for over 10 years. The SHCCI has provided the residents of the local government area of Ashfield with a range of services at the Centre to benefit the local and broader community during this time.

SHCCI state that it is a not-for-profit organisation and hire out the rooms at the Centre for various social and community services. The current lessee (SHCCI) has the full responsibility in the operation of the Centre which is governed by the Summer Hill Community Centre Constitution and its respective members of the Board.

The previous agreement held by SHCCI has expired. The SHCCI has indicated its commitment to continue as a community centre, providing facilities to the broader community and is seeking to continue their occupancy for a further 3 to 5 year term to continue the Centre's operations at Summer Hill Community Centre.

Council currently provides the Centre with a donation, noted as \$43,000+ for the current financial year to assist with community services and capacity building to support and sustain the needs of the Local Government Area formerly known as Ashfield.

The operation of the Centre is the full responsibility of the lessee (SHCCI) and will be required to meet deliverables in the agreement in order to account for the Council donation. Council has a nominated senior representative to manage the relationship in this respect.

**Council Resolution**

Council has resolved that Council enter into a new 3 year lease with the existing operators of the Centre, which also consists of a 2 year option if SHCCI wish to extend the lease at the end of the initial 3 year term. As the Community Centre premises occupies Community land, Council is required to undertake community consultation to seek the views of residents in relation to this intention.



## **Community Consultation**

The portion of land upon which the SHCCI is situated is classified as Community land. Inner West Council is the owner of the land and is required to undertake public consultation in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, S47A.

Council welcomes feedback from the community and stakeholders regarding the proposed new lease and note the following information related to the proposed lease:

- That Council provide a new 3 year lease with a 2 year option.
- The rent to remain at a zero rental in recognition that the SHCCI provides social and community benefit to residents of Summer Hill and the broader community.
- That Council continue to provide the Centre with a donation to assist with community services and capacity building to support and sustain the needs of the Inner West Local Government Area. Each new donation will be subject to Council approval having regard to meeting the annual reporting requirements bound by the lease.

## **Have your say**

Council is seeking feedback on this proposal from interested residents and other stakeholders.

You can give your feedback by:

Emailing Council at: [info@ashfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@ashfield.nsw.gov.au)

Writing to Council at: PO Box 1145 Ashfield NSW 1800

### **The closing date for feedback is Tuesday, 21 June 2016**

The feedback received by the due date will be collated and considered by the General Manager in accordance with the Council resolution terms mentioned above.

Please note that submissions received on this matter may be published in the Council Business Paper.

## **Contact for further information**

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