

**ITEM 11.4 COVID 19 VACCINATION PROGRAM AT THE CONNECTION - RHODES****Reporting Manager** Director City Services and Assets**Attachments:** Nil

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**RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES AND ASSETS**

1. That Council agree to the request from Health NSW for the hire of the space at The Connection, Rhodes to accommodate a short term COVID-19 vaccination program for a period of approximately five weeks, with the fees for this use to be waived subject to compliance with section 610F of the Local Government Act 1993.
  2. That the requirement to lodge the bond amount of \$1,000.00 applicable to the hire of the space at The Connection, Rhodes by Health NSW be waived on this occasion.
  3. That Council publicly exhibit the proposed waiving of the applicable fees for the use contained in Council's adopted Fees and Charges, for a period of 28 days, in accordance with section 610F of the Local Government Act 1993.
  4. That any submissions received as a result of the public exhibition process be submitted to Council for consideration and in the event that no submissions are received, it be determined that the fees have been waived without the requirement for any additional consideration by Council.
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**PURPOSE**

To consider a request from NSW Health for use of space at The Connection, Rhodes to accommodate a short term COVID-19 vaccination program, and the waiving of the applicable hire fees.

**REPORT**

A request has recently been received from NSW Health for space at The Connection, Rhodes to accommodate a short term COVID-19 vaccination program.

Due to The Connection's central location between the two densely populated suburbs of Rhodes and Wentworth Point, NSW Health believe it is an ideal location for a COVID-19 vaccination program offering free vaccination and booster shots to residents.

The Program is being delivered to assist in the facilitation of the vaccination program in that locality. In conjunction with the request for use of the facility, the waiving of the applicable fees has also been requested. This short-term program is planned to run for a period of approximately five weeks. The applicable hire fees for the venue for this period would be \$17,080.00. It is noted that at the time of preparation of this report there are no other bookings for the venue during that period. Should this remain the case there would be no hire fees foregone through this initiative, and based on this current hire status, the impact is likely to remain negligible. Waiving of the fee would demonstrate further support to the program in supporting the health and wellbeing of residents in this part of the LGA.

To facilitate the waiving of this fee there is an obligation to comply with section 610F of the Local Government Act 1993 which requires that proposed amendments to adopted fees and charges be publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days. Any submissions received as a result of the public exhibition process are required to be submitted to Council for consideration. Should no submissions be received it is proposed that the fees be determined to have been waived without the requirement for any further consideration by Council.

**STRATEGIC CONNECTION**

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VSA 5.4.3      Provide services and encourage the community to take pride in their city to ensure Public Health for all.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Up to \$17,080.00 in potential room hire fees, being an amount of up to \$1,708 per day for a five (5) week period. It is noted that at the time of this report being prepared there were no other bookings for the space for the anticipated duration.

### **LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

The proposed fee waiver requires compliance with section 610F of the Local Government Act 1993.

### **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no significant risk considerations associated with this report.