

**GENERAL DONATIONS POLICY
2008/2009**

EXCERPT FROM THE CLUB'S CONSTITUTION:-

11. The Club shall have the legal capacity of a natural person and the objects for which the Club is established shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - (d) To support and promote community welfare and youth and other charitable organisations.

The Club receives many requests for financial support throughout the year and provides assistance to a range of causes as a result. There are a number of specific areas of support provided which are detailed in our financial support policies. This policy reflects our manner of dealing with requests that do not fit within a specific and donations funding criteria.

1. The Club receives numerous requests for the use of rooms for various meetings and events. The Club will support, where available, requests from affiliated and charitable community groups under terms and conditions as negotiated with management. Requests from groups affiliated with political bodies of any nature and where a specific interest or lobby group is involved will not be supported as this may be construed as representing a view being expressed by the Club on behalf of its members.
2. Requests for non monetary items to be used in fund raising activities will be provided at managements discretion and only to organisations within a 20 kilometre radius of the Club. Recipients of funding under other criteria from the Club will not be eligible for this assistance.
3. Requests from national organisations will generally not be supported, our policy is to support only locally based groups or projects by national organisations that are directly servicing people in our membership area.
4. Requests from Service Organisations will be dealt with quarterly in February, May, August and November of each year.
5. All other requests will be considered in February of each year and will not be considered on an ad hoc basis.
6. The Club will consider the funding provided during the previous financial year to all bodies through all schemes. If the Club determines that a further distribution is possible or desirable, after assessing its financial performance, requests submitted under this criteria will be considered.
7. Given the volume of requests received, only successful applicants will be contacted.