



DALWALLINU & DISTRICTS DANCE GROUP

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ATTENTION: Chief Executive Office & Councillors - Shire of Dalwallinu

Dear Jean Sutherland and Shire Councillors,

RE: Request to reduce Meeting Room Fees

Last year the Dalwallinu and Districts Dance Group ran dance classes on Wednesday afternoons during the second and third school terms from 3 pm until 6.30 pm at the Recreation Centre, and then towards the end of Term 3 we moved to the Hall and Meeting Room.

Firstly we would like to thank you for your discount last year, it was greatly appreciated.

This year we are writing to you to ask that you consider reducing the fees for the meeting room. We are looking at booking this around 18 times at an approximate cost of \$1350. We have also booked the hall for an approximate cost of \$450. So our total would be around \$1800. Last year we paid \$944 in hire fees altogether.

We understand that there will be a number of renovations happening at the Recreation Centre in 2018, which is one reason we have booked the hall this year.

We would not require the kitchen area of the meeting room until concert night.

Last year we found it difficult that we were unable to access the basketball courts due to another booking, and our student numbers and variety of classes offered require the use of two rooms.

We will have 2 dance teachers this year, and are excited that former dance student at Dalwallinu & Districts Dance, Dayna Christian, will now take over running dance in 2018 and has hired another local Britt Tamisto to help.

Dance usually starts around 3pm and finishes approximately at 7pm. All the funds we receive go into running the dance group and organising a dance teacher each week as we are a not for profit group.

Dalwallinu and Districts Dance Group is a longstanding group that has been running for over thirty years in Dalwallinu. At the beginning of this year we have already had a number of enquiries and children are excited to hear that a member of the Dalwallinu District High School staff will be their dance teacher. Dayna Christian is loved by many students and she

now has the opportunity to help our local children with their physical and emotional wellbeing. Some of our children travel from other districts to Dalwallinu to participate in dance over a 2 Term Period. One dancer in particular went on to graduate from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), touring with the WAAPA Dance group both in Australia and overseas and was offered international roles. Many others have continued their dancing in Perth schools and have gone on to teach dance.

Over the years, the committee members have consisted of parents, including parents of children in surrounding Shires, who see the benefit of having somewhere their children can learn, grow and build friendships in a safe environment. Consequently, year after year, dancing in Dalwallinu attracts many families to our town, particularly on a Wednesday afternoon which results in our streets being a hive of activity, with parents supporting our local shops and services, including buying take-away for dinner when leaving Dalwallinu.

Members of the dance group travel from adjoining areas including Miling, Ballidu and Kalannie. We believe our group offers excellent opportunities for a range of students between the ages of 4 – 17 (Years K-12) which benefits not just the children in our town but those in surrounding towns.

This year we have moved our concert to not clash with Football commitments, which also creates an opportunity for tourists to purchase tickets, as the concert falls within Wattle Week.

We sincerely hope you will consider our request for a discount and look forward to an early response. We would be happy to answer any further questions you, or Councillors, may have.

Yours Sincerely,



Leticia Wallis

Secretary - Dalwallinu & Districts Dance Group