

# Media Release

## New Financial Assistance Application Process

Central Tablelands Water (Council) is introducing a new and improved application process for community organisations seeking financial assistance, donations, or applicable fee reductions from the 2026/27 financial year.

For the first time, all groups and organisations will be required to complete a **Financial Assistance and Donations Application Form** to be considered for support.

This new approach strengthens Council's commitment to **fairness, transparency and consistency**, ensuring that funding is directed to initiatives that deliver meaningful outcomes for the community.

**Council's Executive Manager Corporate Services, Lynette Safranek**, said the change reflects a more structured and equitable way of supporting community initiatives.

"Our community organisations do an incredible job delivering programs, events and services that benefit local residents," Ms Safranek said.

"Introducing a formal application process allows us to better understand each request and ensure funding is allocated in a fair, transparent and accountable way."

Previously, requests for financial assistance were managed without a standard application process. The new system ensures all applicants are assessed against a consistent criterion and aligned with Council's strategic priorities.

Community groups seeking:

- Financial contributions
- In-kind support
- Connection charge reductions
- Consumption charge reductions

will now need to submit a completed application form prior at the start of each year.

The form has been designed to be **straightforward and accessible**, capturing key information about the applicant, their group, and the community benefits of the proposed project or initiative.

Council is encouraging all groups intending to apply for support in the 2026/27 financial year to complete the application and return it no later than 15 June 2026.

"We recognise this is a new process, and we are here to support applicants through it," Ms Safranek said.

"If anyone need assistance completing the form or have any questions, we encourage them to get in touch."

The introduction of the application process aligns with Council's focus on **good governance, accountability, and delivering value to the community**.

### HOW TO APPLY

The Financial Assistance and Donations Application Form is available:

- Via Council's website [www.ctw.nsw.gov.au/notifications](http://www.ctw.nsw.gov.au/notifications)
- By contacting Council directly [water@ctw.nsw.gov.au](mailto:water@ctw.nsw.gov.au), or
- At Council's administration office, 30 Church Street Blayney.

Completed applications must be submitted **by 15 June 2026** to be considered.

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