



# HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAM 2026/27

### Free Hall Hire for Community Activities

Council's community halls are available at **no hire cost** for activities that bring people together and build stronger, more connected communities across the Huon Valley.

This is open to any group running activities that are freely available to the public — not just established community associations.

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#### Two Types of Qualifying Activity:

##### 1. Neighbourhood Activation

Activities that help people in a local area meet, connect, and support one another.

*Examples: welcome mornings, open playgroups, skill-sharing workshops, neighbourhood forums, seasonal celebrations, emergency preparedness sessions*

##### 2. Community Cause Activities

Activities where local people are working together on a specific issue or challenge that improves liveability or resilience in the Huon Valley.

*Examples: circular economy groups, reconciliation gatherings, environmental stewardship, community health initiatives, arts and cultural inclusion projects*

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#### To Qualify Your Activity Must Be:

- ✓ **Free and open** — any member of the public can attend (*a door donation up to \$5 for costs is okay*)
  - ✓ **Actively promoted** — you are letting people know it is happening through public channels
  - ✓ **Community-focused** — it genuinely builds connection, addresses a local challenge, or strengthens community life in the Huon Valley
  - ✓ **Non-commercial** — no goods or services for sale, no political purpose, no private celebrations
  - ✓ **Accountable** — you are willing to provide brief feedback to Council after each activity
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#### Please Note:

If your group runs a mix of open community activities and closed member meetings, only the open activities qualify for the \$0 rate. Closed meetings are booked at standard rates. **The \$0 rate follows the activity, not the group.**



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## Insurance:

Public Liability Insurance is available through a Community Insurance Policy that has been engaged by Council, covering up to 52 hire occasions per year. Groups exceeding 52 occasions per year will need to source their own public liability insurance.

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## How to Book:

All bookings are made through Council's **SpacetoCo** booking system. When making a booking you will answer a short set of questions about your activity. Your answers determine whether the \$0 Community Activation rate applies.

Groups planning regular activities are encouraged to sign the **Community Association Charter** for ongoing partnership and support — ask us about it.

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## Great Examples:

- "Meet your neighbours" morning tea
  - Seasonal neighbourhood celebrations
  - Skill-sharing workshops
  - Open playgroups
  - Neighbourhood forums
  - Emergency preparedness workshops
  - Reconciliation gatherings
  - Circular economy swap meets
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## Not Covered:

- Political meetings
  - Commercial activities
  - Private celebrations
  - Closed or member-only meetings
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## Contact

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