

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

SUMMARY OF SSAF SERVICES AND PROJECTS 2017

What will the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) be used for in 2017?

The University consults annually with internal student service areas, student associations, elected student representatives, individual students and on-campus providers of services to students, to identify priorities for use of SSAF revenue. In 2016, the University conducted an extensive survey for all students to provide comment and feedback on priorities for SSAF expenditure in 2017. A total of 2994 students responded to the Survey and the priorities and feedback informed the priorities and projects outlined in this document.

For 2017, UON Finance have estimated SSAF revenue at \$6.862 million in the budget process and this has been allocated to the projects and support services for students as outlined further below.

SSAF fee revenue is directly related to student enrolments. Therefore revenue and expenditure reported at end of year will always vary slightly from the amounts estimated and approved at the commencement of the year. The 'unallocated' contingency of \$0.180m provides some buffer if fee revenue falls short of budget estimates, but is distributed against services during the year, as the income is identified and against bad debts.

The estimated SSAF 2017 revenue of \$6.862m has been allocated against major expense categories as follows:

- Capital works	\$1.454m
- Minor amenity (ie. Building) works	\$0.100m
- Student Support and Services	\$4.978m
- SSAF administration	\$0.150m
- Contingency *	\$0.180m
- Total	\$6.862m

* Includes provision for bad debts

STUDENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES

Service for Students:	2017 funding
Providing Food and Drink	\$123,000
Sporting and Recreational Activity	\$907,000
Support for Student Clubs, including Club events and activities	\$641,000
Review of Child Care Services for Children of Students	\$0
Legal, Financial and Insurance Services for Students	\$101,000
Health and Welfare Services for Students	\$663,000
Accommodation Services	\$75,000
Employment and Careers Services	\$390,000
Student Debating activity	\$0

Student Artistic activities and events	\$75,000
Student Media	\$117,000
Skills for Study	\$780,000
Student Associations' advisory services	\$117,000
Student Associations' advocacy services and Office of Student Advocacy	\$565,000
Student Orientation activities and Information	\$257,000
Specific needs of Overseas Students regarding their Welfare, Accommodation and Employment	\$167,000
Total Student Support and Services funds	\$4,978,000

CAPITAL WORKS

The SSAF Survey identified a total of 12 Campus Amenity Projects from which students were asked to select those they supported for funding. The top 3 projects which students indicated a preference for were:

1. Auchmuty Library, Level 3 - Outdoor Learning Lounge (Callaghan campus)
2. Maths Building Courtyard (Callaghan Campus)
3. Shortland Union Stage 2 and 3 - external improvements (Callaghan Campus)

NB. Students at Ourimbah campus supported the renewal of the campus retail area as their highest priority. That project is being considered by IFS as part of the long-term capital plan.

The Auchmuty Library outdoor learning lounge will be progressed as part of the approved project for redevelopment of level 3 of the Auchmuty Library. Total SSAF funding allocated to this project is \$1.454m.

A range of minor building works on student social and recreational facilities, plus renewal of outdoor furniture will also proceed in 2017, with \$100,000 allocated for these purposes.

In addition to the capital works projects funded with 2017 SSAF revenue, several projects funded in 2016 and prior years are in various stages of delivery and will be completed during 2017. These include:

- Park on the Hill, Callaghan campus *
- Hunter Precinct Improvements Project – including Hunter Retail, Hunter Courtyard and Survive U, Callaghan campus *
- Covered Outdoor Recreation Area (CORA), Ourimbah campus

* SSAF revenue is part-funding these projects. Additional funds are provided through the UON Capital Works budget

SUPPORT FOR STUDENT ORGANISATIONS

Of the \$4.978m in Student Support and Services funding budgeted in 2017, a total of \$2.022m (40.6%) has been allocated to support services and activities delivered through student associations or campus-based sporting organisations.

Consistent with the Student Services, Amenities, Representation and Advocacy Guidelines 2013, the University also provides student associations with facilities and other support, including access to space, provision of computers, IT and telecommunications.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any queries regarding the 2017 priorities as above, please contact ssafeedback@newcastle.edu.au

For Further Information about the fee:

Background and information on the legislation can be found at: <http://www.education.gov.au/student-services-and-amenities-fee>