

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

SUMMARY OF SSAF SERVICES AND PROJECTS 2019

What will the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) be used for in 2019?

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 2018, the University conducted an extensive survey for all students to provide comment and feedback on priorities for SSAF expenditure in 2019. A total of 3480 students responded to the Survey and the priorities and feedback received informed the priorities and projects outlined in this document.

For 2019, UON Finance have estimated SSAF revenue at \$6.80 million and this amount 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 \$0.20m 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 2019 revenue of \$6.80m has been allocated against major expense categories as follows:

- Capital works	\$1.10m
- Minor amenity (ie. Building) works	\$0.12m
- Student Support and Services	\$5.15m
- SSAF administration	\$0.25m
- Contingency *	\$0.20m
- Total	\$6.80m

* Includes provision for bad debts

STUDENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES

SSAF Category		2019 Budget
1	Providing food or drink to students	\$158,000
2	Sport and recreation	\$829,400
3	Administration of a club	\$649,000
4	Caring for children of students	\$10,000
5	Providing legal services	\$49,000
6	Health or welfare	\$784,800
7	Helping secure accommodation	\$75,000
8	Employment or advice on careers	\$615,000
9	Helping with financial affairs	\$50,000
10	Helping students obtain insurance	\$0
11	Debating	\$20,000
12	Libraries and reading rooms	\$0
13	Artistic activity	\$78,000
14	Student media	\$63,400
15	Skills for study	\$800,000
16	Advising	\$84,000
17	Advocating	\$6485,000
18	Orientation	\$245,200
19	OS students' welfare, accommodation and employment	\$153,800
	TOTAL	\$5,150,000

CAPITAL WORKS

The SSAF Survey listed eight Campus Amenity Projects from which students could select their single preference. The top preference identified by students for 2019 capital works was the establishment of an AccessAbility Safe Space (Callaghan campus). Infrastructure and Facilities Services (IFS) will proceed with this project in 2019. There was also support for Maker Space facilities on campus and IFS will be progressing design and development work for Maker Space facilities in the Auchmuty and Ourimbah campus libraries. The Shortland Union External Social Space project (the area adjacent the Bakehouse) was a priority in 2018 with design and documentation underway last year. It will progress with physical works in 2019, using funds carried forward from 2018. Some smaller amenity works may also be addressed through the year.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENT ORGANISATIONS

Of the \$5.15m in Student Support and Services funding budgeted in 2019, a total of \$1.91m 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 2019 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>