

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

SUMMARY OF SSAF SERVICES AND PROJECTS 2020

What will the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) be used for in 2020?

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 April-May 2019, the University conducted an extensive survey for all students to provide comment and feedback on priorities for SSAF expenditure in 2020. 3689 students responded to the Survey representing 13.3% of all eligible students and the priorities and feedback received informed the priorities and projects outlined in this document.

For 2020, 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 2020 revenue of \$7.00m has been allocated against major expense categories as follows (the budget allocation for 2019 is shown for comparison):

	2020	2019
- Capital works	\$1.10m	\$1.10m
- Minor amenity (eg. Outdoor furniture etc)	\$0.05m	\$0.12m
- Student Support and Services	\$5.40m	\$5.15m
- SSAF administration	\$0.25m	\$0.25m
- Contingency *	\$0.20m	\$0.20m
- Total	\$7.00m	\$6.80m

* Includes provision for bad debts

STUDENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES

SSAF Category		2020 Budget
1	Providing food or drink to students	\$168,600
2	Sport and recreation	\$790,080
3	Administration of a club	\$651,600
4	Caring for children of students	\$10,000
5	Providing legal services	\$51,000
6	Health or welfare	\$940,360
7	Helping secure accommodation	\$105,000
8	Employment or advice on careers	\$565,000
9	Helping with financial affairs	\$50,000
10	Helping students obtain insurance	\$0
11	Debating	\$15,000
12	Libraries and reading rooms	\$0
13	Artistic activity	\$73,880
14	Student media	\$63,880
15	Skills for study	\$860,000
16	Advising	\$79,800
17	Advocating	\$601,000
18	Orientation	\$205,640
19	OS students' welfare, accommodation and employment	\$169,160
TOTAL		\$5,400,000

CAPITAL WORKS

The SSAF Survey listed three Campus Amenity Projects from which students could select their single preference. The top preference identified by students for 2020 capital works was the student association facilities at the Callaghan campus (38% of all students). Renewal or development of social spaces at the city campus and similar space at Ourimbah campus, were supported by more than 42% of all students in the survey.

In 2020, Infrastructure and Facilities Services (IFS) will proceed with planning and implementation of a range of projects that reflect this clear preference from students for investment in social spaces across all three campuses.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENT ORGANISATIONS

Of the \$5.40m in Student Support and Services funding budgeted in 2020, a total of \$2.01m 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 (Commonwealth)*, 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 2020 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>