

# THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

## SUMMARY OF SSAF SERVICES AND PROJECTS 2016

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### What will the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) be used for in 2016?

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, \$7 million in SSAF revenue has been estimated 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 \$0.25m provides some buffer if fee revenue falls short of budget estimates, but is distributed against services during the year, as the income is identified.

The estimated SSAF 2016 revenue of \$7m has been allocated against major expense categories as follows:

- Capital works	\$1.50m
- Minor amenity (ie. Building) works	\$0.25m
- Student Support and Services	\$4.85m
- SSAF administration	\$0.15m
- Unallocated *	\$0.25m
- <b>Total</b>	<b>\$7.00m</b>

\* Includes contingency funds.

In addition to the estimated 2016 revenue, a total of \$1.798m in SSAF revenue has been carried forward from prior years, to fund capital projects.

### STUDENT SUPPORT AND SERVICES

<b>Service for Students:</b>	<b>2016 funding</b>
Providing Food and Drink	\$106,000
Sporting and Recreational Activity	\$930,000
Support for Student Clubs, including Club events and activities	\$660,000
Review of Child Care Services for Children of Students	\$20,000
Legal, Financial and Insurance Services for Students	\$38,000
Health and Welfare Services for Students	\$589,000
Off-Campus Accommodation Advisory Service	\$50,000
Employment and Careers Services	\$365,000
Student Debating activity	\$20,000
'ResLead' project for Student Accommodation	\$7,000

Student Artistic activities and events	\$140,000
Student Media	\$220,000
Skills for Study	\$640,000
Student Associations' advisory services	\$75,000
Student Associations' advocacy services and Office of Student Advocacy	\$398,000
Student Orientation activities and Information	\$325,000
Specific needs of Overseas Students regarding their Welfare, Accommodation and Employment	\$267,000
<b>Total Student Support and Services funds</b>	<b>\$4,850,000</b>

## CAPITAL WORKS

Three Capital Works projects have been identified and discussed with the elected student representatives:

<b>Capital Works and other amenity (building) projects</b>	<b>2016 funding</b>
Planning and design work will commence in 2016 on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Shortland Union Stage II upgrade (Callaghan); and/or</li> <li>b) Upgrade and artificial playing surface for Oval 3 (Callaghan); and/or</li> <li>c) Upgrade of external facilities in the Hunter Cafeteria (Callaghan)</li> </ul>	\$1,500,000
Two existing, approved Capital Works projects will proceed in 2016, with carry-forward SSAF funds from previous years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ourimbah campus Covered Outdoor Recreational Area (CORA)</li> <li>b) 'Park on the Hill', Callaghan campus</li> </ul>	\$1,797,942
A range of minor building works on student social and recreational facilities, plus renewal of outdoor furniture, will also proceed.	\$250,000
<b>Total capital and amenity funds</b>	<b>\$3,547,942*</b>

\* Includes \$1.75m in 2016 SSAF revenue, plus prior year carry-forward funds

## SUPPORT FOR STUDENT ORGANISATIONS

Of the \$4.85m in Student Support and Services funding budgeted in 2016, a total of \$2.11m (43.3%) has been allocated to support services and activities delivered through student associations or campus-based sporting organisations. This includes \$0.355m in funds that may be accessed by student associations to support Student Club activities and events, or delivery of health or welfare, careers and employment services.

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

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you have any queries regarding the 2016 priorities as above, please contact [ssaffeedback@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:ssaffeedback@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>