

COVID 19 – club communication no.4 – 8 June 2020

Changes to Club Grants & Funding

Like many organisations and individuals, the Guild has experienced significant financial pressure as a result of the COVID-19 situation. The key contributing factors include:

- 50% reduction in semester 1 SSAF
- significant decrease in trade in the Guild's retail outlets and cafes
- much greater expenditure assisting students in hardship

This has resulted in an overall reduction of at least \$500,000 in available funds.

As a result, the Guild has been forced to review budgets and make a number of cuts across a range of areas. This includes some changes to club grants and funding for the remainder of 2020, as outlined below.

1. Club Sponsorship Grant

The Guild unfortunately has limited capacity to provide any further club sponsorship (“\$1500 Sponsorship Grant”) for the remainder of 2020.

Reimbursements will only be considered for out-of-pocket expenses already incurred by clubs earlier this year, subject to funds available. This can be sought via the existing club sponsorship grant [application process](#) on the Guild website. Eligible examples include O-Day expenses, merchandise ordered and purchased prior to May 2020, and events booked prior to May 2020 with non-refundable deposits/payments.

Clubs are advised that no purchases made after May 2020 will be eligible for the Club Sponsorship Grant.

2. Club BBQ Packs & Function Packs

Function packs and BBQ packs have been reduced to a maximum of one (total) per club for 2020 (instead of the previous offering of up to two function packs *and* one BBQ pack).

Neither of the packs is currently available due to ongoing restrictions in place, and any future availability for 2020 will depend on when activities of this nature are permitted/appropriate on campus.

Should these packs become available, clubs will be notified and the online application form will be reactivated on the Guild website [here](#). Should applications reopen, clubs will have a choice of *either* one function pack *or* one BBQ pack (i.e. not one of each).

3. Club Vouchers

Club vouchers will still continue to be accepted and reimbursed, and can be lodged following the instructions specified on the Guild website [here](#). Please note that in Semester Two, new students will also receive only one club voucher when activating their Guild membership, instead of two.

4. Club Awards & Guild Ball

The 2020 Guild Club Awards will proceed as usual, with prize funds remaining the same as in 2019. The Guild Ball, however, at which the awards are typically presented, will unfortunately not take place in 2020.

Club Events and Activities

Whilst we are starting to see restrictions easing across the state, on-campus venue bookings at Curtin currently remain closed for all non-essential activities. This includes club bookings.

The Guild is liaising with Curtin to gain further information regarding estimated timelines around any change to these restrictions, however at this stage it appears likely that non-essential / non-teaching bookings will stay closed for the remainder of semester one and the semester break.

We are yet to receive confirmation on when/if/how non-essential activities and events will reopen in Semester Two, and if so, what restrictions will apply, however we are actively following this up with Curtin and will provide an update to all clubs as soon as this information becomes available.

Off-campus club gatherings and activities that comply with government guidelines and advice are now permitted, provided that clubs follow all relevant government advice, as per the following link: <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-community-advice>.

Clubs are once again required to submit an Event Application Form via the Guild website ([here](#)) for any face-to-face club events, gatherings, and activities they intend to run.