



# Media Release

## Food Premises and Accommodation Fees

**20 June 2017**

Council has been contacted by a number of concerned businesses about the increase in food premises and accommodation fees for the 2017/18 financial year.

The increase was a result of a pricing review undertaken as part of last year's budget.

The review undertaken last year benchmarked the fees with neighbouring Councils and found Buloke's were well below average and had been for a number of years.

Fees and charges were revised to enable Council to better recover the cost of providing these services to businesses. However, even with the increase these fees still do not reflect full cost recovery and are subsidised by general rates.

If any business is having difficulties paying the fees for this year we can receive a half payment by June 30, 2017 and the outstanding balance by August 30, 2017. There will no late fee applied and your business will be compliant as long as the full fees are received by 31 August 2017.

For more information and to sign up to this payment plan, please contact Council's Public Health Office on 1300 520 520.

### **End release**

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