

Shed Hire with the Consumption of Alcohol Policy



The Mission, Vision and Values of Samford Valley Community Church (SVCC):

Strapline: "Share the Light"

Mission: "Sharing the Light of Christ in the Village, across the Valley and Beyond"

Vision: "Trusting in God to transform us together as a community of faith, which offers hope, healing, freedom and justice through Jesus Christ, across all generations in our contemporary world"

Core Values:

- ✓ Growing together in Truth
- ✓ Persistent Prayer
- ✓ Inspirational Worship
- ✓ Vibrant Community
- ✓ Intentional Mission
- ✓ Responsible Care Taking

1.0 Objective

The objectives of this policy are to:

1. Promote the SVCC mission (see above)
2. To promote the act of marriage (see Appendix 3)
3. To ensure that the hire of the Shed is maintained as an opportunity for mission.
4. To ensure SVCC lives out what it means to be a 'community' church (an open and welcoming church that exists not just for its members).

These objectives are inspired and aligned with three of SVCC's core values of Vibrant Community, Intentional Mission and Responsible Care-Taking.

2.0 Protocols in allowing the moderate use of alcohol in the Shed:

1. The moderate consumption of alcohol in the shed will be subject to a six-month trial. This trial will start 1 May 2019 and will be restricted to the hire of our SVCC Shed. The hire of our Shed will work in conjunction with our present Uniting Church facilities hire 'Licence Agreement', the 'Non-exclusive use licence agreement and insurance – workflow for congregations' documents. Any person or party who would like to hire our premises must read and/or sign our Uniting Church facilities hire:
 - a. 'Licence Agreement'
 - b. 'Conditions of use' document
 - c. 'Weddings Facilities Hire Fees Schedule'

The terms of the agreement include adhering to the ordinances and by-laws of any local authority and the Uniting Church as stated in the Licence Agreement (point 2). These terms include noise regulations, prohibition of any sale of alcohol and ensuring the responsible use of the facilities and property.

2. The reference to the consumption of alcohol will be limited to wedding receptions in the Shed. Other occasions, such as anniversaries and birthday parties, will not be allowed to be held on our property if alcohol is to be consumed.
3. The primary purpose of hiring out our Shed will NOT be for the purpose of setting up any commercial business.
4. Those who want to hire our shed for weddings and intend to consume alcohol, will need to obtain their own insurance cover. For insurance options see 'Section two – insurance certificate' of the 'Workflow for Congregations' document. The SVCC Events Coordinator will outline the details regarding the conditions of use to the prospective hirer including our fire safety procedures. If an incident occurs, the user party will be liable (as outlined in the insurance's statement).
5. A security deposit is charged to property hirers. If alcohol is going to be consumed on the premises, this deposit amount will be increased to cover any potential breakages or clean up requirements. This will be in addition to the cleaning charge already in existence for those hiring our facilities.
6. Before a SVCC Licence Agreement for hire is completed and signed off, the SVCC Events Coordinator will ensure a cordial conversation has occurred underlining SVCC's beliefs, principles and safety expectations in respect to several terms including alcohol consumption. The 'moderate' consumption of alcohol will be promoted and highlighted.
7. The consumption of alcohol will be limited to beer and wine (NO alcoholic spirits).
8. A member of the SVCC Facilities Hire Coordination Team will be present onsite for the entirety of the event. This person is to consult with the organisers of the reception according to the undersigned License Agreement.
9. Any alcohol that is served must be supervised by a person who has an current Queensland Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) qualification. No SVCC member is to serve alcohol to the guests of the wedding.
10. The user party will be required to pay a cleaning fee which the Facilities Hire Coordination Team will use to ensure the property is returned to its original condition (as stated in the SVCC Licence Agreement).
11. As the venue is hired out and receives income, some of these funds will be reinvested into the venue for the purpose of ensuring that the premises and facilities are of a standard of quality and safety. These investments will be at the discretion of the SVCC Church Council.
12. All wedding date bookings will be placed on the annual SVCC Calendar. Major SVCC dates will have priority. If there are any booking clashes, the issue will be brought to the attention of the Lead Pastor and, if necessary, to the Church Council for their discretion.
13. The Events Coordinator will be permitted to promote and recommend suitable businesses if requested by the hiring party, in accordance with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) requirements. This entails a minimum of 4 recommendations.
14. The Events Coordinator will work closely with the SVCC Property Maintenance Coordinator.
15. The Events Coordinator will have use of the Shed's storage room (formally known as the 'Boys Brigade Cupboard') and the orange container for the use of storage.
16. The Events Coordinator will value regular consultation with local neighbours.
17. Loud Firework displays will not be permitted on the SVCC property. Other low noise and lower impact displays will be considered by the Church Council.

3.0 Additional Information:

It must also be noted that Public Liability Insurance is already established through the Uniting Church, and SVCC currently holds an APRA licence. This covers the use of any “secular” music that is not covered by CCLI.

4.0 Evaluation and Review

This policy will be evaluated and reviewed by the Church Council at the start of November 2019 – at the completion of the six-month trial.