

This Policy provides clear direction to ensure Southern Ports (SPA) responds to requests for Community Investment in a consistent and appropriate way that aligns with SPA's Strategic Direction and demonstrates the Ports' commitment to being a valuable corporate citizen, investing in the growth and development of our communities.

This Policy is applicable to all SPA employees who receive requests for Community Investment.

POLICY STATEMENT

Southern Ports is committed to supporting applications for community investment that meet SPA's vision, objectives, and values; and supporting requests for funding from applicants within each regional port community, as well as applications for activities across all SPA locations.

SPA will give preference to activities in the following categories:

- Maritime
- Sustainable environment
- Education
- Community infrastructure
- Community events
- Initiatives involving Traditional Custodians

Actively connecting and investing within the community signals our commitment to the towns we operate in, and enhances our vision for "Strong Regional Ports, Strong Regions". Successful applicants must acknowledge Southern Ports' support in promotional materials, media and events related to the funded activity. Use of SPA's logo and wording must follow brand guidelines provided.

All requests for Community Investment must be in writing, with all Applicants required to complete a Community Investment Program Application form.

SPA will not accept gratuitous favours from an Applicant as a result of providing investment.

SPA will provide a reporting mechanism to the Board and relevant SPA Port Community Consultative Committees (PCCC).

RATIONALE AND EXPECTATIONS

SPA will utilise a Committee Assessment process that will include the relevant Regional Manager, Group Corporate Affairs Manager (or a delegate), Sponsorship Coordinator, local staff representative(s) and a PCCC representative to determine applications. A Charter will provide transparency and outline the Committee Assessment process.

REVIEW AND UPDATE

This Policy should be reviewed no less than every two years or when a change is identified through strategic intent or legislation.

Approved by the Board on 5 June 2025.