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**Introduction**

The policy outlines the procedures to be followed to hire equipment owned by Southern Tablelands Arts (STA) and applies to Partner Councils, organisations and individuals so that the process is transparent.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the hire of the STA Mobile Tech Hub is managed so that the possibility of damage to the equipment is minimised and is attractive to hirers. The policy is also intended to ensure that the Partner Councils are able to enjoy maximum benefit from having this resource in the region.

Councils may wish to consider hire and use of the laptop computers for training and consultation purposes and can be used by Councils undertaking festival and event surveying and evaluation by participants and audiences. Councils will need to ensure the safe keeping of the laptops by use of the cable ties to stable tables/desks and that a dedicated staff person oversees use to ensure the equipment isn’t stolen or wilfully damaged.

1. **The equipment**

The following is the equipment available for hire and comprises laptop computers:

* 7 Lenovo Thinkpad E570 i5 Laptop computers equipped with Microsoft Office 365
* 7 laptop bags
* 7 charging cables
* 7 Kensington Locks
* The Instruction Manual

1.1 Hirer Contributions

* Access to power supply for each position in close proximity
* Extension power cords suitably tagged
* Access to wireless internet data as required

1.2 Replacement value of the equipment

The equipment is valued at $11,000. In the event that the primary components are so damaged as to not be usable, the Hirer will be responsible for the replacement value.

**2.0 Definitions**

2.1 Assisted Service Hirer

Similar to a fully serviced event. STA will offer full assistance, support and guidance prior to the event. On the event day or as agreed STA will deliver the equipment, set it up with the assistance of the hirer, and ensure it is fully operational. The hirer must be in attendance and available to assist and to be instructed as to the equipment’s use. The equipment is easy to operate. After the event it is the hirer’s responsibility to pack up the equipment as instructed and to return the equipment to STA on the next business day at a suitably agreed time with the STA office and verifying that the equipment is all in full working order.

2.2 DIY Hirer – Contributing Councils Only

Contributing Councils are those Councils that are signatories to a Memorandum of Understanding with STA and are financial contributors to STA on an annual basis which includes the year in which the hire takes place and whose payments are not in arrears.

At any time suitable to STA, Council’s representative may nominate up to 4 Council employees to attend a 2-hour training course at STA or, under certain circumstances at the discretion of STA, at Council’s nominated location. The training will offer hands-on experience, an introduction to the equipment, the Instruction Manual and troubleshooting. At its completion STA will certify them to operate the equipment by listing their names in the STA Register of Authorised Equipment Operators.

STA will have the equipment ready with the Instruction Manual. The Council will be required to complete a booking form prior to collection of the equipment and sign for the return of the equipment in good order. The Council nominated officer will pick up the equipment from STA. The hirer will be responsible for taking the equipment from the STA office, setting it up, operating the equipment and the event, and packing up the equipment. The Council officer is to return the equipment to STA the next business day at a suitably arranged time with the STA office, verifying that the equipment is all in full working order.

**3.0 General conditions of use**

3.1 All bookings and enquiries are to be made through STA staff in person by the authorised hirer.

3.2 Fees will be determined by STA depending on the level of service, the actual equipment to be hired, the duration of the hire and the distance to be travelled by the STA technician.

3.3 Fees will be confirmed in writing by STA and will be valid for a period of 90 days.

3.4 The hirer will be required to indemnify STA against any and all claims arising from the hire and use of the equipment.

3.5 All quotations and bookings will identify the type of hirer per 2.0 above and the level of service to be provided by STA.

3.6 The hirer must ensure that the equipment and the event for which the equipment will be used are covered by appropriate public liability/risk insurance to the value of $10 million. A copy of the Certificate of Currency must be provided to STA prior to the commencement of the hire period.

3.7 The hirer must at all times ensure that the equipment is handled, transported and stored with due care and that the safety of the equipment and of the staff and visitors and passers-by in the vicinity of the equipment and cords and cables always has priority.

3.8 The Southern Tablelands Arts banner must remain on display at all times while the equipment is in use.

3.9 The hirer is not authorised to sub-hire or lend STA’s equipment to any other organisation or individual during the term of the hire agreement.

3.10 On return of the equipment it is the hirer’s obligation to advise STA of any item that is missing, soiled, damaged or not operating correctly.

3.11 It is the responsibility of the hirer to meet the full cost of repairs of any item found to be damaged or the full replacement cost of any item missing from the equipment after return or unable to be repaired.

**4.0 Responsibilities of STA**

4.1 STA reserves the right to deny a request to hire the equipment on the basis that it considers the hire would be detrimental to STA’s assets or its reputation. Such a decision is final.

4.2 STA will maintain a register of bookings and equipment hire and monitor the bookings from Partner Councils in particular so as to determine and verify the complementary bookings each Council is entitled to in each calendar year.

4.3 STA will provide a Quotation for the hire of the equipment with all of the relevant details of the possible booking and payment details by email to the enquirer.

4.4 Bookings will be confirmed by STA by email including the hire date/s upon receipt of the hirer’s confirmation of all details, the Purchase Order with pre-approved payment terms or proof of payment. It is only on receipt of payment or approved Purchase Order that the hire dates will be confirmed as available and allocated to the hirer.

4.5 STA must ensure that the insurance Certificate of Currency or proof of current insurance cover to the amount $10million is received prior to the equipment leaving STA’s office.

4.6 STA will ensure that a competent technician experienced with the use of the equipment is available to carry out the duties under the hire agreement for Full Service and Assisted Hire customers.

4.7 STA will ensure that the Instruction Manual is complete, current and included with the equipment for each hire.

4.8 STA will inspect the equipment prior to and after the hire.

4.9 In the event of damage to or loss of the equipment STA will provide the hirer with the details of its findings relating to the repair or replacement of the equipment. STA will ensure that all necessary electric cables are tagged and tested. The computers have been tested and tagged as of October 2018 and are not required to be retested for 5 years as stationary items.

**5.0** **Proposed schedule of fees**

STA offers a 4-tier sliding scale of fees based on the different types of hirers.

5.1 Partner Councils

*5.1.1* STA undertakes that Partner Councils will be offered at least one complementary hire of the Mobile Tech Hub per calendar year covered by the MOU at the discretion of the

Executive Director (ED). The ED will confirm to each Council in writing the details of the complementary offer. STA recognises that the offer of complementary hire of the Mobile Tech Hub to Partner Councils is related to the value of the annual contributions and/or the relevant terms of each Council’s MOU. STA may offer additional equipment hire to those Councils that contribute at the highest per capita rates.

*5.1.2* All such offers of complementary film equipment hire are dependent on the Council’s contributions having been paid in full.

*5.1.3* For joint events with Partner Councils of significant arts and cultural benefit this fee may be reduced or waived. This will be considered and decided by the ED on an individual basis.

*5.1.4* DIY Service is available. Councils must collect, set up and return to STA facility in Goulburn.

5.2 Executive Director Discretion Fee Waiver. The ED will have discretion to waive the hire fee for select events.

5.3 Price of Mobile Tech Hub hire (excluding GST)

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| **Hirer Type** | **DIY** | **Full Service** |
| Community groups/  NFP/Charities /educational institutions within the STA Region | N/A | $100 + travel and attendance for technician at $75/hour |
| Contributing Councils | $100 | $100 + travel and attendance for technician at $75/hour |
| Non-STA Councils. Community Groups/  NFP/Charities /educational institutions | N/A | $660 + travel and attendance for technician at $75/hour |
| Private/Corporate | N/A | $700 + travel and attendance for technician at $75/hour |