

RECREATION FACILITIES COUNCIL POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

To enhance the quality of life for visitors and residents of Bunbury through the provision of a diverse range of high quality and cost effective active and passive recreational activities and/or facilities.

POLICY SCOPE

1. Council acknowledges that access to sport, recreation and physical activity is fundamental to the physical and mental wellbeing of individuals, families and our community.
2. Council will provide and maintain recreational facilities, grounds and spaces in accordance with community needs, and commits to undertaking the following:
 - (a) Encourage community participation in various sporting, recreational and physical activity pursuits through the provision of modern, fit for purpose, well maintained facilities, grounds and spaces.
 - (b) Optimise access to recreation facilities, grounds and spaces for all members of the community in conjunction with the City of Bunbury Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.
 - (c) Preserve the City's natural diversity and cultural heritage when undertaking recreational asset development or improvement.
 - (d) Work cooperatively with the community to maintain/renew, upgrade and replace recreational assets to the required standards in accordance with community needs, statutory requirements and financial responsibilities.

POLICY DETAILS

1. Preparation of strategies and plans in conjunction with this Policy Scope will be considered prior to the implementation of any proposed rationalisation of any facilities.
2. The City will consult with sporting groups and associations to ensure that management, maintenance and improvements of facilities, grounds and spaces meet community needs and are aligned to organisational plans and strategies.
3. Development of new or upgraded recreational facilities will be based on demonstrated community needs identified through a community consultation processes and in accordance with the Sport and Recreation Strategy 2019-20 And industry guidelines.
4. The City will facilitate and encourage multi- purpose usage and sharing of current and future facilities to maximise utilisation by sporting groups and associations.
5. The City will work with relevant State, Federal and Local Government departments and agencies as well as State Sporting bodies to facilitate optimum outcomes for the community.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 1995*

INDUSTRY

- Parks and Leisure Australia Guidelines for Community Infrastructure, 2020
- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Facility Planning Guide, Sport and Recreation Facilities, 2007

ORGANISATIONAL

- Bunbury Brighter Strategic Community Plan 2032
- City of Bunbury Sport and Recreation Strategy 2019-2029.
- City of Bunbury Long Term Financial Plan 2023/24 – 2034/35
- City of Bunbury Corporate Business Plan 2023-2027
- City of Bunbury Community Health and Wellness Plan 2021-2026
- City of Bunbury Parks and Playgrounds Strategy 2019-2029
- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2023-2028
- City of Bunbury Asset Management Plan 2019

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