

LEISURE

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RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE: Planning and Community Development

OBJECTIVE: To guide the provision of leisure services, facilities and programmes to assist in the achievement of the City of Joondalup's Mission, Vision and strategic objectives.

STATEMENT:

The City of Joondalup is committed to making a significant and sustainable contribution to the quality of life of its citizens, by supporting a broad range of leisure services, facilities and programmes.

Beliefs and Values

- Participation in leisure makes a significant contribution to the health, well-being and quality of life of the people of Joondalup.
- Leisure makes a positive contribution to the local economy.
- All people should have the opportunity to participate in leisure regardless of age, ability, discretionary income, ethnicity, gender and geographical location.
- The City must manage its limited leisure resources, including human, financial and physical assets, in a manner that ensures equity, efficiency and effectiveness.
- Leisure provides an ideal vehicle and provides "tools" to build and engender community spirit.
- The social and economic values of services are of equal importance and as such each programme/service must be carefully assessed in light of its financial return and economic viability as well as its social benefit.

Roles

- Advocating on behalf of the community and community groups to local, regional and national service providers.
- Co-ordinating the provision of leisure via the development of a city-wide Leisure Strategic Plan.
- Monitoring and evaluating the provision of leisure services in Joondalup in accordance with all policies and strategic plan.
- Promoting:
 - The benefits of participation in Leisure Activities.
 - Joondalup as a leisure events city.
 - Opportunities for leisure in Joondalup.
- Providing leisure information and advice.
- Providing assistance to community groups via grants, subsidies, and contracts.
- Providing services, facilities and programmes where there is a proven need.
- Researching existing and future needs and trends in leisure.
- Working in partnerships with other providers wherever viable.

Outcomes

- Joondalup residents are aware of and have access to a broad range of leisure activities.
- Consultation with the Joondalup community, leisure participants and service providers is ongoing and effective.
- Physical assets meet the identified and viable leisure needs of Joondalup and minimum legal standards.
- Leisure is making a positive contribution to the city's economy.
- Research into the existing and future leisure needs and trends of Joondalup is ongoing and findings are taken into account in the planning and provision of all services, facilities and programmes.
- Identified target groups are aware of, have access to, and are increasing their participation in a broad range of leisure activities.
- Resources are allocated and services, facilities and programmes are delivered efficiently, effectively and equitably.
- Services, facilities and programmes meet the leisure needs of the Joondalup community.
- Services, facilities and programmes complement and enhance the city's unique character and environment.
- Joondalup is widely recognised for hosting successful local, regional, and national recreation, sports and cultural events and festivals.
- Volunteers are acknowledged and supported.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE: **Governance and Strategy**

OBJECTIVE: To provide a clearly defined, consistent and collaborative approach to encouraging sustainable community development.

STATEMENT:

The City of Joondalup recognises its role in the development of a sustainable community. Council supports the development and implementation of collaborative approaches with the Joondalup community to build on the combined skills, resources and commitment needed to address challenges and opportunities.

Community Development activities undertaken by the City will encompass and include all facets of the community, and will address equity and access, leisure and cultural development in the City of Joondalup context.

The Council will develop and adopt, using a consultative model, strategies for its community development activities, using the following broad headings:

- Access & Inclusion;
- Culture;
- Families & Children;
- Leisure;
- Seniors; and
- Youth

In undertaking community development activities, the Council's role is to:

- Facilitate leadership within the community;
- Provide information, expertise, guidance, and other resources, as appropriate.
- Utilise a collaborative approach to community development;
- Use a balanced approach that addresses and integrates economic, social, environmental and cultural considerations;
- Strive to understand and respect community values;
- Ensure, where possible, that all community members have the opportunity to become engaged in the community development process and are able to access social and economic benefits;

- Engage all stakeholders at the community and Government levels;
- Ensure that its actions are based on transparency, accountability, participation and evidence-based decision-making;
- Recognise the function of community development and allocate resources to it in the strategies developed, while recognising the need for ensuring value for money in outcomes;
- Recognise the resources, information and support required by community representatives and organisations when working in partnerships.

In addition, the Council will take account of the above factors in the development of legislation, regulations and guidance.

In implementing its community development program the City is committed to the Guiding Principles as determined within the Strategic Plan.

Sustainability Statement

This Policy supports the ability of people to act together to influence the social, economic, political and environmental issues that affect them. The Community Development Policy supports structures and processes that give genuine participation and involvement.

This Policy supports sustainability through:

- Supporting the active involvement of the community in the issues that affect their lives through sharing of skills, knowledge and experience.
- The development of processes that enable the active involvement of people from disadvantaged groups and/or special interest groups.
- Supporting processes that develop the knowledge and experience of people as individuals and in groups and therefore enabling them to undertake initiatives of their own to address social, economic, political and environmental issues, and enabling individuals and groups to fully participate in the democratic processes of the City.
- Recognising that there are limited funds and human resources available and that they should be used to achieve best value for the community as a whole, with particular emphasis on disadvantaged groups within the community.

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