

ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT

STATUS: **Council Policy** — *A strategic policy that sets governing principles and guides the direction of the organisation to align with community values and aspirations. The policy has a strategic focus and aligns with the Mission, Vision and Strategic Directions.*

Council policies are developed and reviewed by the Policy Committee.

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE: Office of the CEO
Community Development and Library Services

OBJECTIVE: To outline the City's commitment to encouraging the responsible availability and consumption of alcohol.

1. STATEMENT:

The City of Joondalup encourages the responsible availability and consumption of alcohol in the community

2. BACKGROUND:

The social and economic cost of alcohol-related harm in the community is high. Alcohol-related injuries account for a significant proportion of emergency presentations and hospitalisations, and a large proportion of mental health presentations are related to alcohol and other drugs. There is also a direct relationship between alcohol and crime; particularly assault, property damage, domestic violence, and burglary.

In addition, alcohol- and other drug-related crime and antisocial behaviours can dramatically affect the economic prosperity, character, and residential amenity of local areas. Moreover, the impact on community perceptions on safety can be long-term and difficult to reverse.

In partnership with other agencies and organisations, the City of Joondalup has a role to play in encouraging responsible alcohol consumption in the community.

2. DESCRIPTION:

The City of Joondalup will encourage the responsible availability and consumption of alcohol in the community by:

- a. taking a planned approach to the issuing of Liquor Licences;
- b. encouraging responsible service of alcohol at Licensed Premises;

- c. promoting safe levels of alcohol-consumption;
- d. supporting relevant external agencies and organisations in alcohol management;
- e. engaging with the community regarding alcohol matters;
- f. ensuring that local laws associated with alcohol are enforced;
- g. supporting alcohol-related community education.

The City will not take on responsibilities undertaken by other Government departments such as Police.

It is noted that the City is responsible for assessing development applications for outlets providing access to liquor on the basis of planning grounds under the relevant legislation.

The final decision on the provision of a liquor licence rests with the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor.

Amendments:

Related Documentation: *Alfresco Activities Policy*
Community Facilities — Built Policy
Hire of Community Facilities and Venues Policy
Reserves, Parks and Recreation Grounds Policy
Alcohol Management Plan 2011–2014
Local Government and Public Property Local Law 1999
Trading in Public Places Local Law 1999

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