

LEISURE

STATUS: **Council Policy** - *A strategic policy that sets governing principles and guides the direction of the organisation to align with community values and aspirations.*

Council policies are developed by the Policy Committee for approval by Council.

**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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