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Related Procedures:	Gawler Aquatic & Recreation Facility Procedures

1. BACKGROUND / INTRODUCTION

The vision for Gawler as stated in the Gawler Community Plan 2030+ is to be 'A liveable, cohesive, active, innovative and sustainable community'. This policy acknowledges the valuable contribution that participation in sport and active recreation, has to the physical and mental health and overall wellbeing of the community. Council will actively encourage and develop a community that provides members with the opportunity and means to access quality sport and active recreation activities, facilities and programs regardless of age, gender, ability, cultural background or socio-economic status.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

This policy recognises the vital role Council has in the provision, planning and leadership support of sport and active recreation opportunities within the community. The objectives of the policy are:

- 2.1 To allow the local community to participate in a range of sport and active recreation opportunities within Gawler.
- 2.2 To actively support local sport and active recreation associations, clubs and organisations to increase the numbers of community members participating in sport and active recreation activities within Gawler.

- 2.3 To promote the benefits of an active healthy lifestyle that can include participation in sport and active recreation activities and promote the range of opportunities within Gawler.
- 2.4 To actively support and facilitate resource and facility sharing and encourage the development of multi-use facilities by Council and other providers, including sporting associations, private enterprise and educational institutions.
- 2.5 To develop and maintain partnerships with other Local Government bodies, State and Federal Governments and Sporting Associations to establish a coordinated and integrated approach to the funding and provision of sporting and active recreation opportunities for the community.

3. POLICY PRINCIPLES

The following Principles underpin the Council commitment to sport and active recreation:

3.1 Community Participation

All members of the community should have the opportunity to participate in sport and active recreation activities that positively contribute to their health and wellbeing, regardless of:

- 3.1.1 Age
- 3.1.2 Gender
- 3.1.3 Ability
- 3.1.4 Cultural Background
- 3.1.5 Socio-Economic status

Council will encourage and support opportunities that promote the community to be more physically active. In some instances this will include programs and initiatives targeted at specific population groups to assist all members of the community have the opportunity for positive wellbeing outcomes.

3.2 Sport and active recreation facility use

Sport and active recreation facilities will be strategically provided in accordance with the following current and/or future factors:

- 3.2.1 Community needs and interests
- 3.2.2 Population growth
- 3.2.3 Available resources
- 3.2.4 Existing and/or planned facilities within and/or nearby to Gawler

Sport and active recreation facility provision will aim to offer the community with a variety of experiences and choices for both sport and active recreation activities. Facility provision and design will encourage and prioritise multi-use initiatives such as sporting or community hubs over single use initiatives.

3.3 Partnerships

Council will be proactive in establishing and maintaining partnerships to allow for the delivery of an increased range and quality of sport and active and passive recreation opportunities for the community.

Partners will include, but will not be limited to:

- 3.3.1 Local, State and Federal Government agencies

- 3.3.2 State sporting organisations and industry peak bodies
- 3.3.3 Local sporting and active recreation clubs and associations
- 3.3.4 Educational institutions
- 3.3.5 Private enterprise
- 3.3.6 Local Community

3.4 **Community knowledge**

Council will provide information across a range of media to reach a broad section of the community to allow people to be aware of the sport and active recreation opportunities that are available in Gawler.

Council will additionally provide information to the community promoting the positive aspects of sport and active recreation as contributors to health and wellbeing.

3.5 **Sustainability**

Council will ensure that its sport and active recreation businesses are commercially responsive to the market. Facilities will be operated in a manner that encourages maximum community participation through managed pricing.

Council will proactively seek external funding opportunities for the Town of Gawler and for local community sporting and active recreational organisations. It will also endorse and encourage commercial initiatives that promote positive physical activity outcomes.

4. **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Gawler Community Plan 2030+ identifies that Council fulfils a number of roles addressing and advocating for the needs of the community. These roles are:

- 4.1 Service Provider
- 4.2 Regulator
- 4.3 Owner Custodian
- 4.4 Advocator
- 4.5 Facilitator
- 4.6 Leader

5. **DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- 5.1 **Sport:** A human activity involving physical exertion and skill as the primary focus of the activity, with elements of competition where rules and patterns of behaviour governing the activity exist formally through organisations and is generally recognised as a sport (Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, 2018).
- 5.2 **Active Recreation activities are:** Those engaged in for the purpose of relaxation, health and wellbeing or enjoyment with the primary activity requiring physical exertion, and the primary focus on human activity (Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, 2018).

6. REVIEW AND EVALUATION

The effectiveness of this Policy will be reviewed on a four yearly basis.

The Chief Executive Officer will report to Council on the outcome of the evaluation and if relevant make recommendations for amendments, alteration or substitution of a new Policy.

The Policy will not be altered or substituted so as to affect a process already commenced.

7. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about this Policy can be obtained by:

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Appointment: Town of Gawler Administration Centre, 43 High Street, Gawler East.

Letter: PO Box 130, Gawler SA 5118

8. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

The Policy is available to be downloaded, free of charge, from Council's website at www.gawler.sa.gov.au.

A printed may be purchased on request from the Council's Administration Centre.