

## 1. RATIONALE

The City of Marion owns, develops and manages an extensive range of facilities from multi-purpose sites with playing fields, community halls, to sites from which Council operates a range of community orientated services.

This policy will guide the development of community facilities planning and works programs.

## 2. POLICY STATEMENT

The objective of this policy is to support planning and decision making that will provide the City of Marion with appropriate facilities, supports people to access services and participate in activities.

The challenge is to provide appropriate levels of service, which are economically sustainable and continue to meet the current and future needs of the community.

This policy will guide decisions relating to the acquisition and sale of properties and land, the reclassification of properties and land, service levels, allocation of funds for maintenance, renewal and replacement, and planning for future service delivery.

## 3. PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES

Council's objectives are to strategically plan for and provide community facilities that are:

Principle	Objective	Rationale
<b>Accessible</b>	Enhance people's physical and mental health and wellbeing by providing a broad range of accessible facilities for the community	Accessibility is strongly related to city wide planning and universal design approach, where facilities are well located and cater for the widest possible range of situations. With the intent to make facilities where possible accessible to all people (whether they have a disability or not).
<b>Multi-functional and Adaptable</b>	Where possible, design and develop facilities to be multi-functional and adaptable, ensure they are maintained in good condition to provide quality facilities and to maximise their capacity to benefit the broader community.	Where possible, design and construct buildings to meet a wide range of community needs, be functional, comfortable and fit with the natural and/or local environment.
<b>Sustainable</b>	Ensure facilities are socially, environmentally and economically sustainable and managed efficiently and responsibly.	Where possible community facilities will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have energy efficient technologies, use water efficiently, minimise waste and recycle</li> <li>• Will be economically efficient for Council to maintain</li> <li>• Be supported by best practice asset management planning and processes.</li> </ul>

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<b>Community Involvement, Pride and Participation</b>	Provide facilities and services to the community that meet their current and future needs.	Options for developing facilities will be based on demonstrated demand and community aspirations.

## 4. POLICY SCOPE AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Community Facilities Policy applies only to council owned community facilities and will assist Council with determining strategic planning priorities, the allocation of resources and future funding to be identified in the Long Term Financial Plan. The policy also provides guidance for the Capital Works Program and Asset Management Plans.

Council's Leasing and Licencing of Council Owned Facilities policy also plays a pivotal role in ensuring community facilities are accessible, sustainable and maximise community use by requiring clubs and community groups to demonstrate their efforts in achieving good governance, maximising facility utilisation and social inclusion, sound volunteer management and the implementation of environmental initiatives.

## 5. CLASSIFICATIONS

For the purpose of this policy, community facilities are public spaces available for community use and are classified as follows:

1. Libraries
2. Neighbourhood Centres (multi-purpose, programmed and staffed)
3. Cultural and Performing Arts Facilities
4. Community Centres and Halls (Neighbourhood and Regional)
5. Indoor Sport and Recreation Centres
6. Swimming Pools
7. Sports and Community Clubs (multi-purpose venues)
8. Outdoor sport and recreation ovals, courts and lawn bowls

There may be additional types of facilities not currently identified in the above classifications, these additional facilities will be assessed, planned and developed on a case specific basis.

The purpose of facility classifications is to provide a reference point to guide the types of infrastructure that Council will include in the planning process.

The provision of council facilities will consider the provision of facilities in neighbouring council areas to ensure there is a strategic and balanced approach to providing facilities where they are most needed and accessible.

## 6. DEFINITIONS

Community facilities are council owned buildings and spaces that provide:

- A council managed community service, or
- Are available to be leased/licenced or hired to community organisations to support the delivery of sport or recreation opportunities or community services.

While there may be some costs involved with room hire or fees to participate in a particular program or activity, community facilities should be publicly accessible and available to all members of the community where possible.

## 7. EXCLUSIONS

It is recognised that other facilities perform as community facilities for community use. Outdoor recreation facilities, such as the provision of parks, playgrounds, walking trails or bike paths are generally not considered as community facilities although the community benefits is clearly recognised.

Council has facilities from which administration and outdoor services are provided, these are required to support service delivery to the community.

Council also has facilities that support the delivery of services including kindergartens and cafes, which for the purpose of this policy are classed as commercial premises leased to and operated by independent third parties, and as such will be exempt from this policy.

There are a number of other facilities which the community are able to access that are not owned by Council but could be defined as community facilities such as, churches within halls and facilities provided in adjoining councils.

## 8. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Council is responsible for developing the policy and work plans, allocate funding and resources to develop and maintain facilities. The Manager City Property is responsible for supporting the development, review and implementation of work plans and the management and monitoring of facilities.

## 9. REFERENCES

This policy links with the following current documents:

### South Australian Government

- Local Government Act 1999
- Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016
- 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide
- Development Regulations (e.g. fencing)
- South Australian Public Health Act 2011
- Work Health, Safety Act 2012 (SA)
- Heritage Act 1993 SA
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 Commonwealth
- South Australian Office for Recreation and Sport – South Australian Regional Level Recreation and Sport Facilities Planning Guidelines 2016
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, Attorney-General's Department

### City of Marion

- Community Vision – Towards 2040
- City of Marion Strategic Plan 2017- 2027
- City of Marion Business Plan

- City of Marion Annual Business Plan and Budget
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Building Asset Management Plan
- Leasing and Licensing of Council Owned Facilities Policy
- Open Space Policy
- Playground Framework
- Asset Management Plans
- Walking and Cycling Strategy
- Risk Management Framework
- Community Engagement Policy
- Climate Change Policies

## 10. REVIEW AND EVALUATION

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