

City of Greater Geraldton

1.2 YOUTH

SUSTAINABILITY THEME

Community

OBJECTIVES

The Youth Policy aligns with the City of Greater Geraldton Strategic Community Plan 2021 – 2031 to guide Council directions, programs and resource allocation required to meet the needs and initiatives for young people.

POLICY STATEMENT

Through this policy, the City of Greater Geraldton (the City) is committed to providing direction on matters pertaining to young people aged 12 to 25 years. This policy defines the City's position for:

- The engagement with young people and youth service providers;
- The facilitation of youth programs and events;
- The provision of facilities and infrastructure for youth; and
- The annual budget allocation for youth programs and projects.

POLICY DETAILS

Guiding Principles

1. The City is committed to creating, enhancing and sustaining our built, natural and cultural environments for our young people through the following guiding principles:
 - 1.1. The City will engage collaboratively with young people in the development and planning of relevant infrastructure, facilities, programs and opportunities for young people.
 - 1.2. The City will maintain best practice principles in community development, youth engagement and networking and will connect and foster positive relationships with government agencies and youth service providers.
 - 1.3. The City recognises that staff, volunteers and contractors working directly with children are required to have police clearances and Working with Children checks in line with legislative requirements.
 - 1.4. All staff, volunteers and contractors are required to adhere to the City's *Council Policy 4.17 Child Safety and Welfare*.
 - 1.5. The City will activate public hub locations for youth participation including the Geraldton Foreshore and Mullewa Youth Centre and develop and promote the usage of other facilities including swimming pools, skate parks, sports and recreation parks, community centres and libraries.

- 1.6. The City will provide a range of opportunities, programs and events that are primarily for the participation and development of young people.
- 1.7. The City will work with appropriate agencies to provide opportunities and activities to vulnerable and at risk young people.
- 1.8. The City will promote safe environments and provide information that supports young people in their development.
- 1.9. The City will recognise and celebrate the achievements of young people.

Resourcing

- 1.10. The resourcing for youth by the City will come from an adopted operating budget and other funding opportunities which include actively seeking appropriate opportunities for grant funding, partnerships and sponsorships for youth programs and events.

KEY TERM DEFINITIONS

Youth means persons between 12-25 years of age.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Director of Development and Community Services is responsible for implementing this Policy.

WORKPLACE INFORMATION

Local Government Act 1995

Freedom of Information Act 1992, including associated regulations,

City of Greater Geraldton's Code of Conduct

Council Policy 4.17 Child Safety and Welfare.

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Directorate		Officer	Review Cycle	Next Due
Development and Community Services		Youth Development Coordinator	Biennial	2022
Version	Decision Reference	Synopsis		
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