

# City of Greater Geraldton Council Policy

## 1.2 YOUTH

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### STRATEGIC THEME

#### Connected

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### OBJECTIVES

The Youth Policy aligns with the City of Greater Geraldton Strategic Community Plan 2025-2035 and Youth Strategy 2024-2029 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. 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 young people;
- The advocacy role on matters impacting young people; and
- The annual budget allocation for youth programs and projects.

### POLICY DETAILS

#### Guiding Principles

The City is committed to creating, enhancing and sustaining safe, inclusive and welcoming environments for our young people through the following guiding principles:

1. The City will engage collaboratively with young people in the development and planning of relevant infrastructure, facilities, programs and opportunities for young people.
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.
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.
4. All staff, volunteers and contractors are required to adhere to the *City's Council Policy 4.17 Child Safety and Welfare*.
5. The City will activate public hub locations for youth participation including the Geraldton Youth Centre, Mullewa Youth Centre, Geraldton Foreshore, and develop and promote the usage of other facilities including swimming pools, skate parks, sports and recreation parks, community centers and libraries.
6. The City will provide a range of opportunities, programs and events that are primarily for the participation and development of young people.
7. The City will work with appropriate agencies to provide opportunities and activities for vulnerable and at-risk young people.

8. The City will promote safe environments and provide information that supports young people in their development.
9. The City will recognise and celebrate the achievements of young people.
10. The City will advocate externally on behalf of its young people on matters impacting them.

**Resourcing**

11. The resources for young people 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 DEFINITION**

Youth means persons between 12-25 years of age.

At Risk Youth refers to young people aged 10 to 24 years who may experience increased vulnerability and require additional support, as per the WA At Risk Youth Strategy 2022-2027.

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Director of Community and Culture 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 Safe Awareness

City of Greater Geraldton Strategic Community Plan 2025-2035

City of Greater Geraldton Your Voice, Our Future Youth Strategy 2024-2029

City of Greater Geraldton Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2024-2029

**POLICY ADMINISTRATION**

Directorate		Officer	Review Cycle	Next Due
Community and Culture		Coordinator Youth Development	Biennial	2028
Version	Decision Reference	Synopsis		
5.		Choose an item.		