

SPORTS AND RECREATION

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Policy Statement

The Town of Mosman Park is committed to making a significant and sustainable contribution to the quality of life of the people living within its boundaries, as well as those who visit the Town, through support of a broad range of sport and recreation services, facilities and programs.

Policy Details

The Town will seek to achieve the following outcomes from the adoption of the policy and implementation of the plan:

- The provision of a broad range of high quality, attractive and affordable sport and recreation activities/facilities sufficient to meet the varying needs of the people living within, as well as those visiting the Town, consistent with the vision of the Town and this policy. Affordable in this context relates to the Town's procurement procedures and long-term financial plan.
- An ongoing involvement by the community in the development, operation, monitoring and updating of services.
- The establishment of sustained and positive partnerships with a range of different sport and recreation providers, to the benefit of the communities in the Town.
- The development and distribution of accurate, easily accessible information about the services that are available.
- Services that will meet the needs of specific groups within the community, such as people who are young or aged, have disabilities or are from different ethnic backgrounds etc.
- Services and facilities that are maintained at a high standard through regular updating and/or maintenance.
- Services and facilities that are operated in a manner that ensures a balance between social benefit and financial viability.
- Our emphasis will always be on our community and the need to provide a good level of facilities and services for grassroots sport and recreation (as opposed to elite sport).

Policy Principles

This policy is based on the following fundamental beliefs about sport and recreation services:

- That participation in sport and recreation activities can make a significant contribution to the health, well-being and quality of life of people living in the Town.
- That sport and recreation makes a positive contribution to the local economy.

- That all people have the right to participate in sport and recreation activities regardless of age, ability, income, ethnicity, gender or geographical location.
- That sport and recreation provides an ideal medium and some of the tools necessary for the building of community spirit.
- That the Town must manage the resources that it devotes to meeting the sport and recreation needs of the people in the Town in a manner that ensures equity, efficiency and effectiveness; including implementing mixed-use spaces and facilities and where possible.
- That the social benefit and economic viability of sport and recreation services are of equal importance and, therefore, each service must be carefully assessed with respect to both outcomes.

Policy Guidance

In order to action this Sport and Recreation Policy, the Town has adopted a Sport and Recreation Plan and will ensure its implementation by:

- Monitoring and evaluation of the provision of sport and recreation services in the Town against the outcomes sought from the policy and plan.
- Updating the Sport and Recreation Plan’s schedule annually, with a review of the overarching Plan every four years.
- Encouraging local, regional, state and national government, non-government and commercial service providers to develop and maintain a variety of services within the Town.
- Providing assistance to community groups and clubs to develop and maintain sport and recreation services through grants, subsidies, tenure arrangements or technical and infrastructure support, in accordance with demonstrated need and the eligibility criteria developed by Council from time to time.
- Promoting the benefits of active involvement in sport and recreation activities.
- Providing comprehensive information, in readily accessible forms, and locations
- on the nature of sport and recreation activities available within the Town.

Definitions

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

RECREATION: For the purposes of this policy, recreation is considered to be ‘Active Recreation’, defined as: Activities 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.

Governance References

Statutory Compliance	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>
Organisational Compliance	Town of Mosman Park Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan Town of Mosman Park Sport and Recreation Plan

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