Policy P105  Community, Cultural and Recreation Initiatives

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**Policy Objectives**

To provide a policy framework that enables the City to develop and implement relevant community, cultural and recreation services and activities for its community members that contribute towards fostering a strong sense of community.

**Policy Scope**

This Policy applies to the provision of the City’s community events, programs, services and projects that assist in acknowledging local cultural identity.

**Policy Statement**

The City recognises the importance of cultural services and activities and the contribution such programs and services make towards developing a sense of community. As such, the City will develop and implement a range of annual events, projects and services which aim to enrich lives and connect people through shared experiences that celebrate place, strengthen community identity and help build trust.

**Events and Activations**

The City has a proud history of providing quality cultural experiences and community initiatives, some of these include:

- State-wide celebrations
- Regional events
- Local events
- Civic events
- Activations

**Programs**

- Numerous programs and activities are used as a way to promote and deliver cultural experiences; ranging from art and literature programs through to sporting programs and celebrations of Aboriginal culture.
Facilities
There are a range of local facilities that support cultural activation, such as:

- Old Mill
- Old Mill Theatre
- Hazel McDougall House
- Heritage House
- South Perth Learning Centre
- South Perth and Manning Libraries
- South Perth and Manning Senior Citizen Centres
- Manning Hub
- South Perth Community Hall
- Collier Park Village
- George Burnett Leisure Centre
- John McGrath Pavilion
- Collier Park Golf Course

Collections

Art Collection:
The City has an ongoing commitment to develop a cohesive and important West Australian Collection. Currently, most of the artworks can be viewed on display inside the Civic Centre. The City also manages the May and Herbert Gibbs Collection.

Public Art:
The City of South Perth values public art as a means of celebrating the identity and history of the community, enhancing the environment and contributing to a sense of place.

The City has distinct and diverse public artworks that celebrate and contribute to the City’s unique culture. The works are generally sculptural or mural in form and are permanently on display throughout the City. Some of the works are owned by the City and some are on private land, but are accessible to the public.

Local History Collection:
Housed at the South Perth Library, the local history collection contains books, photographs, aerial maps, cartographic material, oral history interviews, objects, artworks, ephemera and local newspapers. The photograph collection dates back to the 1870s and much of it is available for viewing online.

Natural Environment
The natural environment is part of the City’s local culture. The City plays a pivotal role in developing and improving accessibility to the City’s natural areas to allow the community to enjoy these places of cultural significance, such as: South Perth foreshore; Clontarf, Waterford and Salter Point Foreshore, Miller’s Pool and Cygania Cove.
**Cultural Initiatives**

The aims of these major cultural initiatives are to celebrate the community and the unique identity and features of the City of South Perth. This will be achieved by:

- Providing accessible and equitable entertainment for local residents and visitors of a standard comparable with other metropolitan major events and festivals;
- Increasing the profile and maintaining a positive image of the City of South Perth in line with the City’s Vision;
- Assisting in the community and economic development of the City of South Perth;
- Building partnerships between external organisations and the City; and
- Maintaining the longevity and sustainability of the events through constant review, evaluation and development of event structure and entertainment.
- Acknowledging cultural diversity.

**Legislation/ Local Law Requirements**

Not Applicable

**Other Relevant Policies/ Key Documents**

City of South Perth Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

All abilities
All cultures
All genders
Across all age groups
All inclusive
Inline with SDG, DAIP and other legislative or strategic direction of Federal, State and local government policy.