

Policy P209 Shade Structures

Strategic Direction	Environment (Built and Natural)
Responsible Business Unit/s	Parks and Environment
Responsible Officer	Manager Parks and Environment
Affected Business Unit/s	Parks and Environment, Engineering Services, Waste Fleet and Facilities and Community, Culture and Recreation

Policy Objectives

The City of South Perth (the City) is aware of the dangers of exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) and is committed to creating a community environment that is safe from the effects of harmful radiation.

The aim of this policy is to increase the appeal and usage of the City's community facilities by providing appropriate natural or artificial shade.

Policy Scope

This policy applies to land and facilities under the care and control of the City.

Policy Statement

In line with the City's Policy P206 Urban Greening, the City will retain and enhance the provision and use of natural shade wherever possible. Council supports the use of shade structures as permanent installations where natural shade is not practical.

The City will ensure that the provision of shade is considered whenever planning for parks, streetscapes and any new community facility (including play equipment, skate parks and picnic areas).

New community facilities planned within the City will be subject to a shade audit where appropriate to ensure consideration is given for incorporating suitable shade shelter during the design phase. The City will consider budget funds during the annual budget cycle in support of recommended shade projects.

The design and construction of new shade structures:

- Will be in accordance with building regulations and relevant Australian Standards;
- Will meet relevant safety guidelines;
- Should be cost effective;
- Will comply with UVR protection guidelines;
- Should be relevant to users of the facility; and
- Should use materials sympathetic to, and consistent with, the surrounding area.

The City will consider using temporary protective shade structures for events and as an interim measure where required, during the growth stage of natural vegetation.

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