Title	Installation of Recreational Equipment on Public Open Space

Policy Type

Council

Policy Purpose

To ensure a consistent, transparent and equitable process for planning and installation of recreational equipment on Public Open Space.

Recreational equipment includes; half-court basketball, exercise equipment stations, new playgrounds, including associated new shade sails structures and sports goals.

Skate parks and clay pump tracks are not covered by this policy and are subject to separate planning and community engagement processes in accordance with the City's Community Engagement Policy.
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Policy Statement

The City will undertake the installation of recreational equipment within Public Open Space under its care, control and management, in accordance with the following principles: The City will plan and install recreational equipment within Public Open Space under its care, control and management in accordance with the following principles:

(1) The provision and distribution of recreational equipment will be guided by the City's adopted Public Open Space Strategy, funding approval and any other relevant Council-adopted strategies, plans and asset management objectives.

(2) Where there is opportunity for community influence on the location, design or implementation of recreational equipment, community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with the City's Community Engagement Policy.

(3) The level and method of community engagement will be determined having regard to the scale, complexity and potential impacts of the proposed installation, including consideration of:
- proximity to residential properties;
- anticipated levels of use;
- traffic, parking and access impacts;
- visual amenity;
- noise generation; and
- any other matters considered relevant by the City.

(4) The City will consider all feedback received through the community engagement process when determining the suitability, design and location of recreational equipment. Community feedback will inform decision-making; however, the City may proceed with a proposal where it is satisfied the installation delivers a broader community benefit.

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(5) Prior to the commencement of construction, the City will provide notification of the approved installation in accordance with the Community Engagement Policy. This will include on-site signage for a minimum period of two weeks identifying the proposed recreational equipment and its location within the reserve. Signage will remain in place for the duration of construction where practicable.

(6) The provision of shade structures associated with playgrounds will be prioritised in accordance with public health objectives and asset management considerations.

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