

<b>Responsible Directorate</b>	<b>Community Development</b>
<b>Responsible Business Unit/s</b>	<b>Recreation and Leisure Services</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Manager Recreation and Leisure Services</b>
<b>Affected Business Unit/s</b>	<b>Recreation and Leisure Services</b> <b>Facilities, Projects and Assets</b> <b>Waste and Fleet</b> <b>Community Safety</b>

## Objective

The objective of this policy is to guide the provision of quality, accessible and appropriately located public toilet amenities to meet community need.

## Scope

This policy applies to all public toilets within the City's boundaries and focuses on public toilets within public open spaces excluding those toilets within a leased or licensed area, in permanently staffed Council buildings, community centres, local commercial centres, libraries and recreation centres.

## Policy

### Community Need

- Public toilets are provided to support health, recreation and leisure activities at nominated parks and reserves throughout the City.
- Public toilets are generally located on longer stay public open spaces such as those with barbecue and picnic facilities, have a high recreational use or are along the coastal foreshore.
- The need for public toilets is determined using the principles, roles and provision standards outlined in the Public Open Space (POS) Strategy.
- The City will notify or consult the community about installing, refurbishing and removing Public Toilets.
- Public toilets will only be considered on regional, district or community level public open space if there is a sufficient level of community need.

### Management

- All public toilets should be included on the City's cleaning schedule.
- Autolock mechanisms may be installed, where possible, to all public toilet facilities throughout the City.
- Autolock opening times will generally be from 6am to 9pm unless otherwise determined on a site by site basis.
- Public toilets should not be open over night to prevent undesirable behaviour and damage to the facility.

## Siting and Design

- Where the need for the provision of an existing toilet cannot be justified, demolition of the public toilet may be recommended to Council.
- Provision of new public toilets should incorporate Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles which increase visibility, encourage passive surveillance; provide predictable routes and entrapment locations.
- CPTED principles will also be applied, where possible, to existing public toilet facility refurbishments such as the removal of alcove walls.
- Where possible, Environmentally Sensitive Design (ESD) principles should be considered in all new public toilet facilities and retrofitted in existing public toilet facilities (e.g. timer taps, grey water, solar panels, etc.).
- New refurbishment of existing public toilets should be incorporate universally accessible design principles.
- The siting and design of public toilets needs to consider visual amenity as well as the integration of the facility onto the open space without compromising the community's safe use and enjoyment.
- In general, only one public toilet facility will be installed on a reserve. More than one public toilet facility will only be considered on a Regional and District reserve, or if a significant need is determined by the City.
- Portable toilets may be provided, through the relevant approvals process, if an event on a City reserve requires more than the existing public toilet provision.

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## Definitions

**POS Strategy** means the City of Stirling Public Open Space Strategy endorsed by Council in December 2008. The POS Strategy is the guiding document for the planning and management for all public open space and associated amenities and infrastructure for the City.

**Public Toilet** means a toilet which is provided for use by members of the general public. It excludes permanently staffed community buildings, community centres, libraries and recreation centres.

**CPTED** means Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

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## Relevant management practices/documents

City of Stirling Public Open Space Strategy

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## Legislation/local law requirements

*Occupiers Liability Act 1995*

City of Stirling Local Government Property Local Law 2009

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<b>Relevant delegations</b>	Not applicable			
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