

Responsible Directorate	Community Development
Responsible Business Unit/s	Recreation and Leisure Services
Responsible Officer	Manager Recreation and Leisure Services
Affected Business Unit/s	Recreation and Leisure Services Parks and Sustainability

Objective

The Public Open Space Exercise Equipment Policy has been developed by the City of Stirling to help manage exercise equipment in public open spaces and provide current and future community needs in an equitable, safe and sustainable manner, whilst in accordance with the Public Open Space Strategy.

The City is focused on:

- Providing high quality, well maintained equipment that complies with the appropriate Australian Standards;
- Providing an equitable distribution of exercise equipment to residents across the City;
- Promoting safe use and enjoyment of public open space and exercise equipment through appropriate siting and design; and
- Ensuring the community's needs and aspirations are addressed through appropriate community engagement.

Scope

This policy provides guidance to Council, residents and the community relating to all exercise equipment located in public open spaces across the City of Stirling. Exercise equipment is specifically designed for people 13 years of age, or older, or otherwise recommended by the manufacturer.

Policy

Public open space exercise equipment has the following benefits:

- It is free and publically accessible.
- Its use encourages physical and mental wellbeing.
- Its use encourages social interaction opportunities for the community.

Exercise equipment is to be located on a maximum of three reserves within each Ward at regional, district or community classified public open spaces.

Exercise equipment is to be integrated with existing and/or future infrastructure on City reserves.

Site Considerations

There is a range of site considerations taken into account once a reserve has been identified for the installation of public open space exercise equipment. Some of the major site considerations which help guide the final location within a reserve include:

- a) Essential considerations for equipment:
- Must not be located on or in close proximity to potential risk areas like irrigation, electricity, water and other services;
 - Must not be located on or in close proximity to playgrounds or play equipment;
 - Must not cause a negative impact to local residents. This may include proximity to residents and therefore direct visual and noise concerns of exercise equipment; and
 - Must have good passive surveillance.
- b) Discretionary considerations:
- Natural shade opportunities provided;
 - The gradient of the public open space; and
 - Synergies with other supporting uses on the reserve.

There are a number of site specific considerations that may be used when finalising the locations of exercise equipment. These may be technical or strategic in nature and need to be considered on a site by site basis. The City will notify or consult with the community with regards to the installation, refurbishment or removal of public open space exercise equipment.

Each request for exercise equipment will be assessed using the Public Open Space Strategy.

Definitions

Types of Public Open Space Exercise Equipment:

Gym equipment means outdoor gym equipment primarily made up of moving parts which supports a person's body weight as resistance. Generally this equipment is provided with instructional signage and is suitable for people 13 years or older, or as otherwise recommended by the manufacturer;

Static equipment means outdoor static equipment that uses a person's bodyweight unassisted as resistance and does not have moving parts. Generally this equipment is provided with minimal or without instructional signage and is suitable for people 13 years or older, or as otherwise recommended by the manufacturer.

Relevant management practices/documents

City of Stirling Public Open Space (POS) Strategy

Legislation/local law requirements

City of Stirling Local Government Property Local Law 2009
Occupier's Liability Act 1995

Office use only				
Relevant delegations	Not applicable			
Initial Council adoption	Date	1 September 2009	Resolution #	0909/027
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