

City of Swan Public Open Space and Community Facilities Strategy

What is the Public Open Space and Community Facilities Strategy?

The City of Swan engaged SGS Economics and Planning in August 2008 to begin work on a Strategy to guide the future location and development of Public Open Space and Community Facilities in the City of Swan.

This Strategy will help to determine the best location and facilities to meet the population's needs now and into the future. This update provides information on the goals and progress of the Strategy. Table 1 shows the indicative project timetable, with the current status highlighted in yellow.

Why is it important?

The population of the City of Swan has been growing rapidly and is expected to double by 2025. While the City already has a comprehensive range of facilities, it is important to plan for a growing and changing population.

Indicative Project Timetable

Phase		Estimated Timing
1	Research on public open space and community facilities planning in Australia and overseas to establish best practice principles and standards.	October 2008
2	Analysis of existing public open space and community facilities.	End 2008
3	Analysis of demand for public open space and community facilities. Consultation with residents and stakeholders.	Early 2009
4 and 5	Identifying gaps in provision and preparation of a strategy and policy for public open space and community facilities.	Early 2009
6	Public exhibition and submissions on the draft strategy and policy. Final strategy and policy.	Mid 2009

How will it affect you?

POSCFS will provide guidance to the City when assessing requests for all types of community facilities including skate parks, sporting pavilions, community and youth centres, swimming pools and leisure centres. It will also allow for assessments of POS requirements in new developments, identify shortfalls in playing field provision and requirements for future passive space development.

What will the Strategy do?

The key objectives of the project are to:

- Identify existing gaps in public open space and community facility provision within the City;
- Identify future public open space and community facility requirements as they relate to projected growth, in both population and sporting codes;
- Establish strategies for meeting the identified public open space and facility needs of the Swan community;
- Establish criteria for the location and design of public open space areas and community facilities;
- Provide a basis for the City to assess future public open space and infrastructure contributions; and
- Consolidate the findings in a Public Open Space and Community Facility Strategy and Policy.

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