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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Facilities And Services

Community facilities and services are an integral part of any community and should be accessible to all. They encompass a wide range of medical and accommodation facilities, education and child care facilities, community groups and clubs.

Key Issues

- The provision of community facilities and services, including supported accommodation, is important to maintaining the independence and mobility of the Borough's aging population.
- The adequacy and provision of youth services is important due to the relative isolation of the Borough.
- Improving recreation opportunities for all age groups in Point Lonsdale and Queenscliffe.

Objective

- To facilitate the coordinated delivery of integrated community facilities and human services that meet and respond to the identified needs of different sectors of the community.

Strategies

- Maintain existing and, where appropriate, facilitate new community facilities and human services in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale.
- Require that community facilities and human services are easily accessible; located adjacent to complementary facilities; and can be provided in a timely and cost effective manner.
- Support the provision of services and facilities to meet the identified needs of youth in the areas of the arts, information, recreation, referral, employment and training.
- Support the maintenance and development of viable and self-sufficient sporting, cultural, and service organisations.
- Improve the function of existing community facilities in Point Lonsdale as a co-located hub of community services and spaces.
- Improve the role of the existing community facilities and the Point Lonsdale Primary School as a family and children's services hub.

Implementation

The strategies will be implemented by:

Policy Guidelines

- Applying Clause 22.02 (Heritage Policy) in considering all applications under the Heritage Overlay.
- Applying Clause 22.03 (Urban Character) in considering all applications that trigger a Planning Permit.

Exercise of Discretion

It is policy to:

- Support the establishment of private facilities and services that have been demonstrated to provide for the needs of the community in appropriate locations;
- Support the establishment of community facilities and human services that allow multi-use and flexibility in use; and

- Apply CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles in the design of public spaces.

Zones and Overlays

- Apply the Public Use Zone as appropriate to community facilities and services, such as public schools, public community health facilities and public recreational facilities.

Future Strategic Work

- Regularly monitor the demographic trends, profile and needs of the community.

Other Implementation

- Negotiate with the State government to ensure the retention of State government facilities (such as schools) within the Borough.
- Support the retention of:
 - Community Health Centre;
 - Public library service;
 - Queenscliff and District Neighbourhood House; and
 - Senior Citizens Centre.
- Consider proposals for the development of new club facilities for the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club in an appropriate location.

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Leisure, Recreation And Open Space

The opportunity for leisure, recreation and open space is important for the well-being of residents. It provides opportunities for social interaction and improves the cohesiveness of the community.

The Borough's foreshore and bays are valuable assets providing the local community and visitors with a range of open space and recreational opportunities. The coastal facilities, beaches and parkland also provide an attraction for visitors who, in turn create demand for other goods and services.

Key Issues

- Managing the pressures on the coast, foreshore and bays in order to sustain them as recreational resources.
- Maintaining the Borough's diverse range and mix of open space and sporting facilities for active and passive recreation.
- Balancing the distribution of recreational facilities and open space across the Borough.

Objective 1

- To maintain existing public open space within the Borough and to facilitate a sustainable balance between preserving the physical and environmental attributes of the Boroughs' public open spaces, while meeting the leisure and recreation needs of residents and visitors.

Strategies

- Manage parks and the foreshore for recreation and leisure activities, and for natural environment interest, landscape conservation and quiet enjoyment.

Objective 2

- To maintain and provide high quality public open space in the Borough.

Strategies

- Provide adequate levels of public open space within the existing residential areas of Point Lonsdale.
- Improve the range of recreation opportunities in Point Lonsdale for all ages, ensuring equity for women and older adults.

Objective 3

- To promote walking and cycling as important recreational activities, and to provide access to foreshore areas, links to points of heritage and environmental interest and capitalise on vistas.

Strategies

- Develop an integrated pedestrian and cycle path network to link the Borough's attractions, open space, shopping centres, and community facilities to the Barwon Region Bicycle Network.

Implementation

The strategies will be implemented by:

Policy Guidelines

- Applying Clause 22.02 (Heritage Policy) in considering applications under the Heritage Overlay.
- Applying Clause 22.03 (Urban Character) in considering applications that trigger a Planning Permit.

Exercise of Discretion

It is policy to:

- Discourage new food premises and ancillary uses along the foreshore except where:
 - Specific provision for such facilities has been made;
 - The facility will enhance the range of facilities available;
 - Existing foreshore and open space users will not be disadvantaged; and
 - Issues including waste management, traffic movement and car parking can be satisfactorily addressed.

Decision Guidelines

When deciding on an application for new or altered recreation or leisure facilities, the following matters will be considered as appropriate:

- The natural environment, built heritage, landscape or cultural interest of a site and its environs.

Zones and Overlays

- Apply the Public Park and Recreation Zone to all areas of public open space intended to serve a public recreation and open space function.
- Apply the Public Conservation and Resource Zone to all areas of public open space intended to protect and conserve the natural environment and natural processes.

Future Strategic Work

- Prepare individual landscape masterplans for The Narrows, the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse/Ripview Car park Reserves, and the Queenscliff Lighthouse/Ocean View Car park Precinct. The masterplans will take advantage of and preserve significant vistas and vegetation in these locations.

QUEENSCLIFFE PLANNING SCHEME

- Prepare a management program for the replanting and replacement of important historic vegetation.

Other Implementation

- Develop a programmed approach to the management, maintenance and upgrading of public amenities, recreation facilities, parks and reserves, so that the foreshore and open spaces continue to meet the needs of residents and visitors.