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**1. PREAMBLE**

The City of Holdfast Bay has a responsibility to exercise, perform and discharge its powers, functions and duties in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999*. This includes the provision and coordination of various public services and facilities that are socially just, equitable and sustainable.

**1.1 Background**

While certain functions and duties of Council are prescribed within the Local Government Act, each Council determines the type and nature of services it will provide when the obligations under the Act are not prescriptive, taking account of the factors unique to each specific Local Government Area.

Council acknowledges that services aimed at enabling individuals or groups to improve, maintain or restore their wellbeing and personal welfare play a necessary role in the quality of life of City of Holdfast Bay residents.

Council recognises its role in community services, facilities and community development initiatives which enable the community to live social, active and engaged lives.

**1.2 Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to direct the development of services and facilities that offer opportunities for social engagement, improve community functioning and enhance wellbeing for local Holdfast Bay residents.

**1.3 Scope**

This policy relates to Council’s role as Leader, Facilitator, Enabler, Service Provider or Advocate in the development of programs, services and activities. It applies to Elected Members, Management, Staff and Volunteers of the City of Holdfast Bay.

**1.4 Definitions**

*Social Development* is defined as programs, services and activities that focus on improving the quality of life of residents of the City of Holdfast Bay.

*Services and facilities* refers to programs, services and activities aimed at meeting the social needs of the local community.

# SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

*Wellbeing* refers to the emotional and physical states of health, comfort, security and happiness.

## 1.5 Strategic Reference

Community: Building a healthy, active and resilient community

Community: Celebrating culture and diversity

Community: Providing welcoming and accessible facilities

Community: Fostering an engaged and contributing community

## 2. PRINCIPLES

Council's social development initiatives will focus on the following key groups, while fostering the general wellbeing of the total community:

- Children and Families
- Young People
- Older People
- People with Disabilities
- People from Diverse Cultural Backgrounds
- People who are socially isolated or disadvantaged

The following principles apply to this policy:

- 2.1 Ensure that services and facilities are in response to demonstrated community need and subject to rigorous evaluation..
- 2.2 Provide appropriate and accessible services and facilities that strengthen and enhance the engagement opportunities, community functioning and general wellbeing of the community.
- 2.3 Value and celebrate the social and cultural diversity with specific recognition of indigenous peoples.
- 2.4 Value the significant role of volunteers and their contribution to the social development of the City.
- 2.5 Create and sustain an environment that generates opportunities for the active participation in community life and civic duties.
- 2.6 Identify partnership opportunities and facilitate linkages with community centres, service providers and other key stakeholders.
- 2.7 Support the effective use of current community facilities and centres not directly managed by Council.
- 2.8 Contribute to community safety within the City of Holdfast Bay.
- 2.9 Promotion of services that address community needs.
- 2.10 Social Development initiatives align with Council's strategic direction

## 3. REFERENCES

### 3.1 Legislation

- *Local Government Act 1999*
- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*
- *Aged Care Act 1997*

### 3.2 Other References

- Youth Policy
- Community Centres Policy
- Access & Equity Policy
- Community Consultation and Engagement Policy
- Customer Feedback and Complaints Policy
- Public Art Policy
- Volunteer Policy

### 3.3 Publications

- Social Needs and Community Infrastructure Study
- Growing Older in the City of Holdfast Bay: Baby Boomers and Beyond
- Partnering to Build an Age Friendly Environment & Community - Regional Strategy and Action Plans for the Cities of Holdfast Bay, Marion and Mitcham
- National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) Ageing and Aged Care Strategy
- Building the State of Wellbeing – A Strategy for South Australia
- Prosperity Through Longevity – South Australia’s Ageing Plan
- Community Wellbeing Indicators: Measures for Local Government
- AusPlay – Australian Sports Commission Report 2016