

HAVE YOUR SAY

Background

The Draft Sport and Recreation Strategy 2019-2029: Strategic Directions and City Facilities will support the development of the City's priorities to support the provision of sporting and physical activity opportunities to the community. The Strategy is underpinned by Council's strategic direction to co-locate user groups (where appropriate) and develop modern, financially sustainable, fit for purpose facilities that maximise multi-use opportunities and are planned within a regional context to align with any potential external funding requirements. As an informing document it provides strategic guidance to Council and the Community in relation to the provision of sport, recreation and physical activity.

In order to capitalise on the identified benefits of sport and physical activity, it is imperative that strategic investment in facilities, clubs and events is planned and funded. Additionally the shift towards health related physical activity benefits should be reflected in the outputs and benefits of optimised provision of community sports infrastructure identified as key success criteria. These include but are not limited to multiuse facilities, inclusive environments, modern and fit for purpose facilities and the ability to manage peak capacity demands effectively.

Why is the City seeking community input?

Although significant community input has already occurred this has been part of the process of developing the draft document. Community input is now requested on the complete draft after which all input provided will be used to inform the final document.

How to provide comments

Feedback can be provided via the Social Pinpoint engagement hub <https://bunbury.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/sportandrecreationstrategy> between now and Friday 4 October.

Timeline

- **March 2018: Strategic planning, research, review and community consultation begins**
The City commenced consultation through workshops, meetings and ongoing discussions with sporting clubs and associations, facility users and other key stakeholders; reviewed existing internal plans and strategies and undertook extensive research into changes within the sport, recreation and physical activity industry to develop the Draft document.
- **August 2019: Draft Strategy released by Council for final community consultation (6 weeks)**
The City seeks feedback from the community on the draft Sport and Recreation Strategy 2019-2029: Strategic Directions and City Facilities. Consultation with other stakeholders including surrounding Local Governments, State Sporting Associations, the Department for Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Parks and Leisure WA and WACHS is undertaken
- **October 2019: Review of Submissions**
Submissions will be used to inform the final Strategy and assist with the City's planning for the provision of sport, recreation and physical activity facilities and associated programs and services.
- **November 2019: Final Strategy presented to Council for endorsement**
The final Strategy is presented to Council detailing the proposals and outcomes of the complete project and identifying a prioritised action plan: Council will decide what, how and when these priorities will be incorporated into future budgets.

