

Public Open Space Policy

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1. POLICY

The Central Coast Council wishes to establish an open space network that provides for a range of opportunities, that is accessible, fit for purpose, enhances natural and cultural values, and offers an amenable environment for all forms of active and passive recreation.

The Public Open Space Policy is to support the Council's vision and strategic objectives of appropriately managing assets and to provide the community with guidelines for the provision and management of open space within Central Coast.

2. PURPOSE OF POLICY

The purpose of this Policy is to clearly outline the Council's commitment to the provision, development and maintenance of the Central Coast's open space network opportunities and leisure needs of the community.

3. SCOPE

This Policy applies to all open space areas within the Central Coast municipal area.

4. OBJECTIVES

The following statements reflect the objectives of the Council with respect to the provision of open space:

- (a) Open space developments initiated or supported by the Council will only proceed where they are the outcome of the currently Council approved Open Space Plan.
- (b) The Council will endeavour to facilitate the provision of opportunities/projects for the community where there is an identified 'gap' in provision.
- (c) Ensure Council Asset Management responsibilities are met.
- (d) The Council will only provide or support new facilities, opportunities and service which reflect researched community needs, help achieve optimal use, offer a diversity of measurable beneficial outcomes and maintain or broaden the base for participation at all appropriate skill levels.
- (e) Unless a strong case to the contrary can be demonstrated, open space and built facilities will only be developed where this supports multiple uses and users.
- (f) The public open space reserve is to provide for the purchase of land in areas deficient in open space, to fulfil local, district and regional open space needs and to achieve the development of facilities on open space as per the Public Open Spaces Contributions Policy.
- (g) The Council will actively support local community industry sectors that can generate sustainable, measurable open space outcomes.

5. DEFINITIONS

Open space refers to all land controlled by the Council and available for public access.

6. STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Our Place – Our Future: The Strategic Plan 2024–2034

Theme 1 – Safe, Vibrant & Welcoming Community

Our Place – Our Future: First Steps: Term Plan 2023–2026

2.3.2 Parks for everyone

7. STANDARD (INCLUDING RELEVANT LEGISLATION)

This Public Open Space Policy has been developed in accordance with the:

- . Disability Discrimination Act
- . Local Government Act 1993
- . Tasmanian Planning Scheme 2021
- . Central Coast Council Open Space Plan

8. REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every four (4) years, unless organisational and legislative changes require more frequent modification.

9. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- . Central Coast Council Our Place – Our Future: The Strategic Plan 2024–2034
- . Central Coast Council Our Place – Our Future: First Steps Term Plan 2023–2026
- . Central Coast Council Corporate Folder
- . Central Coast Council Risk Management Policy
- . Central Coast Council Open Space Plan 2024–2034
- . Central Coast Council Public Open Space Contributions Policy
- . Central Coast Council Asset Management Policy 2021
- . Central Coast Council Parks and Open Space Asset Management Plan

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