

POLICY DOCUMENT

16.63.5

Policy Name	Playgrounds (Property Management)
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Strategic Reference:	3.5 Implement Business Excellence and continuous improvement, including service reviews for relevance, efficiency and effectiveness.
Responsible Department:	Infrastructure & Regulatory Services
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Next review date:	This policy shall be reviewed by the City of Port Lincoln within twelve months after the conclusion of each periodic election, or on significant change to legislation or aspects included within this policy
Applicable Legislation:	
Related Policies:	
Related Documents:	<p>City of Port Lincoln Playground Review Report</p> <p>City of Port Lincoln Strategic Plan</p> <p>City of Port Lincoln Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan</p> <p>By-Law No. 4 Local Government Land</p> <p>16-55-T3 Playground Daily-Monthly Inspection Checklist</p> <p>Testing of sands as impact attenuating surfaces in E.P Playgrounds 2010 – Department for Education and Children’s Services</p> <p>AS/NSZ 4486.1: 1997 – Playgrounds and Playground Equipment: - Part 1: Development, Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation</p> <p>AS/NZS 4422: 1996 – Playgrounds Surfacing: Specifications, Requirements and Test Methods</p> <p>AS 4685: (parts 1-6) 2014– Playgrounds Equipment and Surfacing:</p> <p>AS2155: 1982 Playgrounds: Guide to Siting and to Installation and Maintenance of Equipment</p> <p>LGA Mutual Liability Scheme – Playground Guide for Local Government</p>

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To provide clear guidelines for the safe management and maintenance of Councils public playgrounds.
- 1.2. To provide guidance on the standards of provision and future direction in the development of Councils playgrounds with respect to the community’s current and future needs.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

<i>Local Playground:</i>	Small scale playground aimed at serving the immediate residents within 300-500m (10 minute walk).
<i>Neighbourhood Playground:</i>	Slightly larger than local playgrounds with more equipment/facilities and a catchment area of approximately 1 kilometre.
<i>Regional Playground:</i>	Usually combined with other recreational activities and located on larger reserve areas serving a catchment of 2-3km.
<i>Soft Fall:</i>	The surface underneath and around the playground that provides an impact absorbing layer in the event of a fall from the playground equipment.

3. **PRINCIPLES**

3.1. ***Safety and Compliance***

- 3.1.1 The construction and maintenance of playground equipment will be carried out according to Australian Standards for Playgrounds (AS/NZS 4486.1:1997, AS/NZS 4222:1996, AS 4685: (parts 1-6)2014).
- 3.1.2 Playgrounds containing sand soft fall will be raked weekly to remove debris and to maintain the minimum required depth.
- 3.1.3 All playground equipment including the depth of soft fall will be inspected monthly by the Operations Department utilising Councils Inspection/Maintenance Form (Template 16-55-T3)
- 3.1.4 That where a hazard or non-compliance issue has been identified, corrective action be taken without delay. Where the defect cannot be immediately repaired, the item shall be secured against further use or removed.
- 3.1.5 When using sand as soft fall, the most compliant local sands can be sourced from Yellaroo Quarries (Poonindie) or Warrayappa Sands (Cowell). This was determined by the 2010 DECS (Department for Education of Childrens Services) Report on "Testing of sand as an impact attenuating surface in Eyre Peninsula playgrounds".

4. **PARK AND PLAYGROUND GUIDELINES**

- 4.1. Develop a regional level adventure playground given Port Lincoln's status as a regional centre.
- 4.2. Supplement the play experiences offered by commercial play infrastructure with more 'nature play' facilities and consider facilities targeted to different age groups.
- 4.3. Continue to upgrade existing playgrounds according to Council's Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan.
- 4.4. Ensure that urban areas are appropriately serviced with adequate access to playground facilities at Neighbourhood and Regional Level playgrounds.

- 4.5. Commence planning for possible future development of playground facilities in areas where there are existing gaps in provision (e.g. Northern and Western suburban areas).

5. **RELEVANT DELEGATED POWERS AND DUTIES**

Any actions or decisions made regarding this policy, will be enacted upon as per Council's current Delegations Register.