

ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT

POLICY

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Objective:

To:

- 1) Guide the City's approach to encouraging environments where the consumption of alcohol can provide economic opportunity and improved vibrancy; and
- 2) Provide strategic guidance for the community, applicants and City employees regarding considerations associated with licensed venues and events.

Statement:

The City of Mandurah (the 'City') is committed to encouraging a vibrant night time economy and actively minimising alcohol related harm through supporting safer environments for drinking, managing the physical availability of alcohol, and through environmental design and planning that supports low risk consumption.

While the use of alcohol is often complementary to entertainment and leisure, alcohol misuse has social, economic and environmental implications for the community due to issues such as drink driving, violence, crime, vandalism, littering, noise as well as chronic disease.

This policy compliments amenity, designing out crime, and reflects community values and expectation provisions contained within the following documents:

- The City's Strategic Community Plan 2013-2033
- City of Mandurah's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Strategy 2017-2022
- City of Mandurah Town Planning Scheme 3,
- Relevant Precinct Plans and related planning policies including LPP01 Local Planning Framework and LPP03 Urban Design Policy.

The City is committed to supporting and promoting the responsible sale, supply and consumption of alcohol and to reduce the effects of unhealthy drinking practices. In order to achieve these outcomes, the City will:

1. Consider all applications for planning approval of licensed premises with regard to potentially unreasonable impacts on the health, wellbeing, amenity and safety of the community. This would include internal engagement with relevant departments within the City and externally where appropriate with the WA Police Service, the Mental Health Commission and other agencies.
2. Promote an appropriate mix of land use that will prevent licensed premises having an unreasonable impact on the health, wellbeing, amenity and safety of the community.
3. Consider the cumulative impact of licensed premises within any precinct prior to providing any approval or support for an application.
4. Support the provision of smaller licensed venues as the preferred drinking environment.

5. Actively encourage the availability of substantial food at all liquor licensed venues and events to promote a food based entertainment focus. The availability of substantial food will be requested for hotels and taverns over 120 patrons.
6. Actively encourage the availability of seating for patrons at all liquor venues as the preferred drinking environment. It will be requested that all hotels and taverns over 120 patrons provide seating for a minimum of 75% of patrons excepting one off events. Up to 12 events per year will be supported by the City subject to good performance.
7. Request any new nightclubs to provide adequate space for internal queuing.
8. Collate and request data from appropriate agencies to assist in assessing the impact that alcohol is having on the community including noise levels, litter, access to transport, antisocial behaviour, damage to infrastructure and health impacts.
9. Work alongside agencies to help improve public health, community safety and wellbeing and to assist with the reduction of the harmful effects of alcohol. The City will be actively involved with the Mandurah Liquor Accord.
10. Reflect community values and expectations in the City's services and programs in assisting with the management of alcohol and the associated issues it creates by consulting with the community and encouraging participation in alcohol related decision making.
11. Advocate on behalf of the community when substantiated service requests have been lodged in relation to licensed premises.
12. Ensure that no person's enjoyment of a City run event be limited by their decision not to enter any licensed areas. As an example entertainment should be available to all attendees at an event and not only to the licensed area.
13. Promote New Years Eve and the Community Christmas Celebrations as Alcohol-free events.

Ensure where an event or activity has a focus on children, or has a strong youth patronage, that the event, venue or activity is required to be alcohol-free.

Procedure:

The City will maintain clear procedures for the processing of liquor related applications to ensure a City wide response and will utilise guidance by the Drug and Alcohol Office Local Government Alcohol Management Package and other relevant guidance documents.

Responsible Directorate:	Sustainable Communities
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Related Documentation and/or Legislation:	<i>Liquor Control Act 1988</i> <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> <i>Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911</i> <i>Public Health Act 2016</i> <i>Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992</i> <i>Building Act 2011</i> <i>Food Act 2008</i> <i>Tobacco Products Control Act 2006</i> <i>Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997</i> <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i>