5.11   Active Ageing

Objectives

The objective of this policy is to firstly promote a positive attitude to ageing and mature citizens, but also to enable mature citizens to:
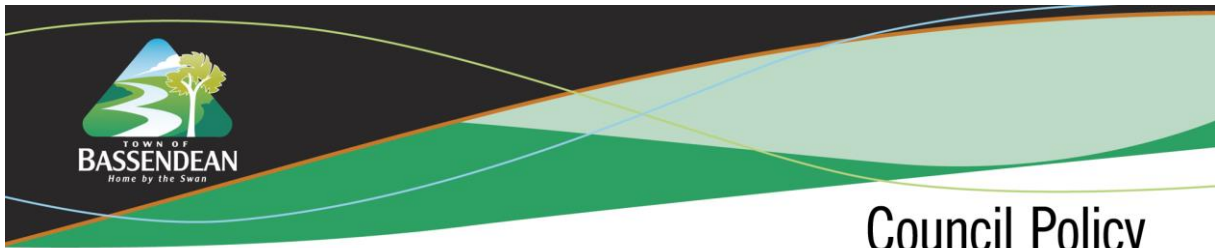
1)   Actively contribute within the community of Bassendean; and

2)   Have access to appropriate services and Council resources.

This policy framework provides a basis for informed decision-making by giving:

a)   An overview of Council's substantive though continually developing position in relation to identifying strategic direction and monitoring performance; and

b)   Guidance to Officers in planning, implementing and reviewing services to our mature citizens within our community.

Strategies

• Council practices will support the physical, emotional and mental well-being of mature citizens within the community.

• Council will support the certainty of services for mature citizens in the community.

• Council's key role is to advocate, facilitate/resource and co-ordinate the planning and development of services and facilities for mature citizens through the involvement of stakeholders.

• Council will advocate, and where appropriate, work in partnerships to attract funding for services and facilities for mature citizens.

• Council will both require and utilise best value analysis for existing and new services for mature citizens in order to ensure the most effective and equitable allocation of resources.

• Council will facilitate opportunities for mature citizens to be actively involved within the community.

Application

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rest with all Councillors, staff, volunteers and contractors of the Town of Bassendean. The Chief Executive Officer will report on the commitment of the Town to social justice through the annual report. The Policy is to be reviewed every three years.

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