

POLICY NO: 3.8.11

SHADE AND SUNSMART POLICY

OBJECTIVES

To:

- provide guidance to the Council to reduce community exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) through the creation of shaded environments and initiatives at City of Vincent controlled activities and events; and
- promote, encourage and support sun protection at community events and activities.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. The Council recognises that:
 - 1.1 Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, (mainly caused by exposure to the sun) with at least one in every two Australians being diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime.
 - 1.2 The City is well placed to support efforts to reduce exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation in the community as it has an integral role in the town planning process, is responsible for granting planning and development approvals, and also control and operates a range of recreational and community facilities. Additionally, a significant proportion of the City's workforce work outdoors for part or all of the day.
 - 1.3 It has a responsibility to take appropriate actions to minimise exposure to the sun, which can be achieved by:
 - (a) informing the community and City employees about sun protection; and
 - (b) taking a lead role for activities under its control.
2. The City of Vincent shall:
 - 2.1 Ensure that whenever planning approval is sought for any new building, structure or renovation whether on City controlled or private property, every endeavour will be made to give consideration to the City of Vincent Shade Policy, which is based on the Cancer Foundation of WA document "*The Shade Handbook: A practical guide for shade development in Western Australia 2007*".
 - 2.2 Ensure that whenever assessing planning approval for any new development including building, structures or renovations, the provision of shade in accordance with this policy will be a consideration. The proposed retention of any existing shade shall be included in any plans submitted for approval.
 - 2.3 Ensure developers are advised of the existence of the City of Vincent Shade Policy. Shade will be actively promoted as an approval consideration for both renovations to existing premises and in the planning of new premises and developments.
 - 2.4 Conduct periodic audits of community facilities it controls.

- 2.5 Advocate the use of natural shade wherever possible.
- 2.6 Advocate that new shade structures be designed in accordance with building regulations and that the design principles encompass safety, be cost effective, comply with UVR protection, and be aesthetically pleasing.
- 2.7 Promote community safety as the foremost consideration when planning built and natural shade.
- 2.8 Ensure that every endeavour is made to provide protection from excessive UVR for employees in accordance with the City's Occupational Safety and Health Plan.
- 2.9 Take advantage of existing campaigns and strategies to promote "sun safe and sunsmart" behaviours to City employees and to the community, including messages through newsletters, brochures, posters.
- 2.10 When conducting a City event, it will wherever practicable, make the event as safe and enjoyable as possible and will:
- (a) Schedule with the peak UV period in mind:
 - Schedule events/activities to avoid the middle of the day or offer shaded/indoor alternatives, noting levels of UV are highest between 10am and 3pm.
 - (b) Provide shade:
 - When selecting an outdoor venue, will ensure adequate shade is available and make maximum use of existing shade.
 - Where required, provide portable shade structures.
 - Provide SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen freely available to persons who attend the event.
 - (c) Ensure and encourage employees and volunteers to role model sun protection behaviour:
 - Encourage event officials to:
 - use shaded areas as much as possible
 - wear brimmed hats, sun protective clothing, sunglasses and sunscreen.
 - (d) Remind patrons to use sun protection:
 - Promote the importance of sun protection in pre-event publicity and literature including event flyers, tickets and programs and announce periodic messages during the event.

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