

BACKGROUND

This policy has been developed to recognize that Council plays an important role in ensuring the safety of visitors and a commitment to improving the natural environment and maintenance of Council property by deterring the use of glass bottles and glass containers to Wollongong Beaches, Rock Pools, Public Swimming Pools and Council sportsgrounds.

Currently, all licences issued over Council sportsgrounds prohibits the licensee from using glass containers for the storage or for the serving of food or beverages or for any other purposes in the licensed area.

OBJECTIVE

The main objectives of this policy are to:

- 1 Maximise public safety at beaches, pools Council sportsgrounds.
- 2 Provide community leadership in taking measures to protect the health and social wellbeing of the community.
- 3 Improve the public amenity and maintenance of Council property.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy recognises that Council has:

- an obligation to reduce the hazards of providing glass bottles and glass containers at Beaches, Rock Pools, Public Swimming Pools and Council sportsgrounds and the potential public liability litigation in the event of a severe laceration to visitors.
- an obligation to promote public health outcomes where Council provides assets and services intended to be of a benefit to members of the community.
- a commitment to improve the natural environment and the amenity of the local area by reducing the hazards associated with broken glass to visitors.

STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES

1 Signage

Wollongong Beaches, Rock Pools and Public Swimming Pools are currently signposted to advise the prohibition of the use of glass bottles and glass containers.

Signs will be installed in prominent places at Council sportsgrounds and will include the no glass bottle/container symbol.

2 Legislation

Under the NSW Local Government Act 1993 Council has the power to:

- erect suitably worded and strategically places notices in 'public places' (such places including but not limited to public reserves, Crown reserves, public bathing reserves, public baths, public swimming pools, public parks and public roads) within the local government area of prohibiting glass bottles and containers;
- serve, by means of an authorized person, a penalty notice upon any person who fails to comply with the terms of any such notice; and
- demand, by means of an authorised person, the name and address of any reasonably suspected of failing to comply with the terms of any such notice.

3 Implementation of Policy

Wollongong City Council's Enforcement Policy will guide the implementation of the Policy, with the view that this Policy will be supported by persuasion and self-policing in the first instance, and then punitive enforcement as required subject to resourcing.

SUMMARY SHEET

Responsible Division	Property and Recreation
Date adopted by Council	30 May 2016
Date of previous adoptions	8 April 2013, 6 July 2007
Date of next review	May 2020
Responsible Manager	Recreation Services Manager
Authorised by	Manager Property and Recreation