

Governance and Corporate Leadership

GL22 Social Justice



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This policy was adopted by Council to set governing principles in place that align the strategic direction of the organisation with Goal 2 – Welcoming and Inclusive Communities

Objectives

The objective of Council's Social Justice Policy is to foster a more cohesive and inclusive community where marginalised groups and individuals are encouraged to achieve equitable outcomes and participate fully in community life.

Policy

The Shire of Augusta Margaret River recognises that every citizen is free and equal in dignity and rights (Universal Declaration of Human Rights). Every citizen is entitled to aspire to that quality of life that allows them to freely realise their potential. The Shire of Augusta Margaret River affirms its respect for, and its commitment to promote, these rights for all of its citizens, and each of their communities.

The Shire of Augusta Margaret River understands that disadvantaged groups can exist in its community and recognises that to do justice by these citizens, actions need to be taken by the community, Council, and by other tiers of governments. The Shire affirms its commitment to strive for social justice and to consistently initiate appropriate actions within the resources and opportunities that are reasonably available to it.

The Shire will –

- Act as a referral agency by providing information to Shire of Augusta Margaret River citizens requiring advocacy enabling them to contact the relevant and appropriate agency;
- Adopt a proactive approach in supporting community initiatives;
- Create incentives that promote social and economic growth, encouraging and supporting initiatives that are both socially responsive and environmentally sustainable;
- Strive to strengthen community pride and the connection between citizens and their community;
- Foster development at individual, community and organisation levels to secure a sustainable future for all sectors of the community;
- Recognise and build upon diversity in the Shire, embracing and celebrating the contributions from all citizens within the community;

Related Documents

2.4.7 Shire of Augusta Margaret River Homelessness Policy

Application

How the policy will be applied and measured and a statement of the accountabilities and responsibilities for the policy implementation

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