

Responsible Directorate	Community Development
Responsible Business Unit/s	Recreation and Leisure Services
Responsible Officer	Manager Recreation and Leisure Services
Affected Business Unit/s	Recreation and Leisure Services

Objective

This policy ensures only approved learn to surf and surf skills coaching operators are permitted to operate on the City's beaches in collaboration with beach goers.

Scope

This policy applies to all beach areas in the City of Stirling.

Policy

Learn to Surf Coaching

Statement

The City is committed to increased safety in the water by encouraging people wishing to learn to surf to do so in a responsible and safe manner through the provision of approved learn to surf operators.

This policy is relevant to Surfing WA.

Surfing WA is a non for profit organisation and is the peak body for the sport of surfing in Western Australia that provides learn to surf tuition, primarily to schools on a cost recovery basis. Part of the charter is to enhance and promote the sport of surfing to the wider community.

Surfing WA is based and has exclusive use of Trigg Beach.

Surfing WA is permitted to conduct coaching classes at Trigg Beach, Scarborough Beach and Brighton Beach under the direction of the Team Leader - Beach Services.

All coaching staff are to be fully accredited and hold current first aid certification.

Locations

Learn to surf coaching classes shall be permitted at the following beaches:

- Trigg Beach
- Scarborough Beach
- Brighton Beach

Application

Applications from suitably qualified persons or groups, other than Surfing WA shall be invited in September or as necessary.

All applications to operate learn to surf classes must be in writing.

All applications to include:

- Applicants name and contact details
- Preferred location for classes
- Evidence of coaching qualifications
- Evidence of first aid qualifications
- Summarised details of the proposed operation
- Supporting references

A Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency with a minimum of \$10 million is to be held by applicant and a copy provided prior to the booking/event.

Criteria

All applications for learn to surf coaching shall be assessed against the following criteria:

- Thorough knowledge of local sea and beach conditions
- Customer service and public relations skills
- Understanding of this policy and City of Stirling Local Government Property Local Law 2009 relating to "Beaches"
- Previous coaching experience
- Safety of students
- Public safety
- Beach access
- Public conveniences
- Signage
- Fully qualified instructor to be in attendance for duration of all classes.

Each instructor shall possess:

- Current Surfing Australia Level 1 Surf Coach Certificate
- Current Senior First Aid Certificate

Instructor – Student ratio to be no more than 1:8 in the water.

Instructors and students are to be clearly identified through clearly defined uniforms.

Only (1) operator per beach area shall be permitted.

A maximum of (3) learn to surf operators (including Surfing WA) in the area.

Permits

Permits shall be initially granted for a 3 month trial period where a new provider is approved.

Following a review of the 3 month trial period a permit may be offered the option of a further term up to 3 years.

The permit relates only to the area mutually agreed by the City and the operator.

The permit holder will provide all necessary first aid and rescue equipment.

Fees and Charges

Fees and charges shall be in accordance with the Fees and Charges Schedule. All permit fees are to be paid in advance.

Surf Skills Coaching

Statement

The City is committed to increased safety in the water and on the beaches and recognises that increased levels of surf skills to volunteer surf life savers can lead to an overall improvement in beach safety.

Application

Applications for Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified individuals or groups to conduct surf skills coaching shall be invited in October each year and must be submitted in writing.

All applications to include:

- Applicants name and contact details
- Preferred location for classes, either Scarborough Beach and/or Trigg Beach
- Evidence of coaching qualifications
- Evidence of first aid qualifications
- Summarised details of the proposed operation
- Suitably qualified references

Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency with a minimum of \$10 million is to be held by the successful applicant with a copy provided prior to the booking/event.

Criteria

All applications for surf skills coaching shall be assessed against the following criteria:

- Thorough knowledge of local sea and beach conditions
- Customer service and public relations skills
- Understanding of this policy and City of Stirling Local Government Property Local Law 2009 relating to "Beaches"
- Previous coaching experience
- Safety of students
- Public safety
- Beach access
- Public conveniences
- Signage
- Fully qualified instructor to be in attendance for duration of all classes.

Each instructor shall possess:

- Current Level 1 Surf Life Saving Surf Coach Certificate
- Current Senior First Aid Certificate

Instructor – Student ratio to be no more than 1:12 in the water.

Only one (1) operator per beach area shall be permitted.

All participants to hold minimum Surf Life Saving Australia qualifications.

A maximum of (2) surf skills coaches permitted.

Locations

Surf Skills coaching classes shall be permitted at the following beaches:

- Trigg Beach
- Scarborough Beach

Permits

Permits shall be initially granted for a 3 month trial period where a new provider is approved.

Following a review of the 3 month trial period a permit may be offered for a further period of up to 3 years.

The permit is to relate only to the area mutually agreed between the City and the operator.

The permit holder to provide all necessary first aid and rescue equipment.

Fees and Charges

Fees and charges are in accordance with the Fees and Charges Schedule. All permit fees are to be paid in advance.

Definitions

Surf Skills means those skills that relate to surf life saving and may include swimming, body surfing, board and surfski paddling.

Surfing means the act of moving in or across waves or the water surface either by the body alone or on any device and includes surfboard, bodyboard, windsurfer, surf/wave ski, canoe, kite surfer but not a boat.

Relevant management practices/documents

Nil

Legislation/local law requirements

City of Stirling Local Government Property Local Law 2009

Office use only				
Relevant delegations	Not applicable			
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