



**CITY OF
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Policy for Recognition of Ballarat's Olympians

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1 DOCUMENT CONTROL INFORMATION

DOCUMENT CONTROL

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2 POLICY STATEMENT

Intent:-

This policy intends to specify how the content of the Olympic Precinct at Lake Wendouree is to be managed by Council and protocols for recognising Ballarat's Olympians in the lead up to, during and after each summer and Winter Olympic Games.

Objectives:

- To provide protocols for any changes or upgrades to the Ballarat Olympic Precinct at Lake Wendouree.
- To define the site and extent of the Ballarat Olympic Precinct at Lake Wendouree.
- To provide the protocols for additions of Olympic Athletes individual recognition to the Ballarat Olympic Precinct.
- To provide protocols for Council to conduct Civic Celebrations for Ballarat's Olympians
- To provide protocols for the display of Olympic memorabilia at Ballarat Town Hall.
- To protect the unique design elements of the Ballarat Olympic Precinct.
- To provide secure storage of athlete's hand and foot casting moulds.

Statement:

1. Council recognises the need to maintain the integrity of the Ballarat Olympic Precinct at Lake Wendouree by the appropriate maintenance and management of its content to ensure it recognises the rights of the Australian Olympic Committee to control the use of specific wording, terminology and symbols, while acknowledging the history of the site and achievements of Ballarat's Olympic Athletes that have represented Australia at Olympic Games.

3 OWNER

The owner of this policy is the Chief Executive Officer.

All enquiries regarding this policy should be initially directed to the Governance Unit.

The policy is to be administered by the Executive Manager Governance and Civic Support and the Manager Lake Wendouree and Gardens.

4 APPLICABILITY

The policy is to apply to Councillors and Council Staff particularly those who initiate or are responsible for media comments, organising civic receptions and managing the Ballarat Olympic Precinct at Lake Wendouree.

5 DEFINITIONS

Olympian – is defined by the Australian Olympic Committee's Olympians Club constitution as any athlete who attended as an Olympic team member for any summer or winter Olympic Games of the NOC of any country affiliated to the IOC since the inception of the modern Olympic Games. This requires the athlete to be selected and to complete accreditation at the Games to be eligible.

Ballarat Olympians – a collective of Olympians who are represented at the Olympic Precinct who have an ongoing interest in the management of the content of the Olympic Precinct, storage and display of local Olympic memorabilia, Olympic athlete's original hand and foot casting moulds and the social interaction and support between local Olympians. Current contacts are Ray Borner, Steve Moneghetti and Peter Blackburn. To be eligible to be considered a "Ballarat Olympian" the following criteria must apply:

- a) Must be an Olympian under the definition above.
- b) Has been born within the boundaries of the City of Ballarat as established from time to time, and
- c) Has been nurtured in the sport in Ballarat for a significant number of years prior to achieving Olympic athlete representation.
- d) If an Olympian was not born within Ballarat, but has been nurtured in the sport in Ballarat for a significant number of years prior to achieving Olympic Athlete representation, his or her qualification as a Ballarat Olympian may be considered, paying due weight to the expert opinions of that person's sporting peers and Olympians, providing those opinions have been recorded and authenticated. The decision will be made by the representative body of Ballarat Olympians and the City of Ballarat.

The Ballarat Olympic Precinct is defined as the area of Lake Wendouree Foreshore Reserve at the south west end of the rowing course that is bounded by the Moneghetti Track, cycle safety lane, weed cutting access track and access track to the isthmus as shown in the aerial photograph below bounded in yellow.



6 PROCEDURE AND GUIDANCE NOTES

Protocols for any Proposed Changes or Upgrades to the Ballarat Olympic Precinct.

Council will inform the elected representatives of the Ballarat Olympians of any proposed changes or upgrades to the Ballarat Olympic Precinct. The Ballarat Olympians are to be informed in advance of any planned works so that there is opportunity to consider any recommended amendments prior to the proposed changes/upgrades.

Any changes or additions of Olympic symbols would require Victorian Olympic Council (VOC) and Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) approval.

Protocol for Additions of Olympic Athletes to the Ballarat Olympic Precinct

Council staff in consultation with the elected representatives of the Ballarat Olympians are to follow the following steps:

- a) Follow criteria set out in section 5 under definitions – Ballarat Olympians to determine which athletes are to be represented. This should be done in the month prior to each Olympic Games to assess new Olympians selected in the Australian Olympic Team, who have the potential to be represented at the Olympic Precinct.
- b) At the conclusion of the Olympic Games verify the potential new Ballarat Olympians are eligible for representation at the Olympic Precinct, by confirming that they had actually represented Australia at the Olympic Games.
- c) Notify eligible athletes within one month of the completion of the Olympic games of their entitlement to be recognised and invite athletes to have their name and hand or foot imprints displayed at the Olympic Precinct.
- d) Set a date for the group to have clay imprint castings of their hands or feet. This represents a significant media opportunity, preferably for all returning Ballarat Olympians.
- e) Athletes have a choice of hand or foot imprints being displayed as bronze castings. Track and field athletes are encouraged to select a foot imprint.

- f) Set a date and send invitations to a placement ceremony at the Ballarat Olympic Precinct for the new bronze castings and pathways to be unveiled. The following parties are to be invited:
- All Ballarat Olympians
 - Victorian Olympic Council
 - Councillors and Council's guests
 - Media

Protocols for Olympians Inscriptions and Cast Imprints at the Ballarat Olympic Precinct

- a) All recorded competitors of the 1956 Olympic Rowing, Canoeing and Kayaking Events have been engraved in a stainless steel plaque which is displayed on the Olympic Rings monument.
- b) All eligible Ballarat Olympians will have their names, sport and year(s) of representation inscribed in the polished granite pavement sections.
- c) There are currently 5 columns constructed to carry bronze foot and hand imprints. Design provision for a sixth is included in the design drawings / specifications.
- d) Each of the 5 Columns has the following significance with Olympians
- Column 1 1956 and Courage
 - Column 2 Friendship and Spirit
 - Column 3 Rowing and Believe
 - Column 4 canoeing and Aspire
 - Column 5 Kayaking and Strive
- e) When positioning the bronze imprints, the following rules need to be considered:
- The athletes Olympic sport or year will determine:
 - All 1956 athlete's imprints must go on Column 1
 - All Rowing athlete's imprints must go on Column 3
 - All Canoeing athlete's imprints must go on Column 4
 - All Kayaking athletes must go on Column 5
 - Where possible place foot imprints at the base of a column (as imprints are larger)
- f) The athlete's sex and sport will determine:
- All other athlete's sports are to be evenly mixed and spread between the 5 columns
 - All other male and female athlete's imprints are to be evenly mixed and spread between the 5 columns.

Protocols for the Storage and Display of Other Olympic Memorabilia

Council has in its possession the following Olympic Memorabilia provided by the Australian Olympic Committee, Ballarat Olympians and donors:

- 1956 Olympic Torch
- 1956 small torch statue.
- 2000 Olympic Torch
- 2000 Olympic Cauldron
- 50th Anniversary Rowing Oar Blades signed by Olympians
- 50th Anniversary AOC Statue
- 50th Anniversary Poster
- 1956 Olympic Games Programs and Newspapers
- 1956 Olympic Games Poster
- a mounted and framed 1956 Olympic Games Flag.
- Framed 2008 Ballarat Olympians Pages.

Council's Olympic Memorabilia is to be stored in a secure and prominent location with the collection being held in the one location. Currently the location has been determined to be the Town Hall Display Area between the lift well and stairs. There is to be a register maintained listing Olympic items of significance.

Protocols for the Protection of the Design Elements of the Ballarat Olympic Precinct

Council is to protect unique quality and design elements of the Olympic Precinct site by ensuring no duplication of hand and foot castings or its concept outside the Precinct at other Council managed sites.

7 COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

CEO and Leadership Team and Governance and Civic Support employees are to ensure that when official Council civic celebrations in relation to Olympians are organised, that the protocols for invitation, notification and recognition are carried out and dealing with Council's Olympic memorabilia.

The Manager Lake Wendouree and Gardens is to ensure that the protocols for managing the presentation and content of the Olympic Precinct are adhered to.

The Lake Wendouree and Gardens Advisory Committee are to be made aware of the protocols for managing the Olympic Precinct Site must be considered in relation to future development, events and commercial activities that may impact on the site.

It is the responsibility of the Ballarat Olympians to notify the Manager Lake Wendouree and Gardens and the Executive Manager Governance and Civic Support of the elected representatives of the group on an annual basis (providing contact names, addresses, phone numbers).

8 CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

It is considered that this policy does not impact on any human rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights Act 2007

9 REFERENCES AND RELATED POLICIES

This section should reflect all research used or other relevant information associated with this policy. Where possible you should quote the location of the information which may be a website location. If any of these section are not relevant input N/A in the second column.

	Include - Name, Reference and location of reference
Acts	
Regulations	
Codes of Practice	
Guidance notes	
Australian Standards	
Related Policies	LAKE WENDOUREE LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN