

RECOGNITION OF BALLARAT'S PARALYMPIANS

1.0 Purpose

This policy intends to specify how Ballarat's Paralympians can be recognised at Lake Wendouree in proximity to the Ballarat Olympic Precinct. It provides protocols for recognising Ballarat's Paralympians in the lead up to, during and after each Paralympic Games.

The objectives are:

- To provide protocols for establishing a dedicated section of the "Isthmus" Ballarat's Sports Walk for recognition of Ballarat's Paralympians.
- To define the site of Lake Wendouree's Paralympians recognition.
- To provide the protocols for additions of Paralympic Athletes individual recognition to the Ballarat Sports Walk.
- To provide protocols for Council to conduct Civic Celebrations for Ballarat's Paralympians.

2.0 Scope

Council wishes to promote awareness and recognition of Ballarat's Paralympians that have represented Australia in an area linked by a path to the Olympic Precinct.

3.0 Policy Statement

3.1 Use of the Paralympic Logo

Council must ensure permission is granted by the Australian Paralympic Committee and or the International Paralympic Committee for the use of the logo and to ensure it is appropriately reproduced on signage / plaques.

3.2 Protocol for Additions of Paralympic Athletes to the Ballarat Sports Walk

Council staff are required to:

- Follow criteria set out in section 4.3 under definitions – Ballarat Paralympians.
- Liaise with the Australian Paralympic Committee to determine which athletes are to be represented. This should be completed in the month prior to each Paralympic Games to assess who has the potential to be represented at the Ballarat Sports Walk.
- At the conclusion of the Paralympic Games verify the potential new Ballarat Paralympians are eligible for representation at the Ballarat Sports Walk, by confirming that they have actually represented Australia at the Paralympic Games.
- Notify eligible athletes within one month of the completion of the Paralympic Games of their entitlement to be recognised and invite athletes to have their plaque displayed at the Ballarat Sports Walk.
- Set a date and send invitations to a placement ceremony at the Ballarat Sports Walk for the plaques to be unveiled. The following parties are to be invited:
 - All Ballarat Paralympians
 - Australian Paralympic Committee
 - Councillors and Council's guests
 - Media

3.3 Protocols for Plaque Inscriptions and placement at the Ballarat Sports Walk

- Plaques are to bear the first name and surname, year of the games in which they competed, the sport in which they competed, and any medals obtained.
- Plaques will be placed in order of first year of representation.
- Where an athlete competes in multiple games, the inscriptions are to be added to a single plaque with years, sports and medals. (This may require remanufacture of initial plaques).

4.0 Supporting documents and references

4.1 Legislation

[Local Government Act 2020](#)

[Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006](#)

[Gender Equality Act 2020](#)

4.2 Associated Documents

[Lake Wendouree Master Plan](#)

4.3 Definitions

Paralympic Games

The international games and winter games auspiced by the International Paralympic Committee, which are held at the same location as the Olympic Games.

Paralympian

An athlete who is selected and attends a Paralympic Games to represent their country.

Paralympic Logo

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has produced a logo consisting of 3 elements in red, blue and green, which was approved in 2019. It can be viewed on the IPC website www.paralympic.org

Ballarat Paralympians

To be eligible to be considered a “Ballarat Paralympians” the following criteria must apply:

- Must be a Paralympian under the definition above.
- Has been born within the boundaries of the City of Ballarat as established from time to time.
- Has been nurtured in the sport in Ballarat for a significant number of years prior to achieving paralympic athlete representation.
- If not compliant with conditions (b) and (c) has resided continuously in Ballarat for a period of 4 years while qualifying as a Paralympian.

The Ballarat Sports Walk

Is defined as the area of Lake Wendouree Foreshore Reserve at the southwest end of the rowing course that comprises the path from the Moneghetti Track to the end of the Isthmus. The Ballarat Sports Walk comprises a constructed bevelled kerb edge to the path upon which plaques are installed to recognise individual sports people. The site is indicated in yellow.



5.0 Administrative updates

From time to time, circumstances may change leading to the need for minor administrative changes to this policy. Where an update does not materially alter this policy, such a change may be made administratively. Examples of minor administrative changes include changes to names of Council departments or positions, change to names of Federal or State Government departments or a minor amendment to legislation that does not have material impact. Where any change or update may materially change the intent of this policy, it must be considered by Council.

6.0 Policy owner

Executive Manager Governance and Risk.

7.0 Authorisation

Adopted by Ballarat City Council on 24/05/2023. R66/23.