



**CITY OF
BALLARAT**

Policy for Recognition of Ballarat's Paralympians

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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 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.

Objectives:

- 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 Paralympian 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.

Statement:

1. Council wishes to promote awareness and recognition of Ballarat's Paralympians in an area linked by path to the Olympic Precinct.

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

Paralympic – The word derives from the Greek preposition “para” (beside or alongside) and the word Olympics (the Paralympics being parallel Games to the Olympics).

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.

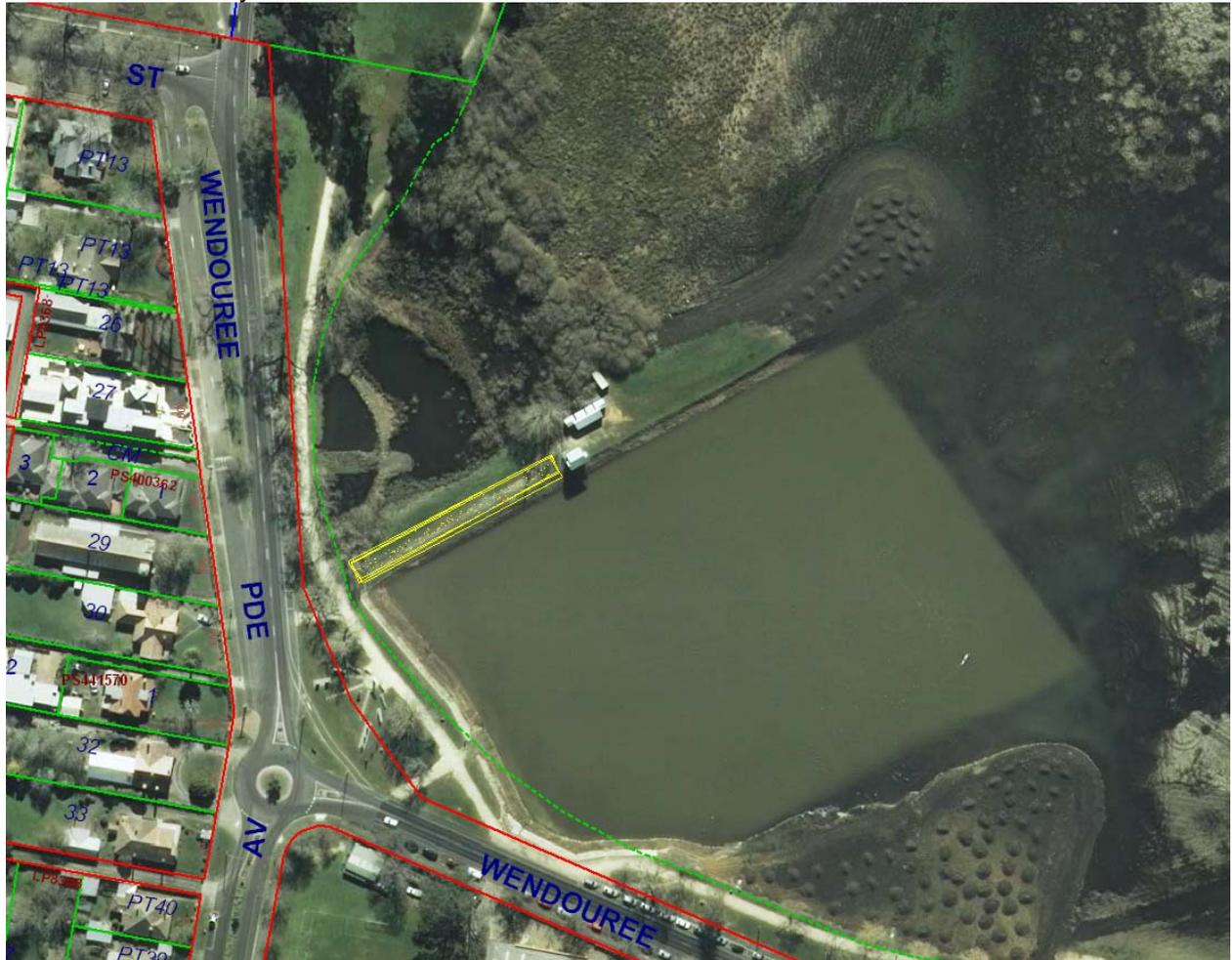
Paralympic Logo – The International Paralympic Committee has produced a logo consisting of 3 elements in red, blue and green, approved at its Executive Board Meeting held in Athens 4th April 2003. It can be viewed on the IPC website www.paralympic.org.

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

- a) Must be a Paralympian under the definition above.
- b) Has been born within the boundaries of the City of Ballarat as established from time to time
- c) Has been nurtured in the sport in Ballarat for a significant number of years prior to achieving Paralympic athlete representation.
- d) 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 south west 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 below in yellow:



6 PROCEDURE AND GUIDANCE NOTES

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.

Protocol for Additions of Paralympic Athletes to the Ballarat Sports Walk

Council staff to follow the following steps:

- a) Follow criteria set out in section 5 under definitions – Liaise with Australian Paralympic Committee to determine which athletes are to be represented. This should be done in the month prior to each Paralympic Games to assess, who have the potential to be represented at the Ballarat Sports Walk.
- b) 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 had actually represented Australia at the Paralympic Games.
- c) 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.
- d) 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

Protocols for Plaque Inscriptions and placement at the Ballarat Sports Walk

- Plaque are to bear the First name and Surname, Year of the Games in which they competed, the sport and any medals obtained.
- Plaques will be placed in the 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)

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 Paralympians are organised, that the protocols for invitation, notification and recognition are carried out.

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

The Lake Wendouree and Gardens Advisory Committee are to be made aware of the protocols for managing the Paralympic recognition within the Ballarat Sports Walk.

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.

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