

<b>Title</b>	<b>Use of Animals for Entertainment on Council Property</b>
<b>Council Resolution</b>	Item 17 (19 Dec 2016) as per Council Minutes
<b>Responsible Directorate</b>	Corporate Governance
<b>Due for Review</b>	Four (4) years from Council Resolution Date
<b>Strategic Plan Reference</b>	<p><u>Making lives better</u></p> <p>1.1 Building understanding and engagement of the issues, needs and expectations of the communities</p> <p><u>Leading our community</u></p> <p>4.1 Govern in an open and responsible manner in the best interests of the community.</p> <p>4.1.1 Provide leadership and advocacy to address issues facing our community.</p>
<b>ECM</b>	Council Policy

## PURPOSE

This policy sets out Council’s position in respect to the authorisation of the use of animals for entertainment purposes on Council Property.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all property and facilities owned or operated by Council.

## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

<b>Acts</b>	Not applicable
<b>Regulations</b>	Not applicable
<b>Australian/International Standards</b>	Not applicable

## DEFINITIONS

<b>Exotic animal</b>	<p>a) Includes, but is not limited to:</p> <p>(i) an animal that does not occur naturally in the wild in Australia,</p> <p>(ii) an animal that does occur naturally in the wild in Australia which is rare or unusual or which is generally thought of as a wild species and not typically kept as a pet, and</p> <p>b) Does not include an animal that is typically kept as a pet (such as a cat, dog, or rabbit) or a farm animal.</p>
<b>Farm animal</b>	has the meaning given in the <i>Glenorchy City Council Animal Management By-Law No. 1 of 2014</i> .

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

1. Council opposes the use of animals for any form of entertainment where there is any risk or likelihood of harm, suffering or mistreatment to the animals caused.
2. The use of exotic (non-domesticated) animals for entertainment on or in Council will not be permitted.
3. The use of domesticated animals for entertainment on or in Council owned or operated facilities may be considered where such use can be demonstrated to be in conformity with relevant State or Federal Government legislation and/or standards and does not contravene clause 1 of this policy statement.

## **BACKGROUND**

Council occasionally receives requests for events to be held on or in Council owned or operated facilities that involve the use of animals. It is desirable that Council takes a consistent position and approach to its response to such requests, and that that position is primarily concerned with the welfare of animals over any other factors.