



LIBRARY SERVICES POLICY

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Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to state Council's position in the provision of library services to the community. This policy will provide a framework for the delivery of high quality and equitable community services through the provision of effective access to library services.

Principles

- Library services are inclusive, offering services to all members of the community, including customers with special needs and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- Access to information is a fundamental right of all members of society.
- Staff, services and resources of the Coonamble Shire libraries are managed efficiently, safely and effectively.
- Library facilities, services, programs and partnerships are planned, maintained and initiated according to changing needs in the community.
- Censorship of ideas is fundamentally rejected in the provision of access to information within a public library context (within the bounds of legislation and issues reasonably perceived as offensive in the community).

Policy Statement

1. Coonamble Shire Council will strive to provide an efficient, equitable and accessible library service that promotes the social, educational and recreational development of the whole community, including children and young people.
 2. Coonamble Shire Council is a member of North Western Library Service (NWLS). The library collection is determined by NWLS, with input from library staff, and is responsive to community interests and trends.
 3. Council is committed to the delivery of a high quality customer focused library service that is responsive to its community's needs.
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4. Council recognises that it serves a diverse community with a variety of opinions, beliefs, ideas, values, age, ability and financial support. The libraries strive to provide a welcoming environment, resources and programs to meet the needs of target groups. Council's libraries promote Child-safe and Child-friendly environments.
5. Parents and legal guardians shall be responsible for their children's use of library materials and services, including access to the Internet.
6. Fees and charges applicable to the Library Services will be in accordance with NWLS Schedule of Fees and adopted by Council annually.

Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

Library Act (1939)

Library Amendment Act 1992

Library Regulation 2005

Crimes Act 1900

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Act 1995

Copyright Act 1968 (Commonwealth)

Policy Review History

Date	Changes Made	Approved By
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