

1 Why do I need Permission from Council to Operate Outdoor Commercial Fitness Training Activities?

Management of the use of public open space for commercial activities within the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) is regulated by the Local Government Act 1993 and Crown Lands Act 1989, and is subject to Council's Plans of Management. Under the Local Government Act 1993, Council approval is required for engaging in a trade or business on community land.

2 What Type/s of Approval do I Need?

Development Consent

Development consent is required for any public open space where commercial fitness training activities are to occur. For a list of Council approved locations, refer to Council's website or the attached document 'Approved Sites for Outdoor Commercial Fitness Training Activities'.

Where an operator wishes to operate from a park not listed as being approved, the operator should contact Council to discuss the use of the site. Should demand warrant Council's support for the use of the proposed site for commercial fitness training activities, Council will lodge a Development Application.

Licence Agreement

In addition to the site having development consent for the activity, outdoor commercial fitness operators are required to enter into a Licence Agreement with Council. The two (2) types of licences applicable for outdoor commercial fitness training are a Primary Site Licence (greater than 2 participants) and/or a Mobile Licence Permit (1-2 participants).

Compliance with Council Policy

All outdoor commercial fitness training operators conducting training activities on public land are required to comply with all requirements outlined in the Council policy for 'Commercial Fitness Training Activities on Public Open Space'.

3 What is the purpose of Council's Policy for Commercial Fitness Training Activities on Public Open Space?

The purpose of the policy is to provide for the effective management of the regular use of open space by commercial fitness training groups and personal trainers. The policy also aims to minimise the impact of activities on surrounding residents and the general public's use of open space.

Through the implementation of this policy, Council aims to:

- a) Ensure equity of access to public open space;
- b) Reduce and manage the potential impact of commercial fitness training activities on public assets; and
- c) Minimise public liability concerns

4 What is a Primary Site Licence?

Where commercial fitness training activities involve greater than two (2) participants (per session), operators are required to obtain a Primary Site Licence. A Primary Site Licence is a non-exclusive licence which permits an operator to undertake such commercial activities from a base location where development consent has been granted.

5 How do I Obtain a Primary Site Licence?

Please contact Council's Property Management section on 4227 7447 to apply for a Primary Site Licence.

6 What is a Mobile Licence Permit?

Council acknowledges that a number of commercial fitness training activities occur in public open space that may involve personal (one-on-one) or small group (one-two participants) training activities and are of a roving nature. A Mobile Licence Permit allows operators to undertake such commercial activities with a maximum of two (2) participants, on public open space where development consent has been granted. A Mobile Licence Permit is valid for 12 months and requires the payment of an annual fee of \$105.

7 How do I Obtain a Mobile Licence Permit?

Information packages and applications can be obtained via Council's website, www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au, or alternatively, contact Council on 4227 7111 to arrange for an information package to be mailed to you.

8 What Documents do I need to Provide to Obtain a Mobile Licence Permit or Primary Site Licence?

When applying for a Mobile Licence Permit and/or a Primary Site Licence with Council, evidence of the following is required:

- Completed accredited course/s specific to the type of activity being instructed and endorsed by Fitness Australia and/or VETAB providers;
- Current Senior First Aid Certificate;
- Current Professional registration with Fitness Australia or the relevant peak body; and
- Current public liability insurance for a minimum of \$10 million.

9 What if I Fail to Obtain Council Approval for Conducting my Outdoor Fitness Training Activities on Public Open Space?

Should a commercial fitness training operator be using public open space for activities without Council approval and licence, Council Rangers will be able to undertake enforcement action in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

10 Do you have Questions not Addressed in this FAQ?

Contact Council on 4227 7111 for further enquiries relating to commercial fitness training activities on public open space.

APPROVED SITES FOR OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL FITNESS TRAINING ACTIVITIES

NB: Subject to compliance with Wollongong City Council's Policy for Commercial Fitness Training Activities on Public Open Space and a Licence Agreement with Council.

- Stanwell Park Recreation Reserve, Stanwell Park
- Little Austinmer Beach, Austinmer
- Thirroul Beach Reserve, Thirroul
- Bulli Park, Bulli
- Bulli Beach Reserve, Bulli
- Nicholson Park, Woonona (restricted hours 7am – 8pm Monday to Friday and 7am – 10am Sunday)
- East Corrimal Beach Reserve (grass area south of Tourist Park), East Corrimal
- Towradgi Park, Towradgi
- Fairy Meadow Beach Reserve, Fairy Meadow
- Stuart Park, North Wollongong
- Lang Park, Wollongong
- Flagstaff Hill, Wollongong
- MacCabe Park, Wollongong
- King George V Oval, Port Kembla
- Darcy Wentworth Park, Warrawong
- Wisemans Park, Gwynneville
- Reed Park, Horsley
- Mt Kembla Park, Mt Kembla
- JJ Kelly Park, Wollongong
- Roy Johanson Park, Figtree
- Robert Ziems Park, Corrimal