



Natural Areas Management

Status Council

Responsible Division Planning and Development

Objective The City of Nedlands recognises the importance of remnant bushland areas and the value of effectively managing local bushland within a local context, based on a scientific outcomes focus. The bushland reserves will be managed for the purposes of:

- biodiversity,
- conservation; and
- recreation outcomes for the community.

Context

The natural areas within the City are situated on the Swan Coastal Plain contained within one of the world's 35 global biodiversity hotspots. These areas contain unique flora and high species diversity. Key threats include environmental weeds, plant pathogens, feral animals, fire management, illegal dumping, un-managed access and climate change.

This Policy provides direction for which the City will ensure bushland under its responsibility is managed in a way that complies with federal and state environmental legislation, applicable policy and management frameworks, to enhance conservation and biodiversity outcomes.

This policy will assist the City to:

- Improve public amenity through the improvement of bushland condition and access;
- Conserve biodiversity through the protection and enhancement of natural areas;
- Maintain and enhance genetic diversity through the improvement of ecological corridors and habitat;
- Improve the resilience of natural areas in the face of a changing climate;
- Effectively manage the scope and assist the activities of bushland "Friends Groups";
- Reduce bushfire risk through environmental weed control; and
- Receive grant funding assistance through the implementation of Natural Areas Management Plans.

Statement

The City has six natural areas which are all actively managed. They include coastal, riverine and inland natural areas which cover approximately 60Ha across the district.

The effective management of natural areas requires scientific assessment and measured outcomes via the implementation of identified actions. These are identified via the ongoing development, implementation and review of the Natural Areas Management Plans by the City. The Plans provide guiding information, strategies and management actions necessary to protect, enhance and restore natural areas and biodiversity within the City.

The plans provide for the measurement of the program's success through the science-based monitoring of bushland condition, environmental weed and flora and fauna surveys. Where it is identified that progress is not meeting expectations, management actions and focus areas will be reviewed and modified, in order to increase the effectiveness of the Reserve's ongoing management. The monitoring and review process will occur during the 5-year review of the management plans.

Management plans have been developed with actions provided for natural area management, in the following natural areas located throughout the City:

- Shenton Bushland, 24.57Ha located in Shenton Park (of which 3.46Ha is vested in the Department of Health and 0.11Ha Department of Education),
- Allen Park Bushland, 18.9Ha located in Swanbourne (of which 2.9Ha is vested in the Department of Defence),
- Point Resolution Reserve, 4Ha located in Dalkeith,
- Birdwood Parade, 5.7Ha located in Dalkeith,
- Hollywood Reserve, 6.41Ha located in Nedlands; and
- Mt Claremont Oval Bushland, 2.21Ha located in Mt Claremont.

The management plans provide a strategic and operational framework to stakeholders involved in the management of the City's natural areas. These include the City of Nedlands, Department of Defence (for Allen Park), Department of Health (for Shenton Bushland), volunteers and bushland "Friends" groups.

Related Documentation

- City of Nedlands Community Friends Group Policy
- City of Nedlands Greenways Policy
- City of Nedlands Illegal Clearing of Vegetation Policy
- City of Nedlands Natural Area Management Plans
- City of Nedlands Natural Area Path Network Policy
- City of Nedlands Urban Forest Strategy 2018-2023
- Perth and Peel @3.5 Million and Central Metropolitan Perth sub-regional Strategy



- State Planning Policy 2.8
- Western Australian Planning Commission Bush Forever Policy 2000
- Western Suburbs Greening Plan (WESROC)

Related Local Law / Legislation

- Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972
- Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007
- Cat Act 2011
- Bushfires Act 1954
- City of Nedlands Local Law Relating to Reserves, Foreshores and Beaches
- Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)
- Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
- Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006

Related Delegation

Register of Delegations under the City of Nedlands Local Law Relating to Reserves, Foreshores and Beaches, Section 17, 18

Review History

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