

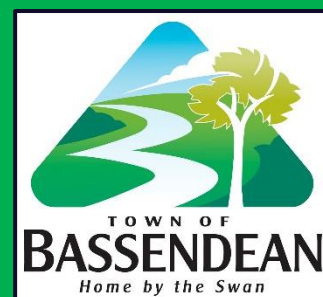
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY ACTION STATEMENT

In July 2020, Council adopted a new [Strategic Community Plan](#) (SCP), which defines the Town's vision, aspirations and priorities for the next 10 years. It is the key guiding document that informs all other plans, strategies and policies and the Town's actions and decisions.

One of the seven priority areas is "Leading environmental sustainability", which seeks to demonstrate strong leadership in waste reduction and carbon neutrality, conserve, protect and enhance the natural environment and support the creation of a more green and shaded Town.

Whilst the SCP is a high-level, strategic document, it clearly demonstrates the Town's desire to honour the principles of the [One Planet Living](#) framework and deliver a Town that is "Green and Natural" and "Sustainable". The below outlines our commitment to you to ensure a shared understanding of what the Town can and will do, including to assist residents, businesses and visitors.

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Our Commitment

ALL AREAS: Corporate environmental responsibility

Goals	Actions/ Strategies
Managing environmental aspects and impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subscription to online environmental legislation directory and updates • Subscription to emissions, energy and water data monitoring platform • Council Purchasing Policy (Sustainable Procurement) • Member of WALGA Sustainability Officers Network Group • Management of an Environmental Risk Register and Environmental Compliance Register
Environmental compliance	
Improving environmental performance	

LAND AND NATURE: Protection and enhancement of natural areas and biodiversity values and the urban forest

Goals	Actions/ Strategies
Increase tree canopy cover to 30% by 2040	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street and Reserve Trees Council Policy • Tree Vandalism Council Policy • 10 and 1 year natural area management plans • Tree Canopy Action Plan 2023-2027 • Collective Biodiversity Strategy • Pesticide Use and Management Policy and Operational Guidelines • Signatory to the Reel It In: Fishing Line Bin MOU • Member of WALGA Urban Forest Working Group • Member of WALGA Local Government Integrated Weed Management Working Group

SUSTAINABLE WATER: Protection and enhancement of water resources and waterways

Goals	Actions/ Strategies
Corporate ground water: do not exceed allocation set by Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Industry Audit Program • Participation in the Waterwise Council Program • Waterwise Council Action Plan • Foreshore condition assessment and priority site restoration • Bassendean Drainage Network Sampling and Analysis Plan • Ashfield Flats Master Planning
Corporate scheme water: Maintain at or below per capita levels of 1000L per person	
Community scheme water: Maintain at or below 125kL per capita until 2025	

ZERO WASTE: Circular economy and waste reduction

Goals	Actions/ Strategies
Waste generation reduction per capita by 5% by 2025 and 10% by 2030.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Plan 2021 • Council Waste Services Policy • Waste Services Management Practice
Material recovery of 67% by 2025 and 70% by 2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Use Plastics and Balloons Council Policy

ZERO CARBON ENERGY: Carbon neutrality and climate resilience

Goals	Actions/ Strategies based on WALGA's Climate Change Action Framework
Carbon Neutrality by 2030	<p>Primary commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signatory to the WALGA Climate Change Declaration • Participation in the Cities Power Partnership Program <p>Secondary core actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan 2011 • Waste Plan 2021 • Corporate Emissions Reduction Strategy 2022-2024 <p>Tertiary- special actions and projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Investment Policy (Fossil fuel divestment) • Purchase of 100% renewable energy (electricity) for Town facilities since October 2021 • Flood Risk Adaptation Plan 2021 • Target to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 identified in the Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 • Participation in the WALGA Energy and Renewables Project • Management of a climate change risk register

Actions/ Strategies

Land use planning and development control

- State Planning Policies/ Residential Design Codes
- Design Review Panel
- Environmental conditions on approvals
- Local Planning Policy No. 2 – Sustainable Development
- Local Planning Policy 13 - Tree Retention and Provision
- Local Planning Policy 14 - Stormwater
- Landscape Plan Information Sheet

Community engagement

- Plants to Residents
- Verge Rebate and Verge Transformation Programs
- Participation in Switch your thinking
- Events, workshops and programmes
- Supporting community/ environmental volunteer groups
- Verge Treatment Guidelines
- Bushcare Volunteer Manual

What you can do

Living more sustainably

For tips on how you can live more sustainably in the following areas, visit: [Ways to Switch | Sustainable Living | Switch Your Thinking](#)

- Waste - Water - Transport - Food - Energy - Cleaning

You can also take advantage of a range of discounts and rebates the Town provides [Sustainability Programs » Town of Bassendean](#)

Protect our waterways

You can help protect the Town's waterways by using [phosphorous free products](#) to wash your car on your lawn, or at a specialised car wash- not in your driveway or on the road. If your business runs a vehicle wash down bay or facility this must be approved by the Town.

If you own a dog, make sure you clean up after it and dispose of waste in bins provided or at home.

Minimise the use of fertiliser by following the [fertilise wise guidelines](#), or avoid it completely by planting a native, waterwise garden.

Wildlife friendly gardens/ urban cooling

Support is provided for residents to establish native, waterwise gardens, through Plants to Residents and Verge Rebate Programs. Launching annually in autumn you can find more information here: [Sustainability Programs » Town of Bassendean](#).

You can request for a free street tree to be planted on your front or side verge. [Online Form - Verge Tree Expression of Interest » Town of Bassendean](#), and help take care of any existing street trees by providing additional watering in hot/dry conditions. For ideas on how to improve biodiversity on your property, follow this link [Bring Nature Home • ReWild Perth](#)

Events and volunteering There are many ways you can get involved in helping the environment; by attending a workshop or event or joining a Friends of Group that volunteers in the Town's natural areas. [Listings for Community » Community Organisations » Town of Bassendean](#)