

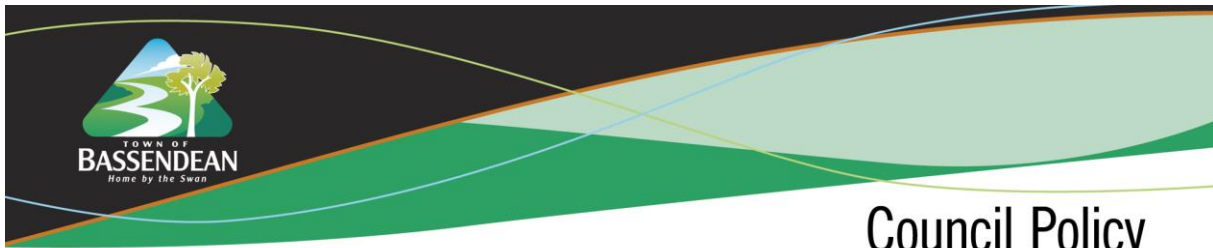
## 2.15 Single Use Plastics & Balloons

The Town of Bassendean recognises the need to protect the environment and is committed to reducing the amount of single-use plastics used within the Town by avoiding the use of single-use plastics and encouraging the use of alternatives.

This policy provides the requirements and obligations for the purchase, sale and use of single-use plastics and balloons at events on Town managed land and events managed by the Town including internal operations.

### Policy application

- This policy applies to all staff and with respect to:
  - All operations conducted by the Town.
  - Traders (excluding alfresco dining) operating with a permit issued by the Town.
  - Public functions and/or events held in thoroughfares, public places and on local government property where approval is required from the Town.
- This policy does not apply to:
  - Events that do not require approval from the Town
  - Traders and businesses that do not require a permit from the Town under the Local Law and;
  - Activities operating under a lease agreement from the Town entered into prior to this Policy being made.
- Persons to which this policy applies shall first agree to ensuring the following requirements are met prior to being issued approval to lease or book that place:
  - Balloons are not to be used, sold, distributed or released.
  - Single-use plastic or polystyrene serving materials and packaging are not to be used, sold or distributed.
  - Single-use plastic items must not be used in the purchase, sale, distribution and transport of food or goods, unless required under other conditions or legislation These items include but are not limited to:
    - Bags;
    - Disposable cups;
    - Cutlery & straws;
    - Plates & bowls; and
    - Takeaway containers.



- Plastic beverage bottles are not to be used, sold or distributed, where suitable alternatives can be provided.
- Plastic event promotional materials must be re-used where possible.

Alternative options to single-use plastics must be fit for purpose with **reusable** products being prioritized for use in the first instance and **compostable** products being used where re-usable options are not readily available.

For suitable alternatives see the guidance document 'A guide for eliminating single-use plastics'.

Exemptions for reasons pertaining to health & safety should be made in writing to the CEO.

## Definitions

**Balloon** inflatable device made from rubber, latex, foil or plastic where the primary function is to be inflated.

**Compostable** means products complying with Australian Standard AS4736-2006 Biodegradable Plastics. Products that are able to decompose to produce a non-toxic soil product.

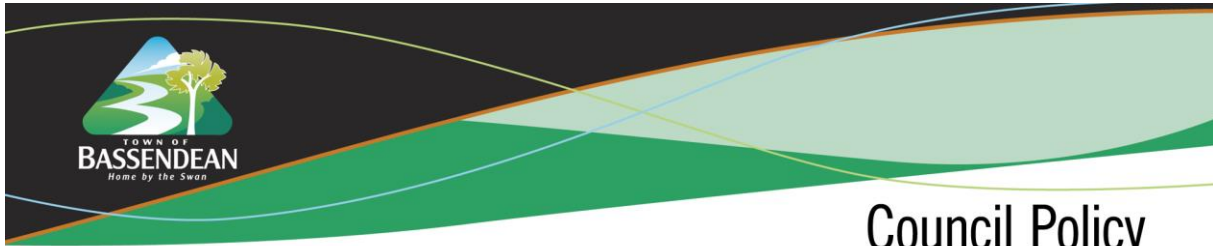
**Local Government Property** has the meaning as depicted in *Town of Bassendean Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2010*

**Permit** has the meaning as depicted in *Town of Bassendean Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2010*

**Polystyrene** synthetic resin which is a polymer of styrene, used chiefly as lightweight rigid foams and films.

**Public place** has the meaning as depicted in *Town of Bassendean Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2010*

**Re-usable** means a product that can be used a repeated number of times for the same purpose for which it was originally designed.



## Council Policy

**Single Use Plastic** means a plastic product that is not conceived, designed or placed on the market to accomplish, within its life span, multiple use by being returned to the retailer for refill or re-used for the same purpose for which it was conceived.

**Thoroughfares** has the meaning as depicted in *Town of Bassendean Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2010*

**Trader** has the meaning as depicted in *Town of Bassendean Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2010*

## APPLICATION

<p><b>Policy Type:</b> Strategic Policy</p> <p><b>Link to Strategic Community Plan:</b> Environmental Sustainability &amp; Adaptation to Climate Change</p>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b> Manager Infrastructure Services</p> <p><b>First Adopted:</b> OCM-17/3/2020</p> <p><b>Last Reviewed:</b> March 2020</p> <p><b>Version : 1</b></p> <p><b>Next Review due by:</b> March 2023</p>
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