

## 2.2 Treatment of Weeds and Noxious Plants Policy

### Objective

To remove weeds and noxious plants from Council controlled land in order to:

- a) protect and promote the regeneration of locally native vegetation and fauna; and
- b) protect people's health by eliminating poisonous plants.

### Strategy

The Town of Bassendean will achieve these objectives by:

- Developing Weed Management Plans which will manage the identified target environmental weeds, in accordance with legislative requirements and industry-wide best management techniques in order to control weeds in public places and natural areas;
- Developing Bushland Weed Management Plans that identify weeds that can be removed by non-chemical methods, without damaging the bush area;
- Developing baseline Bushland weed maps that will indicate the target weed species and allow for strategic planning for the priority timing for weed control and management;
- Prevent introduction of additional weed species and prevent further encroachment of weeds;

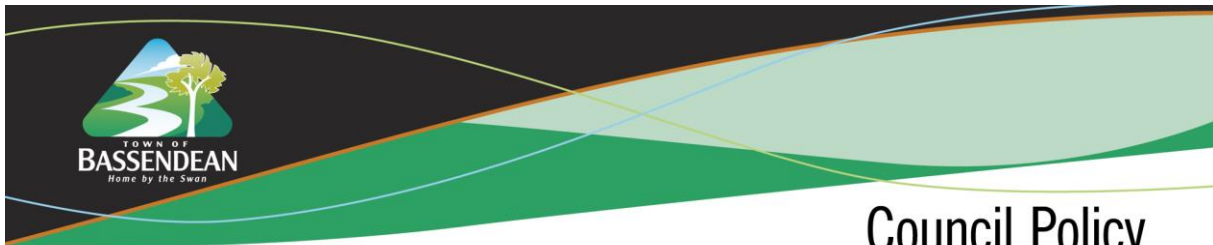
Council recognises where herbicides are used that the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority is responsible for assessment, product registration, quality assurance and compliance of agricultural chemicals and that the Town applies these registered herbicides in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines, the Material Safety Data Sheet requirements and the Town's Pesticide Operational Policy & Guidelines.

## Detail

Where any of the following species are growing on Council controlled land, the plants are to be removed and the seed stock progressively controlled:

Plant	Where to be removed from	
	All Locations	Bushland
Acacia rostellifera	✓	✓
Annual Barbgrass		✓
African lovegrass	✓	✓
Arum lily		✓
Bamboo	✓	✓
Blackberry	✓	✓
Barley Grass		✓
Beach Evening Primrose		✓
Bedstraw		✓
Brome Grass		✓
Bougainvillea		✓
Blowfly Grass		✓
Black Nightshade		✓
Bridal creeper	✓	✓
Birdsfoot		✓
Burr Medic		✓
Buffalo grass		✓
Bullrush		✓
Caltrop	✓	✓
Cape lilac		✓
Cape tulip	✓	✓
Capeweed		✓
Castor oil bush	✓	✓
Chilian willow		✓
Clover	✓	✓
Couch		✓
Crab Grass		✓
Curled Dock		✓
Cyperus		✓

Plant	Where to be removed from	
	All Locations	Bushland
Doublegee	✓	✓
Flatweed		✓
Fleabane	✓	✓
Giant reed	✓	✓
Goldenrod		✓
Hares Tail Grass		✓
Japanese pepper	✓	✓
Kikuyu		✓
Mile-a-Minute		✓
Marsh Club-rush		✓
Morning glory	✓	✓
Nasturtium		✓



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Oleander	✓	
Pampas grass	✓	✓
Paspalum	✓	✓
Pigeon Grass		✓
Poplars		✓
Prickly Lettuce		✓
Prickly Sowthistle		✓
Pimpernel		✓
Ribwort Plantain		✓
Ryegrass		✓
Shiver Grass		✓
South African gladiolus	✓	✓
Soursob		✓
Small Flowered Mallow		✓
Tree lucerne		✓
Trumpet Vine		✓
Veldt Grass	✓	✓
Vetch		✓
Watercress		✓
Watsonia	✓	✓
Wild lantana	✓	✓
Wild Oat		✓
Wild Radish		✓
Whiteflower Fumitory		

### Application

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Mayor, Councillors, Council delegates and Chief Executive Officer. The Policy is to be reviewed every three years.

<p><b>Policy Type:</b> Strategic Policy</p> <p><b>Link to Strategic Community Plan:</b> Environmental sustainability and adaption to climate change</p>	<p><b>Responsible Officer:</b> Director Operational Services</p> <p><b>First Adopted:</b> OCM - 11/6/99</p> <p><b>Last Reviewed:</b> March 2014</p> <p><b>Version</b></p> <p><b>Next Review due by:</b> December 2016</p>
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## 2.3 Natural Areas Management Policy

The biodiversity found in the south west of WA, including Bassendean, makes it one of the 25 global biodiversity hot spots. However, climate change, development pressures, clearing, weed invasion, over-extraction of ground water and erosion of soils threaten this natural heritage.

The Town of Bassendean currently has 2.39% of its original pre-European settlement vegetation remaining; this equates to about 21 hectares. The Town is committed to conserving biodiversity and to revegetating areas that are degraded. A detailed Five Year Operational Plan for Natural Areas has been developed to provide staff with best practice management tools for actions that need to be implemented in bushland reserves.

### Objectives

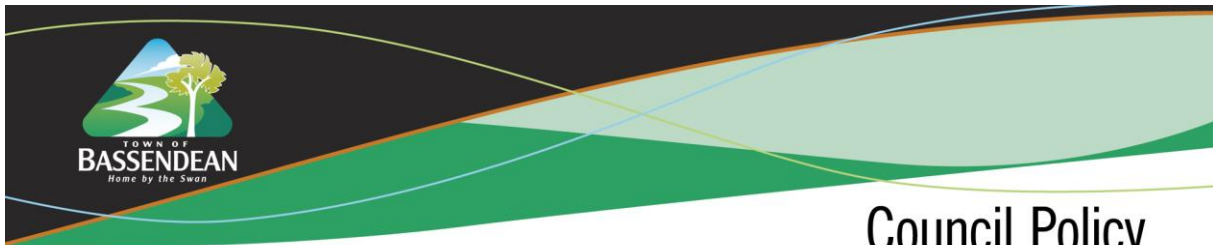
The Town of Bassendean's objectives for its Natural Areas Management Policy are:

- To ensure that bushland reserves are maintained and restored to protect and enhance their conservational, ecological and community values;
- To provide appropriate frameworks, timelines and processes for the management of the reserves vested in the care of the Town of Bassendean;
- To develop a long term strategy for bushland restoration works and ongoing maintenance of the reserves vested in the care of the Town of Bassendean, including involvement of volunteers;
- To have best practice guidelines in place for staff involved in the management of the reserves.

### Strategy

The Town of Bassendean will achieve these objectives by:

1. Ensuring our own operations encompass best practice standards and practices by:
  - Seeking to preserve and increase local endemic native vegetation in all bushland areas, in partnership with volunteer groups, for which the Town has a management responsibility;
  - Implementing the Five Year Operational Plan for Natural Areas;



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- Managing exotic weed species, in partnership with volunteer groups; and
  - Developing and implementing procedures for best practice management procedures in bushland areas for Council operations;
2. Ensuring land use planning decisions and processes take bushland management into account by:
- Providing guidance on statutory and non-statutory bushland planning mechanisms to promote or secure the protection and enhancement of bushland not owned or managed by the Town;
  - Such guidance to include provision of adequate vegetative buffers, Dieback control, acid sulphate soils, weed control and restrictions on clearing of native vegetation and rehabilitation of native vegetation.
3. The use of chemicals for weed control to be used strictly in accordance with Council procedure and to be used only when necessary.

## Detail

- This policy applies to all planning projects including Council projects, subdivisions, land development and redevelopment proposals;
- This policy provides direction to Council in respect of any application for rezoning, subdivision and planning approval. The Council will have due regard to the objectives of the policy before making its determination;
- Providing training to all relevant employees to ensure that they are aware of this Policy and are involved in assisting Council to implement this policy. Training will be provided to volunteer groups involved in bushland management activities on Council managed reserves, as per the Friends Group Manual;
- Openly communicating the Policy to the community.

## Application

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