

2.6 Foreshore Restoration Policy

Council recognises that the riparian vegetation that adjoins drainage gullies, creeks, wetlands, floodplains and the Swan River play a very important role in maintaining foreshore stability and the ecological health of the area by filtering nutrients and sediments, and providing habitat for endemic flora and native fauna.

Note: 'Riparian' describes the area of land bordering a waterway, where the structure, function and composition of the landscape are influenced by the waterway. The riparian zone includes the entire floodplain.

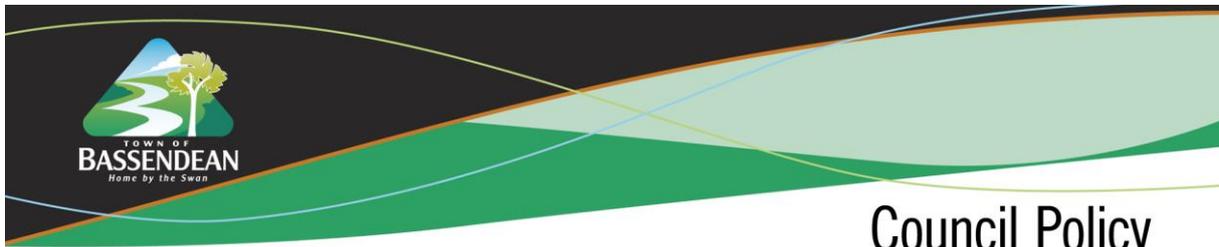
Council also recognises that it has an important role in balancing community expectations and environmental needs in relation to foreshore management.

The Town, in partnership with other agencies responsible for the management of foreshore reserves, has a responsibility to ensure its own actions meet best practice standards.

Objectives

The Town of Bassendean's objectives for the Foreshore Restoration Policy are:

- To protect, rehabilitate and enhance the natural functions and biodiversity of the foreshore including the riparian zone through:
 - The employment of best management practices, strategies and other mechanisms to guide management actions in a consistent and co-ordinated manner;
 - To incorporate consideration of these issues into Council's land use planning and development processes and decision-making;
 - To ensure compliance with Western Australian environmental policies, legislation and strategic initiatives relevant to foreshore management;
- To achieve urban design and architectural outcomes which enhance and protect the character and landscape setting of the foreshore;
- To advocate to other agencies with responsibilities for management of foreshore reserves for the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the natural functions and biodiversity of the foreshores in line with this policy;
- To take a strong advocacy role in promoting foreshore protection.



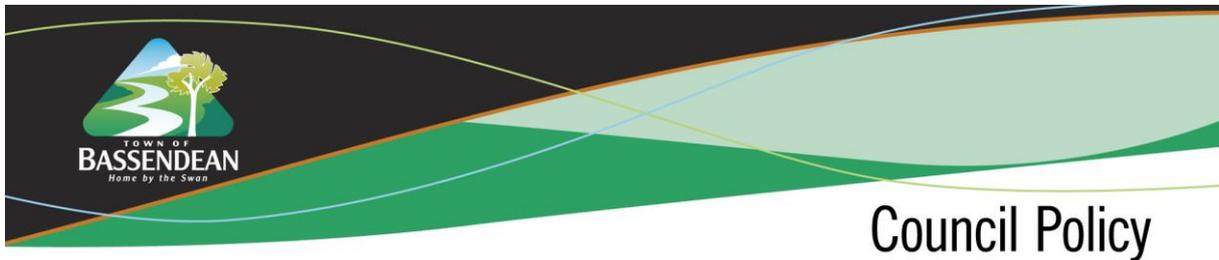
Strategy

The Town of Bassendean strives to achieve these objectives by:

1. Ensuring our own operations encompass best practice standards and practices by:
 - Developing foreshore management plans for all areas for which the Town has a management responsibility;
 - Developing and implementing procedures to minimise and control erosion and sedimentation from Council operations;
 - Managing exotic weed species*;
 - Ensuring community consultation is undertaken;
 - Ensuring Aboriginal Consultation is undertaken when required;
 - Working closely with the community and volunteer groups in the undertaking of foreshore restoration works;
 - Seeking cost effective standards that can be maintained;
 - Seeking to preserve native vegetation within the riparian zone; and
 - Delivering projects in a timely manner.

* Note: In order to minimise risk of erosion of the foreshore soils following weed removal, it is important that temporary and/or permanent foreshore restoration activities are established prior to undertaking such removal.

2. Ensuring land use planning decisions and processes take foreshore protection and management into account by:
 - Providing guidance on statutory and non-statutory foreshore planning mechanisms to promote or secure the protection and enhancement of foreshores not owned or managed by the Town; and
 - Such guidance to include provision of adequate vegetative buffers, erosion and weed control and restrictions on clearing of native vegetation and rehabilitation of native vegetation.
3. Providing leadership identifying and addressing the probable impacts of climate change on the Town's foreshores by:
 - Working at a regional level and with relevant State agencies to identify the likely range of impacts;
 - Seeking partnerships to develop responses to the predicted impacts; and
 - Education and engagement programs to the local community.



Detail

- Council adopted Local Planning Policy No. 3 – Water Sensitive Design, Local Planning Policy No. 4 – Flood Plain Management & Development and Local Planning Policy No. 14 – On-Site Stormwater Policy shall apply to all subdivisions, land development and redevelopment proposals;
- This policy applies to all Council foreshore restoration and rehabilitation works;
- 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
- Openly communicating the Policy to the community.

Application

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Mayor, Councillors, Council delegates and the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer (ECO) has the authority to administer the requirements of this policy. This policy is to be reviewed every three years

<p>Policy Type: Strategic Policy</p> <p>Link to Strategic Community Plan: Environmental sustainability and adaption to climate change</p>	<p>Responsible Officer: Director Operational Services</p> <p>First Adopted: June 2011</p> <p>Last Reviewed: March 2014</p> <p>Version</p> <p>Next Review due by: December 2016</p>
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