



## WS8 Conservation of Flora and Fauna

### Policy Objective

To conserve natural flora and fauna.

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#### **Maintenance of natural bush reserves**

To ensure the continual integrity and ecological diversity of natural bush reserves, annual maintenance works will include weed control, rubbish removal and replanting with indigenous species.

#### **Fitzgerald Coast Biosphere**

The Shire of Ravensthorpe is proud of its affiliation with the UNESCO Fitzgerald Coast Biosphere. Whilst the Fitzgerald National Park is at the core of the biosphere, it is surrounded by a buffer of remnant bush, beyond the Buffer Zone is the Transition Zone where a significant portion of our Shire community lives.

The Shire supports a focus on the protection and preservation of this unique area, as well as attracting scientific research as part of an international network of biosphere reserves.

The Shire supports tourism and economic development, particularly those activities that educate and bring social and cultural awareness to the Biosphere, whilst ensuring the protection of native flora and fauna.

#### **Collection of Native Seeds**

The Shire will consider requests for the collection of native seeds from the Shire's road sides and reserve land under licence from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) or relevant agency.

The Chief Executive Officer or Authorised Person may approve such requests subject to the following conditions:

- No activity to take place unless in possession of the appropriate licence from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions or relevant agency.
- Hi visibility vest or shirt to be worn at all times while collecting within the road reserve;
- No vehicles to be parked in a location that may prove a hazard or obstruction to traffic; and
- No activity to be undertaken that may cause damage to any Shire infrastructure.

#### **Planning and Development - Subdivision of Land**

Developers shall be encouraged to retain natural vegetation at the planning stage of new subdivisions.

Landscaping of public open space shall be based, wherever possible, on the principles of water conservation and practical maintenance and shall retain areas of natural vegetation where appropriate.

Developers are to provide conservation management plans with subdivision applications in respect of areas containing significant or unique vegetation.



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