

Policy number	Policy 253
Policy title	Water conservation
Strategic outcomes supported	EN4 – A clean place where everyone knows the value of waste, water and energy.

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

To ensure the conservation of water in the activities of the Town.

POLICY SCOPE:

This policy applies to all employees when making decisions associated with the Town’s operations and the various initiatives and activities proposed by the community.

DEFINITIONS:

Nil.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. The Council of the Town of Victoria Park is committed to the conservation of water including optimising the management and reuse of water resources; and
2. The Council of the Town of Victoria Park is committed to the promotion and implementation of water conservation measures, both for the Town’s own operations and that of its community.

Background

3. The south-west of Western Australia has experienced a decrease in annual rainfall of 15% since the mid-1970s, which has resulted in a greater reduction in stream flow into dams. Conversely, the population has increased in recent years with higher population growth predicted for the future.
4. Factors such as decreasing rainfall and water supply combined with an increasing population and water demand means that efforts to conserve water are needed more now than ever before.
5. With the present potable water scarcity being experienced in Perth, it is necessary for the Town of Victoria Park and its community to reconsider the ways in which water sources are used and managed.

Practice Implications:

6. Protection, conservation and enhancement of the Town’s surface and groundwater resources;
7. Promotion and implementation of water conservation measures and considerations into the Town’s management and operations as well as the various initiatives and activities proposed by the community; and

8. Incorporation of high performance water efficiency measures in future buildings and other infrastructure design and introduction of water efficient retrofits when renewing or upgrading the Town’s buildings and facilities.
9. The evaluation of this policy should occur with the following considerations:
 - a. Development of Water Action Plan;
 - b. Analysis of the Town’s annual water consumption;
 - c. Identification of high consuming sites;
 - d. Opportunities for water efficiency improvements;
 - e. Review of physical measures taken to improve water efficiency;
 - f. Development of incentive schemes for ratepayers and businesses; and
 - g. Establishment of an organisational cross-functional Water Team who will be responsible for the development and continual review of the Water Action Plan and reporting via the Strategic Management Team.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

Practice 253.1 Water conservation

Policy manager	Chief Operations Officer
Responsible officers	-
Approval authority	Council
Next Evaluation Date	

REVISION HISTORY

Version	Approved, Amended, Rescinded or Reviewed	Date	Authority	Resolution Number	Key Changes/Notes
1	Adopted	12/09/2017	Council	-	Item 4.1
2	Reviewed and Amended	20/08/2019	Council	148/2019	Item 10.1