

Policy number	Policy 254
Policy title	Remnant native vegetation
Strategic outcomes supported	EN6 – Appropriate, inviting and sustainable green spaces for everyone that are well maintained and managed. EN7 – Increased vegetation and tree canopy.

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

To provide for the management of remnant native vegetation on land under the control or management of the Town.

POLICY SCOPE:

This policy applies in relation to land under the control or management of the Town.

DEFINITIONS:

Remnant native vegetation means those patches of native trees, shrubs and grasses still left. Remnant vegetation:

- can be any shape or size.
- can include all types of native vegetation communities

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. The management of remnant native vegetation on any land owned by, vested in, or managed by the Town shall be in accordance with the following policy.
2. Only plant species indigenous to the particular area are to be maintained or re-established within naturally vegetated areas. All new plantings or sowing by seed shall be at the commencement of autumn rains whenever possible. Plants shall be tube stock or stock of a similar size.
3. Areas of native vegetation that are eroded or have no vegetative cover and that require stabilisation shall be re-vegetated using rehabilitation methods or practices appropriate to the particular situation.
4. Weeds such as veldt grass and broad leaf species are to be removed by hand, spot sprayed, and/or treated with selective herbicide application. Weed spraying is to be carried as required, during appropriate climatic conditions and the weed life cycle.
5. All established trees in areas designated for public access are to be inspected every 2 years and maintained to ensure they are not a safety hazard. Retention of the fauna habitat shall, wherever possible, be facilitated when remedial work is undertaken.
6. Areas shall be inspected regularly for rubbish accumulation, firebreak and fence repairs and corrective maintenance shall be undertaken promptly.

7. Access to remnant vegetation areas shall be controlled as per the *Local Government Property Local Law 2000*. Vehicles, other than service vehicles, are prohibited. Pedestrian traffic is to be confined to designated paths except where prior permission to access an area has been granted.
8. As a rule it is desirable that remnant vegetation areas be fenced to control access. The fencing shall be of a type that is appropriate to the particular site and suitable for fire management purposes.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

Nil.

Policy manager	Manager – Infrastructure Operations
Responsible officers	-
Approval authority	Council
Next Evaluation Date	

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