



Council Policy

'Friends of Natural Areas' Groups



‘Friends of Natural Areas’ Groups Policy

Policy scope

This policy applies to ‘Friends of Natural Areas’ groups that carry out conservation activities, focussed on urban bushland and coastal and river foreshore regeneration and management, within natural areas in the City of Fremantle.

This policy defines ‘Friends of Natural Areas’ groups and outlines how the City will support them in the delivery of their activities.

This policy establishes a framework to enable and support the conservation activities of ‘Friends of Natural Areas’ groups within the bushlands, river foreshore and coastal dunes of the City of Fremantle. The intent is to decrease the administrative burden on groups to allow them to focus on their core activities.

‘Friends of Natural Areas’ groups are either incorporated or unincorporated groups who get together to carry out conservation activities in natural areas managed by the City or other publicly owned natural areas with written approval from the landowner.

The focus of ‘Friends of Natural Areas’ groups is to conduct conservation activities in partnership with the City and aligned with the management plan/s for their chosen natural area. These partnerships are formalised through an approved Annual Work Plan.

The City also encourages and supports residents and community groups to undertake urban greening activities on other areas of urban open space through the Verge and Urban Garden Policy.

Policy statement

The City may support ‘Friends of Natural Areas’ groups by:

- Providing a budget to fund or co-fund the delivery of conservation activities by ‘Friends of Natural Areas’ groups.
- Supporting with in-kind contributions where they are aligned with the City’s operational activities.
- Supporting grant submissions to help achieve the Annual Work Plan with budget and/or in-kind contributions where they are aligned with the City’s operational activities.
- Provision of training to meet Work Health and Safety requirements and increase relevant skills.
- Reimbursing incorporated groups for costs of Public Liability Insurance and ensuring unincorporated groups are covered by City’s Public Liability Insurance.



Details on the process is detailed in the 'Friends of Natural Areas' Groups Manual.

Definitions and abbreviations

Annual Work Plan – A short term plan outlining the objectives of a 'Friends of Natural Areas' group and the activities and resources necessary to achieve them over a financial year.

Conservation activities – Activities that seek to maintain or improve biodiversity values. They include weeding, revegetation, fauna and flora surveys, community education, awareness raising, and other activities as approved by the City.

Incorporated – registered with Commerce WA as a legal entity.

Management Plan – a formal City document outlining the conservation objectives for a given Natural Area and the strategies that will be used to achieve them.

Natural areas – an area of public land dominated by native vegetation that is managed for biodiversity conservation.

Unincorporated – not registered with Commerce WA as a legal entity.

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