

VANDALISM TO VEGETATION ON LAND OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE CITY

STATUS: **City Policy** - *A policy that is developed for administrative and operational imperatives and has an internal focus.*

City policies are referred to Council for review and endorsement.

RESPONSIBLE: Director Infrastructure Services

OBJECTIVES:

- To recognise the importance of vegetation in the public realm and the crucial role it plays in providing habitat and food for native fauna.
- To enhance the City of Joondalup's reputation within the community on land owned or managed by the City, as a steward and manager of vegetation.
- To increase awareness and to educate the community, and developers on the value of vegetation in the urban landscape; and
- To provide a mechanism to encourage community members to report illegal damage to vegetation on land owned or managed by the City.

DEFINITIONS

Vandalism or Damage to Vegetation: the unlawful destruction, damage or injury to vegetation which can include poisoning, mowing, pruning, removal and ringbarking.

STATEMENT

The City of Joondalup will assess the required site specific response, following vegetation vandalism or damage, in order to notify the community of the illegal works and the consequences of vandalising or damaging vegetation on City owned or managed land.

In the event of vegetation vandalism or damage, the City may undertake one or more of the following actions:

- 1) Erect signage advising of the vegetation vandalism or damage detailing the penalties for such offences, a request for information from the public regarding the vandalism, and site specific information regarding vegetation removal and replacement proposed.

- 2) Selected poisoned vegetation may be left in situ, subject to safety requirements, until an agreed time frame to be determined on a case by case basis or until the vegetation requires removal.
- 3) Replacement planting will be determined on a site by site basis (and may include the placement of two or more of an appropriate plant species at the affected locality), following any required remediation works and removal of the poisoned or damaged vegetation.
- 4) Replacement planting and rehabilitation works will be determined on a site by site basis (and may include the placement of two or more of an appropriate plant species at the affected locality, of a similar maturity if possible) following the removal of the poisoned or damaged vegetation.
- 5) When ongoing vandalism occurs, then further investigative responses including CCTV may be considered by the Chief Executive Officer.

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