**Community Friends Groups**

**KFA** KFA 2 Natural Environment

**Status** Council

**Responsible**

**Division** Planning & Development Services

**Objective** To establish the process by which Community Friends Groups assist in the care of natural areas and wildlife within the City.

**Context**

The City is committed to the effective management of natural areas and greenways in order to conserve local biodiversity, raise community awareness of environmental issues relating to natural areas and greenways and to encourage active community involvement in the management of natural areas.

**Statement**

General

* Council will work collaboratively with residents who are prepared to form a Community Friends Group to assist in bushland management and wildlife protection within the City.
* Residents wishing to form a Community Friends Group are required to formally write to the City requesting permission to form a Community Friends Group.
* Convenors and members of Community Friends Group are required to ensure that their activities are consistent with the objectives of any management plan Adopted/Amended by Council.
* Convenors and members should ensure that all work undertaken in natural areas is performed in a safe and effective manner and in accordance with the City’s natural area management objectives or Occupational Safety and Health requirements.
* Convenors and members of Community Friends Group should recognise the need for training and supervision as provided for in the procedures associated with this policy

**Related documentation**

Nil.

**Related Local Law/legislation**

*Local Government Act 1995*

**Related delegation**

Nil.

**Review History**

25 August 2015 (Report CPS20.15

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