**Waterwise Garden Competition**

**KFA** Natural and Built Environment

**Status** Council

**Responsible**

**Division** Planning & Development

**Objective** To outline the purpose and award process of the City’s Waterwise Garden Competition

**Context**

The City of Nedlands is a Waterwise Council endorsed by the Water Corporation and Department of Water. The City is committed to provide leadership to the community in the area of water conservation. The City’s Waterwise Garden Competition started in 2011 as a way to encourage residents to convert high water using areas of garden (such as lawn) to waterwise, native gardens.

**Statement**

The City’s Waterwise Garden Competition is bound by the following principles:

* The competition will run during winter of each year, to encourage residents to plant native plants during the winter which is the optimal time to be planting;
* The competition will launch in conjunction with the WESROC native plant subsidy scheme to allow residents to purchase subsidised seedlings and reduce the overall cost of the garden;
* The City will seek sponsorship from local businesses for the competition;
* The entry form will clearly state the judging criteria;
* The competition will be judged by an independent judge who has knowledge in the area of water conservation, landscape design and biodiversity principles; and
* A residential property that has won the overall prize or a finalist prize in a previous year cannot be renominated in a subsequent year.

**Related documentation**

Nil

**Related Local Law / Legislation**

Nil

**Related delegation**

Nil

**Review History**

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