**Natural Area Path Network**

**KFA** Natural and Built Environment

**Status** Council

**Responsible**

**division** Planning & Development Services

**Objective** To outline a strategy for improving and rehabilitating the natural area path network throughout the City.

**Context**

To minimise the cost of rehabilitating and maintaining natural area paths as described in the City’s Bushland Management Plans in the City to an acceptable standard in accordance with Australian Standards (where possible).

**Statement**

Council will develop a strategy for the improvement and rehabilitation of the natural area path network in accordance with fire protection strategies (where appropriate) and for the integration of a hierarchy of paths for pedestrians and cyclists.

A schedule of natural area path improvements and rehabilitation shall be submitted to Council as a ten-Year Capital Works Program. Priority shall be for paths that are degraded and as such pose safety risks. Priority will also be for paths that require upgrading for fire fighting vehicle access (where appropriate).

The procedures associated with this policy detail the ways in which the strategy will be developed and the standards and specifications for natural area paths.

The City shall aim to upgrade natural area paths to meet its obligations under the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan in consultation with Bushland Friends Groups.

**Related documentation**

Natural Area Paths – Construction and Maintenance Procedures

Natural Area Management Plans 2013 - 2018

Phytophthora Dieback Management Plan

**Related Local Law/legislation**

*Local Government Act 1995*

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

**Related delegation**

Nil

**Review History**

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