

POL 0079: Commercial Wildflower Harvesting and Native Seed Collecting

Purpose

To maintain control of the number of commercial wildflower picking and native seed collecting operations via licensing.

Scope

The Council may approve applications from persons licensed as Commercial Wildflower Pickers and Native Seed Collectors by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to pick flora, or seeds of flora, from road and crown reserves under the control and management of the Shire of Esperance.

Definitions

N/A

Practice

Applications shall be considered on the following basis -

1. The applicant shall hold a current Commercial Wildflower Pickers and Native Seed Collectors Licence issued by the Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.
2. The applicant shall submit a Commercial Wildflower Harvesting and Native Seed Collectors permit application form to the Shire for consideration.
3. The applicant shall nominate the specific roads, portions of roads or reserves from which they seek permission to pick and harvest from.
4. The applicant shall supply detail of the vehicle/s they will be using for picking activities.
5. All permit applications will be assessed by the Shire Environmental Services Team in Asset Management to determine if the nominated site/s are suitable and to ensure the proposed activities will not cause any long term environmental impact.
6. The permit holder shall maintain records of the quantity of all varieties picked and harvested and provide an annual report to the Shire.
7. The permit holder shall not clear any portion of a road or reserve to gain access to flora, only existing access tracks may be used.
8. The permit holder shall comply with all conditions imposed by the Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions in accordance with their Commercial Pickers and Seed Collectors Licence, failure to comply with these conditions may result in the Shire permit being revoked.
9. The permit holder shall comply with all traffic management requirements in accordance with AS 1742.3 and the relevant Main Roads WA Code of Practice whilst undertaking picking and harvesting activities within a road reserve.

10. The permit holder shall comply with any Dieback or invasive species hygiene management practices imposed as part of the permit conditions.
11. Permits will be issued on a standard form.
12. An annual fee as determined by Council or part thereof is payable.
13. Permits to have a common expiry date being 30th June.
14. Permits are not transferable.

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Document Information

Responsible Position	Manager Parks and Environment
Risk Rating	Low

Referencing Documents

- *Local Government Act 1995*

Revision History

Date	Version	CM Reference	Reason for Change	Resolution #	Next Review
Sept 1998	1		New policy	O0998-094	Sept 2000
Sept 2007	2	D12/21			Sept 2009
Feb 2016	3	D16/28978	Changes to reflect updated department name.	O0216-042	Feb 2018
Aug 2018	4	D16/28978[v2]	Rewording to amend Department Title, additional points to include adherence to practices and conditions	O0818-091	Aug 2020
Dec 2019	5	D16/28978[v3]	No change to wording	O1219-268	Dec 2021
Mar 2022	6	D16/28978[v4]	Amend title to include Native Seed Collecting. Include references to native seed collecting/collectors throughout. Minor wording updates throughout.	O0322-062	Mar 2024
Mar 2024	7	D16/28978[v5]	Biennial review, no change	O0324-023	Mar 2026