

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to outline guidelines for approving the collection of flora specimens within the Shire of Boddington (Shire).

Scope

This Policy is applicable to applications from members of the public to collect flora specimens from reserves under the care, control, and management of the Shire.

Definitions

Term	Meaning
Policy	This Shire of Boddington policy titled "Access to Council Reserves to Collect Flora Specimens".
Flora	<p>The Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 provides the following definition for Flora:</p> <p>(a) a plant that -</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) belongs to a native species and is indigenous to the State unless the plant is determined by order under section 9(4) not to be flora for the purposes of this Act; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) is determined by order under section 9(3) to be flora for the purposes of this Act; or</p> <p>(b) a native species or taxonomic grouping of native species that is determined by order under section 10(1) or (2) to be flora for the purposes of this Act</p> <p>Examples of flora may include wildflowers, palms, shrubs, trees, ferns, creepers, vines, seeds or spores.</p>

Policy Statement

The Shire may provide access to collect seed and flora specimens on land vested to the Shire, where activities provide a benefit to the local area. Permission is to be given subject to the following conditions:

- Permission is only to be granted for periods of up to one year at a time;
- Proof of current public liability insurance of at least \$5 million;
- Where appropriate, a permit issued by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation, and Attractions needs to be obtained, and the permit holder is required to comply with the Departments requirements regarding native seed collection;
- Appropriate hygiene measures be followed at all times to prevent the spread of plant disease and weeds;
- All care be taken to avoid the disturbance of fauna habitat;
- All care be taken to avoid any disturbance that may lead to soil degradation; and
- Work Health and Safety measures, appropriate to the level of risk, should be implemented and adhered to.

Responsible Officer	Manager Works and Services
History	Adopted 15 December 2015 (Resolution 129/15) Amended 23 March 2023 (Resolution 25/23) Amended 24 July 2024 (Resolution 119/24)
Delegation	
Relevant Legislation	Environmental Protection Act 1986 Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
Related Documentation	