

 <p>Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire</p>	<p><b>G914 LOCALITY FUNDING POLICY FOR TOWNSCAPE PROJECTS</b></p> <p><b>Relevant Council Delegation:</b> Nil</p>
<p><b>Key Sustainability Result Area:</b> <b>People and Community</b></p>	<p><b>Responsibility:</b> Strategic Community Planning</p>

## 1. RATIONALE

In recognition of the pivotal role that community groups and organisations play in developing vibrant and diverse communities, Council supports townscape development through this policy. This policy provides an annual program for funding, including seed funding, to facilitate townscape projects in the localities of Oakford, Byford, Mundijong, Serpentine, Jarrahdale and Keysbrook.

## 2. INTERPRETATIONS

Unless otherwise specifically outlined in this section, definitions for terms used throughout this policy and the related work procedures are as follows:

**Community Groups** means a group of people living in proximity to each other that are brought together in an organisation to act in their common self-interest.

**Financial Year** means the fiscal year which is from 1 July to 30 June.

**Organisation:** is an incorporated body under the Associations Incorporation's Act 1987 or a recognised corporate not for profit body created by government or with an Australian Companies Number.

**Townscape:** in urban geography, is the objective, or visible scene of the urban area or the image of a particular location.

## 3. POLICY

This policy provides a framework for the provision of funding which meets Council's strategic objectives in facilitating townscape development and partnerships.

- 3.1 The nominal provision for this program is \$35 000 per annum per locality however, Council will determine the actual budget provision in the annual budget process;
- 3.2 All applications will be considered by a Townscape Funding Program Working Group, consisting of four Elected Members and at least two Strategic Community Planning Officers, and two Engineering Department Officers (one from Operations and one from Design);
- 3.3 Equitable distribution of funding encourages townscape related community development, and partnerships;
- 3.4 A work procedure is to be developed and approved by the Chief Executive Officer. This will include guidelines and criteria for considering applications and allocating funding;

- 3.5 This system allows for consistent assessment of applications for funding for townscape projects, based on an agreed set of criteria linked to Council's Plan for the Future;
- 3.6 Applications for funding will only be considered when the projects are based on land owned by the Shire, or on land vested with the Shire;
- 3.7 Applicants without public liability insurance will not be considered for funding.
- 3.8 Any funds not allocated in any financial year will remain in the relevant localities' townscape reserve fund and accumulated until projects are approved by Council.
- 3.9 Funds are not transferable between localities' reserve funds.

#### **4. OTHER RELEVANT POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS**

Not applicable.

#### **5. WORK PROCEDURE**

E09/5955 - Work Procedure for Townscape Funding Policy (Guidelines and Criteria)

#### **6. POLICY ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT HISTORY**

<b>Reviewed/Modified</b>	<b>Minutes Reference</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
Adopted	SD054/10/09	26/10/09	Ordinary Council Meeting
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