

ASS 020: COMMERCIAL WILDFLOWER HARVESTING AND NATIVE SEED COLLECTING

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Objective

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

Policy

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.

Associated Procedure

Applications shall be considered on the following basis:

- The applicant shall hold a current Commercial Wildflower Pickers and Native Seed Collectors Licence issued by the Department Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.
- The applicant shall submit a Commercial Wildflower Harvesting and Native Seed Collectors permit application form to the Shire for consideration.
- The applicant shall nominate the specific roads, portions of roads or reserves from which they seek permission to pick and harvest from.
- The applicant shall supply detail of the vehicle/s they will be using for picking activities.
- 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.
- The permit holder shall maintain records of the quantity of all varieties picked and harvested and provide an annual report to the Shire.
- 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.
- 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.

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

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