

Bush Forever – What is it?

Introduced by the State Government in December 2000, *Bush Forever* is the whole of government strategic plan to protect some 51,200 hectares of regionally significant bushland in 287 *Bush Forever* sites on the Swan Coastal Plain portion of the Perth Metropolitan Region. It seeks to represent at least 10% of each of the original Heddle vegetation complexes where more than 10% currently remains. This bushland covers 26 vegetation complexes and amounts to approximately 18% of the original vegetation on the Swan Coastal Plain portion of the Metropolitan Region.



Bush Forever recognises the importance of retaining and protecting local natural areas as part of the network to protect biodiversity values in a fragmented landscape. These local bushland patches of all sizes and their linkages to the network of larger *Bush Forever* sites are essential to provide for seasonal movement of fauna and invertebrate pollinators and as refugia for recolonisers after fire and extreme weather events.

The network of *Bush Forever* areas will not retain their unique biodiversity values if they are isolated. Linkages need to be retained and restored at the local level.

The intent of *Bush Forever* sites is that they be maintained and protected into the future. Bush forever sites are granted a specific site number, and the identification of the sites is included within the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS).

The Town has two identified portions of *Bush Forever* located within its boundaries. Site No. 334 (Chidley Point and Adjacent Bushland) and Site No. 335 (Minim Cove) – see map below.



Bush forever sites in Mosman Park.