

## **Conditions Applicable to Verge/Road Reserve Landscaping or Planting**

1. Authorisation is at the complete discretion of the Council.
2. Applications will be assessed in accordance with Council's Verge Development Policy.
3. Structures located in the Verge/Road Reserve such as Trees, Signs, must not be moved, altered or interfered with in any way or unless written approval from the relevant authority or owner of the asset or infrastructure has been obtained prior to any activity.
4. The Applicant is responsible for locating any underground services prior to commencement of landscaping. Any costs resulting from the damage to underground services are borne by the Applicant. To identify underground services contact *Dial Before You Dig* on 1100.
5. Landscaping must not compromise the health of any existing street trees.
6. Landscaping shall be maintained to a maximum height of 500mm from the bottom of the water table.
7. Landscaping materials are to be in accordance with Council's Streetscape Guide. Please note artificial lawn and raised container beds are not supported.
8. Landscaping shall be maintained in a neat and tidy state and kept weed free.
9. Council reserves the right to remove any landscaping that becomes unsightly or restricts line of sight issues for traffic.
10. Landscaping must be maintained by the resident so as to provide a clear access point 1000mm wide from the passenger's side of a vehicle parked along the kerb side from the kerb to the property boundary.
11. Irrigation systems may be installed provided that any footpath e.g. bitumen and pavers are reinstated to match the original.
12. Vegetation selection is important. Some species may cause a hazard for pedestrians and or road users and may not be approved.
13. Access for pedestrian movement must be taken into consideration when designing the landscaping. Verges that have no designated footpaths must have at least one clear area 1000mm wide and 2 square metres in area for pedestrians to move off the road.
14. All Works shall not pose a work, health or safety hazard.
15. Council encourages native, low maintenance and drought tolerant vegetation.

## **Conditions of Authorisation**

1. For the term of the Authorisation, the Works shall comply with all applicable industry standards, health or safety standards, current standards of Standards Australia or any applicable Code of Practice.
2. To ensure that all Works carried out are undertaken to the highest standard and are carried out promptly and with all due care, skill and diligence.
3. To ensure that any Works does not unduly interfere with or cause damage to or in any way affect the property of any other person.
4. To comply with any direction given by any applicable Authority to remove, maintain or otherwise modify the Works subject to this Authorisation.
5. Not to place any fixture or equipment on, across under or over the road without Authorisation from Council.
6. For the term of the Authorisation, to maintain the Works, in good condition and to recognised standards. If the Works are not maintained, Council may undertake the required maintenance and the Applicant shall be liable for all costs.
7. To indemnify the Council, its servants and/or agents against all actions, costs, claims and demands for injury, loss or damage arising out of any negligent act or omission of the Applicant in relation to the Works, the granting of this Authorisation and the general and special conditions contained herein and such indemnity shall be in addition to any statutory immunity in favour of the Council.
8. At the expiration or earlier termination of this Authorisation to remove, if so directed by Council, any Works and to reinstate the verged and/or road reserve to the satisfaction of the Council.
9. This Authorisation does not confer on the Applicant any exclusive right, entitlement or interest in the verge/and or road reserve and does not derogate from the Council's power arising under the Local Government Act, 1999.

### **Sketch/plan that illustrates the extent of proposed landscape to include:**

- existing property boundary,
- approximate location of footpath and kerb,
- infrastructure or assets e.g. stobie pole, storm water pipes etc. landscaping e.g. grass, plants, mulch,
- removal of any existing vegetation,
- the type of plants and vegetation to be planted, the extent of landscaping or planting,
- the installation of any pipes, sprinklers, water dripper pipe, solenoid valves and boxes,
- Existing street trees.

*Landscaping definition – Means plantings no higher than 900mm and includes grasses, turf, irrigation and mulch.*