



VERGE TREATMENT POLICY

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Street verges within the Town perform important functions including the provision of space for public utility services, increased public space, and the visual linking of streetscapes. In the interests of Bassendean's wellbeing into the future, the Town wishes to encourage landscaping that is waterwise, aesthetically pleasing, and reflects our natural heritage.

It is acknowledged that verges form part of the public realm. Whilst Council allocates funding for the maintenance of selected verges, generally those adjacent to major or distributor roads, the Town relies on the goodwill and cooperation of adjacent land owners/occupiers for the maintenance of their verges.

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Encourage adjacent owners/occupiers to install and maintain permissible verge treatments that are waterwise, aesthetically pleasing, and that reflect our natural heritage.
- Provide guidelines as an adjunct to the Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law for the installation and management of verges in the Town.

Strategy

The Town of Bassendean will achieve these objectives through:

- The application of guidelines with which to assess requests to develop new or alter existing verge treatments.

Application

This policy applies to the portion of land between the road kerb/edge and the property boundary. The requirements of the policy exclude footpaths and crossovers.

Treatments should be attractive and provide a positive enhancement to the streetscape. Street tree planting shall be in accordance to the adopted Street Tree Master Plan. Street trees remain the responsibility of the Town and are therefore, excluded from this policy.

Authority to Administer Policy

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has the authority to administer the requirements of this policy. The CEO has on-delegated this authority to the Manager Asset Services.