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# Landscaping a road verge

Approval is needed if you wish to landscape the road verge (the area between the property boundary and road or the footpath and road). An online application can be found on our website.

To assist those who may wish to landscape their road verge the following factors should be taken into consideration when lodging your application.

- Any proposed planting or landscaping must not compromise the health of any existing street tree or other Council plantings.
- All costs for installation and maintenance of the approved works must be borne by the applicant.
- An area (minimum width 1.5m from the kerb) to serve as a pedestrian refuge is to be left clear for passengers to enter and exit from parked vehicles and for general pedestrian access. This area should be a rubbled surface, levelled grass or lawn, or sealed by paving, concrete or bitumen depending on the adjacent environment. Scoria or large bark is not considered an appropriate treatment of this area if it is considered a slip or trip hazard.
- Any landscape work must not have raised edges or tripping hazards.
- Trees and shrubs with potential to cause damage should not be planted.

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- Plants should not be located in areas that may restrict line of sight to pedestrians or motorists. Corner properties may require special consideration.
- Landscaping should be planned in accordance with the diagram and suggested species listed.
- It is recommended that prior to commencing any digging on the road verge that underground service locations are identified. This can be done by contacting Dial Before you Dig, phone 1100 or visit [dialbeforeyoudig.com.au](http://dialbeforeyoudig.com.au).
- Work cannot commence until approval has been received and penalties (up to \$5,000) can apply for unauthorised alterations.

## Conditions

The following conditions will apply to any permit.

- The permit holder agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified the Council, its servants and agents and each of them from and against all actions, costs, claims, damages, charges and expenses whatsoever which may be brought or made or claimed against them or any of them arising out of or in relation to the issuing of the permit.
- The work undertaken must comply with the sketch or plan submitted as part of the application.
- If the applicant wishes to alter this encroachment at any time in the future, they will need to re-apply.
- Council retains all rights over the area to be landscaped and no reimbursement

will be made for the removal of any plants or material if these have to be disturbed or removed in the future.

- Council reserves the right to withdraw any approval granted at any time. This could be required when circumstances relating to the land upon which the approval was related changes.
- Regardless of any condition of approval it is noted that from time to time Council or other service authorities responsible for public infrastructure including, but not limited to, water supply, effluent disposal, telecommunications, gas supply and electricity supply may need to work on the public land developed by the adjoining owner under approval from Council. These authorities may interfere with the approved work and have no legal obligations to reinstate the area.
- Room for one or two street trees for when Council undertakes its street tree planting.
- Additional conditions may be added to any approval.

## Planting

- Any existing street tree must not be removed or pruned without approval.
- All plantings and landscaping must be maintained in good condition, weeds removed and any dead trees removed and replaced.
- All plants are to be kept trimmed to ensure the pedestrian access is kept clear at all times.

- Vegetable gardens will be considered based on meeting all other requirements of this application.
- All planted areas are to be kept free of weeds.
- Overhanging vegetation is to be maintained and is not to encroach into any walkways or road carriageway areas.
- See diagram below for maximum plant heights.

### Rubbled and paved areas

- Where practical, verge development shall not result in a net increase of impermeable material of more than 30%.
- Any rubbled surface must be excavated to a depth of 100mm and replaced with compacted 7mm–20mm dolomite or quartzite quarry rubble. All dust must be suppressed after compaction.
- The pavers are to be rectangular in shape, 60mm thick and interlocking, made from concrete or clay and have a non-slip surface.
- The pavers must be laid on a base of 100mm quarry rubble by a tradesperson who has adequate public liability insurance.
- Parking of vehicles is not permitted on any paved or rubble areas unless approval has been granted to allow this activity.

### Irrigation

- Either overground or subsurface irrigation will be permitted. For overground systems, the sprinkler heads must be

installed below ground level to prevent damage from mowers.

- No part of the irrigation system is to protrude above the adjoining surface level creating a trip hazard, except when operating.
- If an irrigation system is to be installed a detailed plan must be submitted.
- All irrigation must be installed by a suitably qualified tradesperson and comply with relevant Australian Standards which includes a backflow prevention device.
- Water dispersed from the system is to be kept away from footpaths, to prevent slip hazards.

### Non-compliance penalties

- Pursuant to Section 221 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, a person (other than the council or a person acting under some other statutory authority) must not make an alteration to a public road unless authorised to do so by the council.
- The maximum penalty for breaches of this section of the Local Government Act is \$5,000.
- Any damage to Council owned infrastructure has to be rectified to its pre-existing condition.

### Landscaping not permitted

- Plant species that are prickly, poisonous, sharp or invasive to root systems
- Plant 'declared' species nominated under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*.



- Hard structures such as retaining walls, rocks, supporting frames, bollards, etc.
- No synthetic turf or plastic sheeting. This is due to the heat absorbing and retention that can have a detrimental effect on surrounding vegetation, soil condition, temperature and water penetration.

- Not to alter the original grade of the land to cause trip hazards.

For more information or to submit an application please visit [cttg.sa.gov.au/vergealteration](http://cttg.sa.gov.au/vergealteration) or contact us on 8397 7444.



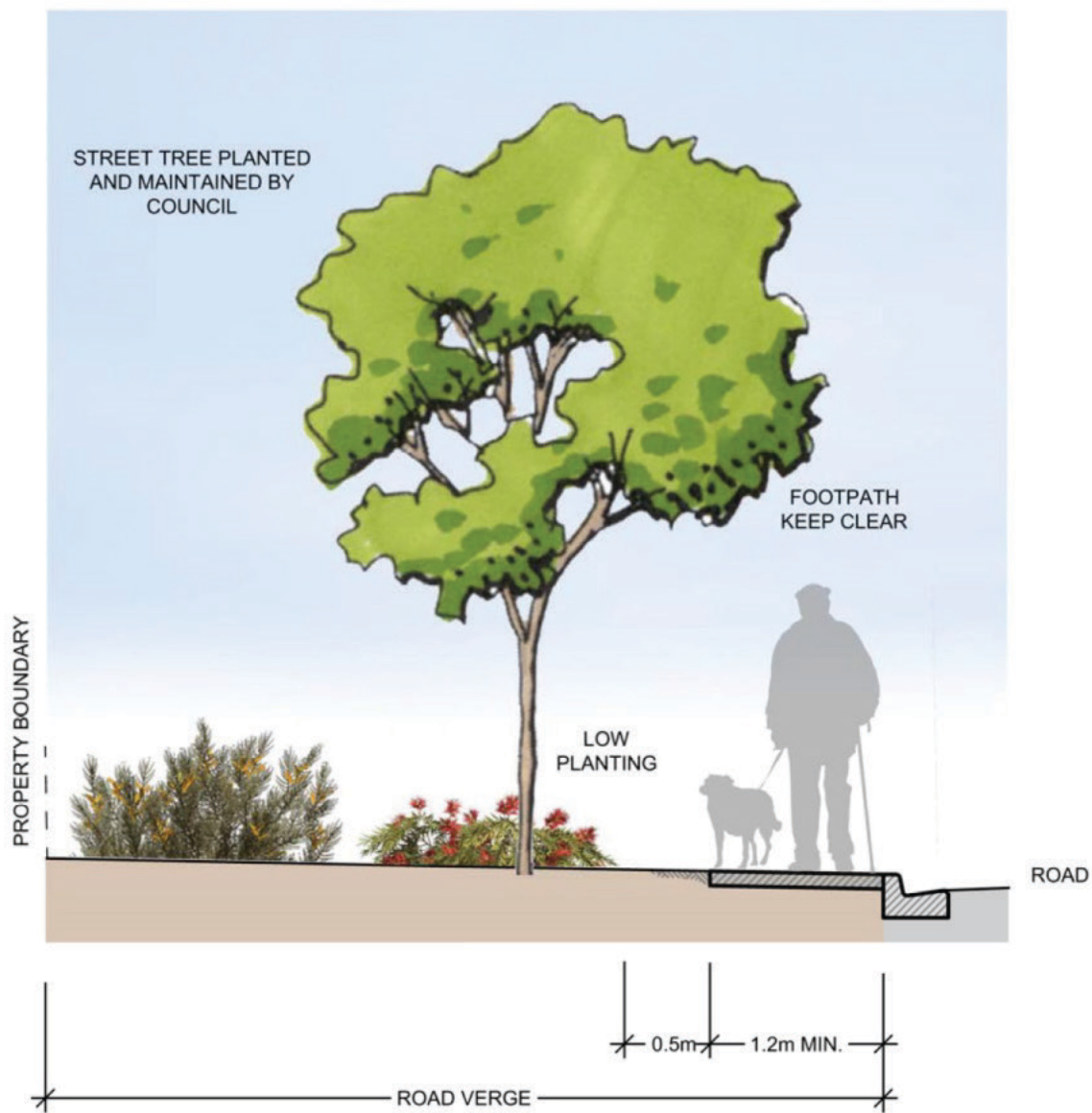


FIG 2 FOOTPATH BEHIND KERB

