



## Media release

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### Tidy verges keep the spring in locals' step

Grass mowing of residential verges across the City of Tea Tree Gully will increase from two to four cutting cycles between August and December this year, with an additional two verge cuts scheduled for late summer and autumn.

More than 1,600 verge maintenance requests were submitted by residents in 2022 with half of these submitted during last year's warm and wet spring season.

To combat residents' concerns about reduced traffic visibility, fire risk and snakes, Council approved additional budget for verge maintenance.

Council has already completed one residential verge trim for the entire City this financial year. Another three cuts are due before the end of this year. Each trim now takes six weeks, down from eight weeks, and covers hundreds of kilometres.

Residents can refer to the [verge mowing schedule](#) for dates on the upcoming mowing cycle in each suburb.

City of Tea Tree Gully Mayor Marijka Ryan said she was pleased that Council had decided to increase verge mowing over spring and in the lead-up to summer.

"Our community asked for more work in this area, and we are delivering. Keeping our verges tidy may seem like an ordinary task, but it's an important service that supports the safety of our community," said Mayor Ryan.

"Our goal is to keep verges as short as possible," said Cr Lucas Jones, who raised the need for more verge mowing funding in response to community feedback.

"Grass grows rapidly during warm wet weather, but with planned extra cutting cycles in place, we'll be able to get on top of things more quickly," he said.

Tea Tree Gully Council is also planning a range of bushfire prevention and preparation activities this spring and summer, including roadside and reserve fuel load reduction and works on fire breaks and tracks in consultation with the Country Fire Service.

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### **City of Tea Tree Gully Profile**

The City of Tea Tree Gully is located in the Mount Lofty Ranges foothills in north-eastern Adelaide, South Australia. With boundaries 9 to 25 km from Adelaide CBD, the City of Tea Tree Gully supports 102,000 residents and 41,000 households.

With a footprint of approximately 100 square kilometres, the City of Tea Tree Gully is comprised of 27 entire and part suburbs, including Fairview Park, Golden Grove, Highbury, Modbury and Tea Tree Gully. Natural open spaces, walking trails and cycling paths offer positive lifestyle choices for residents throughout the area.

Key amenities include Westfield Tea Tree Plaza with its dining precinct, Modbury Hospital, Civic Park and the O-Bahn busway for express access to Adelaide CBD. Modbury, the major business district of the north-east, is located in the City of Tea Tree Gully.