

## VERGE LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES

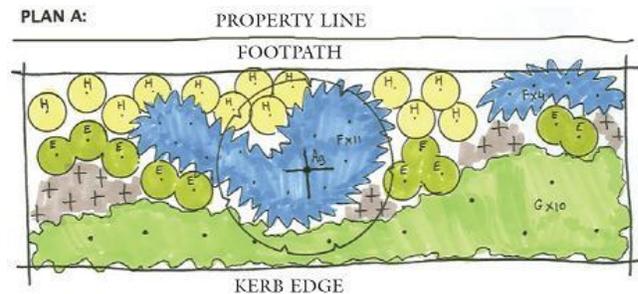
### 1. GUIDE TO PLANT SELECTION

#### 1.1. Allow access for pedestrians

If no footpath, leave one metre clearance behind the kerb for pedestrian access.

#### 1.2. Plant Height

Maximum height of plants is to be 50cm for the safety of pedestrians and to provide clear vision of traffic.



#### 1.3. Sharp Plants

Plants with spines or thorns which could cause injury to passing pedestrians should not be used.

#### 1.4. Toxic Plants

Plants which have toxic parts should not be used because children and pets may ingest toxic parts.

### 2. PREFERRED TYPES OF VEGETATION

#### 2.1. Waterwise plant species

We encourage the use of plants that require little or no additional water, other than Perth's average annual rainfall. Refer to the Water Corporation website and type in your postcode for a full list of water wise plants most suitable for planting in your local area:

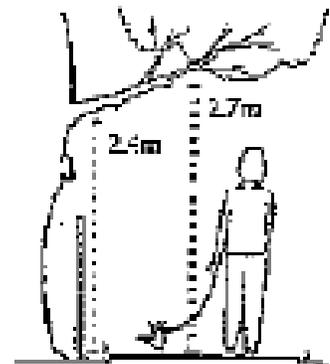
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#### 2.2. Indigenous plant species

Plants that are local to Claremont and surrounding areas are preferred. Local indigenous species help to maintain our ecological heritage and assist with the natural biodiversity of the Perth area.

#### 2.3. Footpath and road clearance

Some pedestrians are vision impaired, unsteady on their feet or in a wheelchair, so vegetation (including flowers) needs to be kept both clear of the footpath including 2.7m overhead. Be mindful of the specific growth characteristics of your plants – for example some plants such as Agapanthus have large flower stems which drop down over the path when in flower and groundcovers can spread quickly, resulting in covered footpaths.



### 3. RECOMMENDED PLANT SPECIES LIST (a few of many options)

#### 3.1. ***Hemiandra pungens*** (snake bush)

Spreading prostrate groundcover with mauve, pink or white flowers and flowers most of the year.  
Preference: Full sun

#### 3.2. ***Conostylis candidans*** (grey cottonhead)

Small tufted plant with grey-silver strap like foliage and yellow flowers that flower in spring and summer.  
Preference: Full sun

#### 3.3. ***Dampiera diversifolia*** (Damperia)

Spreading ground cover with green foliage and blue flowers that flower in spring and summer.  
Preference: Full sun to semi shade.

#### 3.4. ***Dichondra spp*** (dichondra)

A very low growing groundcover with small round leaves. Usually used as a lawn substitute in shady areas.

#### 3.5. ***Scaevola aemula*** (Purple fanfare)

Spreading ground cover with green foliage and blue flowers that flower in spring and summer.  
Preference: Full sun to semi shade.

#### 3.6. ***Hibbertia scandens*** (Snake Vine)

A groundcover or climber with fleshy round leaves with bright yellow buttercup flowers.  
Preference: Full sun to semi shade.

#### 3.7. ***Banksia spinulosa*** (Birthday Candles)

A groundcover with architectural foliage and upright banksia flowers.  
Preference: Full sun to semi shade.

#### 3.8. ***Grevillea obtusifolia*** (Gingin Gem)

A fast growing groundcover with bright red bird attracting flowers.  
Preference: Full sun to semi shade.

### 4. USE OF MULCHES AND/OR AGGREGATES

The Town of Claremont encourages the use of appropriate organic mulches to reduce evaporation and loss of moisture from soil. Loose aggregate mulches such as gravel should not be used where they can spill onto paths or roads and cause a slip hazard.

#### 4.1. Paving

All hard stand areas must comply with the Road Verges Policy EN302 which outlines the situations and quantities where paving is permitted.

#### 4.2. Artificial Turf

Astro or artificial turf is not permitted on Town of Claremont verges as per Road Verges Policy EN302. It is neither sustainable or environmentally sensitive.

**5. SUGGESTED RETICULATION OPTIONS**

The Town of Claremont encourages the use of plants which require little to no use of irrigation. However, some systems that can be installed include in ground drippers, pop up micro or bubbler systems and xeriscaping. Please refer to the Road Verges policy (Road Verges EN302) for specific details and hints regarding installation.

**6. SUBMIT PLAN TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL**

Draw up the plan of the verge on the attached map. Send via email to [toc@claremont.wa.gov.au](mailto:toc@claremont.wa.gov.au) or to PO box 54, Claremont WA 6910 or drop plan into the Council Chambers at 308 Stirling Hwy, Claremont.

# VERGE LANDSCAPE APPLICATION

## 6.1. SKETCH FOR APPLICANT (with sketch indicators)

### SKETCH

1. Include street and indicate north
2. Include new planting proposals
3. Include photo if desired

Name:		Date:	
Address:		Phone:	
		Mobile:	
Email			

