

P17 STREET TREES AND VERGE TREATMENT

PURPOSE

To provide direction for plantings in the Shire’s streets and verges.

OBJECTIVE

To ensure that planting and other works are carried out in accordance with the vision, aims and objectives of the Green Infrastructure Strategy.

POLICY

Each project must submit the following details for consultation with the Shire’s Planning & Infrastructure Services, prior to Shire approval:

1. Site Plan, showing the site location, location of proposed plantings, list of species to be planted and technical details as necessary; and
2. Project description that briefly:
 - a. demonstrates consistency with the Green Infrastructure Strategy’s aims and objectives through the project’s: contribution to sense of place/community, relationship with adjoining land, rationale for species, water conservation and rainwater harvesting technique(s);
 - b. explains the required works, planting, mulching, actions/responsibilities; and
 - c. explains the expected ongoing maintenance requirements.

Consideration of Projects

The Shire’s Planning & Infrastructure Services will consider each project on its merits in terms of consistency with the Green Infrastructure Strategy’s aims and objectives and potential impacts on: visual amenity, services, public safety and Council’s other policies (e.g. Verge Treatment policy), plans and strategies.

When considering projects, the Shire will generally prefer the use of native species, where appropriate. However, it is understood that in some locations, particularly in semi-natural and man-made environments, the use of non-native species may be more appropriate. As such, the species in the following table provides guidance towards the Shire’s preferred species. Proposals can also include plants from the popular Trees and Shrubs of the Midlands and Northern Wheatbelt (Wilcox et al. 1997) or from the Water Corporations ‘Waterwise Plant Search’. The planting of recognised weeds will not be supported.

NATIVE AUSTRALIAN TREES	NON-NATIVE TREES
Dongara Mallee (<i>Eucalyptus dongarensis</i>)	Poinciana (<i>Delonix regia</i>)
Illyarrie (<i>Eucalyptus erythrocorys</i>)	Orchid Tree (<i>Bauhinia blakeana</i>)
Rottneest Island Teatree (<i>Melaleuca lanceolata</i>)	Chinese Elm (<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>)
Port Jackson Fig (<i>Ficus rubiginosa</i>).	Crimson Sentry (<i>Acer platanoides</i>)

Moreton Bay Fig (<i>Ficus macrophylla</i>)	Field Maple (<i>Acer campestre</i>)
Callistemon (<i>Kings Park special</i>)	Jacaranda (various)
Swamp She Oak (<i>Casurina glauca</i>)	
WA Peppermint (<i>Agonis flexuosa</i>)	
Bottlebrush (<i>Callistemon</i>)	

INDICATIVE LOCATIONS OF TREES BY TYPES

Open spaces in the Town Centre, Moreton Bay Estate, Ocean Drive and Northshore	Moreton Bay Fig, Port Jackson Fig
South Beach	Rottnest Island Tree, Coast She-oak
Flanagan Way, Pickering Drive, Retreat , Waldeck Street, Church Street	WA Peppermint

Ground Cover

Coastal Pigface (*Carpobrotus virescens*); Coastal Daisy Bush (*Olearia axillaris*); Coastal Rosemary (*Westringia fruticosa*); Glow Wattle (*Acacia lasiocarpa*); Creeping Boobialla (*Myoporum parvifolium*); Silverbush (*Convolvulus cneorum*); and Orange Jessamine (*Murraya paniculata*).

Note: New street trees should maintain the following minimum setbacks: 20m from an intersection, 5m from a crossover, 5m from public utility boxes, 3.25m from neighbouring lot boundaries and 3.2m from the back edge of a kerb.

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