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## VERGE LANDSCAPING & MAINTENANCE APPLICATION

The Local Government Act (Section 221) states that “a person (other than the Council or a person acting under some statutory authority) must not make an alteration to a public road unless authorised to do so by the Council”

This application is to be submitted in conjunction with reading Council’s Verge Landscaping and Maintenance Guidelines

Prior to any works, including the purchasing and planting of vegetation or installing any material on the verge, written approval is required.

Please fill in this application and return care of **City Operations** via:

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**In Person:** Playford Civic Centre, 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth  
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1. Applicant		
Title:	Given name:	Family name:
Postal address:		
		Post code:
Phone:	Email:	
If the above Applicant is not the property owner please complete section 2		
2. Property Owner Details		
Title:	Given name:	Family name:
3. Site location		
House Number:	Street:	
Suburb:	Post code:	
4. General Conditions		
Verges (nature strips) remain the property and responsibility of the City of Playford. Where an applicant landscapes the verge, the responsibility for on-going maintenance remains with the applicant		
Applications must be approved prior to any works taking place(including the planting of vegetation)		
Any landscaping must not create a sight distance problem for vehicles or pedestrians		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On a front verge, vegetation (other than a Council street tree) must not exceed 600mm at full maturity</li><li>On a side verge, vegetation (other than a Council street tree) must not be higher than the fence height at maturity</li></ul>		

### 5. Specific Conditions - Pedestrian Access

Any form of landscaping that prevents pedestrian access to or along the verge is not permitted

**Where no footpath exists**, residents must not allow any foliage to obstruct pedestrian access and a 1.2 metre strip must be left for public access. Any landscaping of a verge area which currently does not have a footpath must allow for the possible future construction of a footpath by Council (no compensation is given to the applicant for removals or alterations required to construct new footpath - refer to *diagram 1 in the Verge Landscaping and Maintenance Guidelines*)

**Where a footpath is in the centre of the verge** residents must not allow any foliage to obstruct pedestrian access or the area of the verge 0.5 metres from the kerb (to allow car doors to open and an area for your waste / recycling bins) – refer *diagram 2 in the Verge Landscaping and Maintenance Guidelines*

**Where the footpath runs along the kerb**, 0.5 metres will not apply – refer to *diagram 3 in the Verge Landscaping and Maintenance Guidelines*

### 6. Specific Conditions – Underground Services

The Applicant is responsible for obtaining information on the location of underground pipes and cables from communications, gas, water and electricity providers. Plans can be requested via the Dial Before You Dig Website – [DBYD | Dial Before You Dig](#) or by phoning 1100 during normal business hours.

At any time, utility companies can require access to the verge area to perform maintenance.

### 7. Specific Conditions – Plant Selection

The below species will be considered as suitable for verges. Please select the plants and specify the number that you are intending to use as part of the verge landscaping application (or add your preference to the table below)

Q u.	Species	Common Name
9	<i>Aristida behriana</i> - Example	Brush wire grass
	Billardieri cymosa	Sweet Apple Berry
	Carprobrotus rossii	Karkalla
	Dianella revoluta	Black-anther flax lily

### 8. Specific Conditions – Surface Treatments

The below types of verge surface treatments will be considered as suitable for verges. Please specify what you intend to use as part of the verge landscaping and maintenance application:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Unirrigated or Irrigated grass surfaces ( <i>refer to verge guidelines - irrigation systems</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compacted rubble (10mm or less)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Groundcover (lawn substitute)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organic mulch materials (small sized particles only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pebbles (8mm or less)

Notes:

### 9. Existing Condition of Verge

Please specify existing street trees and / or vegetation (e.g. 1 mature tree, 2 shrubs):

### 10. Request to Mow Council Verge

When a resident would like to mow their own Council verge in front of their property, an application is required. If approval is granted a marker will be put on the kerb to identify to mower operators not to cut.

Yes I would like to mow and maintain my Council verge in front of my property

### 11. Declaration

- I have read and understood all the information provided to me within this application form and the Verge Landscaping and Maintenance Guidelines.
- Information has been obtained from *Dial Before You Dig* as outlined in condition 6 – Underground Services
- I agree to all general and specific conditions contained herein
- If the condition of the verge is altered in a manner contrary to this application, then Council shall remove and reinstate the verge at the applicant's expense
- I accept that approval of landscaping to the verge is limited to the information that I have provided and that changes would require a separate / subsequent application

I indemnify the Council, it's servants and/or agents, against all actions, costs, claims and demands for injury, loss or damage arising out of any negligent act or omission of the applicant in relation to the alteration to the verge, granting of this authorisation and the general and special conditions contained herein and such indemnity shall be in addition to any statutory immunity in favour of the Council.

Name: enter name to sign

Date: