

POLICY NO.	I.4
POLICY SUBJECT	Road Verge Development Criteria
ADOPTION DATE	28 September 2006 (C.13/0906)
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1. Council's policy is to encourage and support the development of road verges in urban areas, either maintained grass style or dry garden style or a mixture of both.
2. Council does not approve the full gravelling of verges in urban areas because:
 - a) This is not in keeping with the amenity of the area.
 - b) The action will tend to encourage undesirable verge parking on a semi-permanent basis.
3. Any irrigation system is to be installed and operated to avoid nuisance to the public. All pipes are to be installed at a minimum depth of 400mm. Approved pop-up type sprinklers shall only be used.
4. A plan showing the proposed verge development must be provided by the applicant. The plan is to show the area for the proposed development, location and type of flora, location of any service pits or power poles, location of any crossover or accesses, location of any other significant item such as existing trees. All costs for preparing or amending any plan shall be the responsibility of the applicant/s. Approval is at the discretion of the CEO or nominated officer.
5. Trees are to be planted as per policy I.1 – Street Trees.
6. Generally, all verge development is to stop 2.5 metres before the back of kerb or road shoulder and if no kerb or should currently exists, then from the edge of seal. Fully lawned development may be permitted to the back of kerb only where a kerb currently exists. A dry garden style of small vegetation, shrubs and ground covers may be established. No large rocks or non frangible items can be placed on the road reserve. Weed control using aggregate, tan bark, pine chips overlay is acceptable. Loose material is to be kept 2.5m clear of the back of the kerb.
7. Any improvements placed or constructed on the verge is placed there at the risk of the property owner.
8. By developing the road verge, the property owners shall accept responsibility for all costs associated with the development, ongoing operation and maintenance.
9. All verge development works must have finished levels that tie into adjacent verges, footpaths, property lines, accesses and service pits, and shall not create a hazard to pedestrians. They must not cause water to pond or cause run-off to become a hazard or a nuisance.

10. At the discretion of the CEO or nomination officer the applicant may be directed to remedy or remove any unsatisfactory improvements or items at the applicants cost.