



## WS9 Streetscape Management – Registration of Street Lawns and Gardens

### Policy Objective

To provide conditions for registration of street lawns and gardens.

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The Shire may approve the 'registering' of street lawns and gardens. Records of which are to be kept and maintained.

Applicants shall apply for the registering of their street lawn and/or garden in writing to the Chief Executive Officer. Applicants shall further be aware that the registration of a street lawn and/or garden is not automatic but subject to approval by the Executive Manager Infrastructure Services or authorised officer, and that successful registration will result in the onus to maintain the site being placed upon the applicant, notwithstanding that the Shire reserves the right to carry out such maintenance as it sees fit should the need arise due to issues related to access, safety, sight distance or any other reason.

Land owners are encouraged to develop lawns on the street verge adjacent to their properties and, in this connection, permission is granted to owners and occupiers of property to plant and maintain street lawns in accordance with this policy and the provisions of policy *WS 11 Street Verge Treatments*.

The Shire will not pay an allowance or grant a rates rebate to any person in connection with the maintenance of street verges.

Owners and occupiers shall be permitted to select ground cover of their choice for use on the street verge adjacent to their properties, provided such is placed in conformity with this policy and the provisions of policy *WS 11 Street Verge Treatments*.

Where no footpath exists adjacent to the property, all garden treatments shall allow for unimpeded access across the street verge by persons using the street by conforming to the provisions stated in policy *WS 16 Street Verge Treatments*.

All shrubs and/or trees shall comply with policy *WS 14 – Street Trees*.

Applicants, whose requests for garden treatment on street verges are approved, are to be informed that the approval is subject to the Shire not being held responsible for any reinstatement or damage occasioned by works within the street verge, either by the Shire or any public utility authority.

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