

Responsible Department:	Technical Services
Responsible Business Unit:	Infrastructure / Works
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1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Policy is to guide Council and Administration in the appropriate management and installation of protective devices within nature strips and to provide a consistent framework for property owners seeking to protect landscaping and infrastructure from vehicle encroachment.

2. SCOPE

This Policy applies to:

- Residents and occupiers within the Shire
- Elected Members, employees and contractors
- Any works or treatments undertaken on Shire-managed verges

This Policy applies to:

- Installation of kerbing, landscaping treatments and protective measures
- Management of vehicle access and parking impacts on nature strips

3. DEFINITIONS

Nature Strip means the area of land within the road carriageway like medians, roundabouts, Shire or Crown reserves and Shire properties

Protective Devices includes kerbing, retic, rocks, bollards, barriers or other treatments designed to prevent damage to nature strips or infrastructure.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

Property owners may seek approval from the Shire for to look after, manage or use portions of land within the nature strip to protect landscaping, water reticulation systems and to discourage parking on the nature strip.

Bollards

The installation of bollards or any other form of obstruction on the nature strip is permitted with approval

The Shire will also consider installation of trees alternative treatments, including vegetation on nature strips on a case-by-case basis.

Any proposed works will be subject to assessment by the Shire to determine the cause of the issue, the suitability of the treatment, and any associated impacts on safety, drainage and infrastructure. Approved works are to be undertaken in accordance with Shire requirements.

The Shire will continue to provide information on suitable water sensitive landscaping and planting options for residents as required.

General Nature Strip Management

Routine maintenance and low-impact landscaping of nature strips may be undertaken by property owners, provided such activities do not obstruct sightlines, interfere with drainage, or create hazards for pedestrians, cyclists or vehicles. Any works beyond minor maintenance require prior approval from the Shire.

Infrastructure Programs

Where appropriate, the Shire may incorporate protective measures as part of infrastructure or footpath programs to improve safety and protect nature strip areas.

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Council is responsible for establishing the policy direction for nature strip management.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this Policy.

The Technical Services Department is responsible for assessing applications, determining appropriate treatments, and ensuring that any approved works are consistent with safety, engineering and infrastructure requirements.

Property owners and occupiers are responsible for complying with this Policy and obtaining approval where required prior to undertaking any works within the nature strip.

6. COMPLIANCE

Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1995 (WA)</i>
Industry	Relevant engineering and road safety standards
Organisational Documents	Asset Management Plan Council Plan Corporate Business Plan Long Term Financial Plan Policy 7.1 – Verge Maintenance Policy 7.3 – Storm Water Management
Strategic Alignment	

SHIRE POLICY 6.1

Nature Strip Treatments

7. ADMINISTRATION

Review Cycle	Every 3 years	Next Review Due	March 2028
Policy Owner	Executive Manager Technical Services		
Version	Decision Ref	Date	Change
1.0		00/11/2005	Initial adoption
2.0	11/05/2026	20/05/2026	Amendment