

Landscaping has the potential to improve the visual amenity and environmental sustainability of urban areas. Landscaping should not only complement the appearance of the proposed development but also that of surrounding land uses. Consequently the City of Belmont requires that detailed landscaping and reticulation plans accompany all new industrial, mixed use and group development applications.

Landscaping Plans

City of Belmont landscaping plans must include the following information:

- A site plan with a scale of not less than 1:200 illustrating all the landscaping areas prepared by a professional landscape designer or qualified horticulturalist. The plan shall be a minimum size of A3 and should contain a north point and a scale;
- Plant legend showing botanical names of the proposed vegetation types;
- Quantity of plants and landscape vegetation;
- Pot size of plants at the time of planting;
- Identification of existing vegetation types, their botanical names and their intended use;
- Details of ground treatment such as paving, grass etc; and
- Approximate location of neighbouring buildings to fence lines.

Landscaping is required to be installed in accordance with an approved landscaping plan.

Landscaping on Council Verges

- All landscaping plans must clearly show any treatments or landscaping within the Council verge, eg grass and paving;
- Any existing trees located on the Council verge must be shown;
- **No street trees shall be removed unless written approval is obtained from the Manager Parks and Environment;**
- Any trees to be planted must comply with the City of Belmont Street Tree Strategy.

Shade Tree Requirements for Car Parking Areas in Non-Residential Areas

The City encourages not less than one shade tree to be planted in the car parking area for every six car parking spaces provided on the lot, to Council's satisfaction.

Irrigation Plans

An irrigation plan shall accompany the landscaping plan detailing:

- Scheme and bore water requirements;
- The approved bore licence from the Department of Environment (DOE);
- Locations of compensating basins and sumps;
- Methods of reticulation (such as trickle or fixed systems);
- Indicate the method of operation (automatic / manual); and
- Watering schedule.

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Planting Native Species

Native species offer many benefits including being 'waterwise', low fertiliser demand, bird attraction and biodiversity. The City of Belmont encourages all new developments to use native vegetation species when preparing landscaping plans.

For a list of suitable species for your soil type, please see the relevant 'Grow Local Plants Central' brochure available from the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare website: <http://www.sercul.org.au/our-projects/fertilise-wise/> (refer Central Coastal Grow Local Plant guide).

Information on waterwise plants is available from the Water Corporation's web site: www.watercorporation.com.au (refer Residential menu, Save Water, Waterwise plant search).

Any queries relating to landscaping plans should be directed to the City of Belmont Planning Department 9477 7222.