

**POLICY NO 6.10**

**6.10 – Landscaping**

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**Origin/Authority**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

**a. OBJECTIVES**

- To retain the ability to apply conditions relating to Landscaping within all zones in the Shire, if deemed appropriate by Council Officers within the assessment phase of any Development Application, If the land is subject to any Development Application in an area which is covered by an adopted ODP or DG's, the landscaping requirements within the ODP or DG's prevail.
- To ensure a consistent, equitable and fair approach to Landscaping design requirements across the Town Planning Scheme Area.
- To protect and enhance the landscape character of the Scheme area.

**b. DEFINITIONS**

'Xeriscaping' is defined as a term referring to landscapes or gardens that are characterised by the use of little water. These landscapes rely totally on the natural rainfall of the area. Xeriscaping is acceptable as landscaping.

**1.3 POLICY CONTEXT**

This Policy will provide a basis for ensuring a high standard of development and visual amenity within the Shire. These standards shall provide the basis for determining appropriate landscaping for all development applications.

**2. POLICY PROVISIONS**

**2.1 LANDSCAPING**

1. Developments shall incorporate adequate provision of landscaping for the purpose of screening, shade and improvements to visual amenity.
2. Where landscaping is to be provided along the street verge, trees shall be provided at the rate of 1 tree to every four metres of frontage.

*Where parking is provided, shade trees shall be provided at the rate of one tree to every 7 bays. Shade trees shall be contained in planter beds or similar approved structures*

3. Proposed landscaping areas are to be reticulated, with all necessary conduits being installed prior to hard surfacing.
  4. Where deemed necessary by Council Officers, a landscaping Plan at scale of not less than 1:500 is to be submitted and approved by Council prior to the issue of a building licence detailing the following:
    - (a) The location and type of proposed trees, shrubs and lawns, referenced in a legend
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- (b) Existing natural vegetation and major trees to be retained on site;
- (c) Areas that are to be reticulated or irrigated;
- (d) Any hardstand areas including parking;
- (e) The locations of any existing or proposed buildings; and
- (f) The location of infrastructure such as poles, sewer lines etc.