TOWN of EAST FREMANTLE

RICHMOND PRECINCT

STREETSCAPE GUIDE

BACKGROUND

'Richmond' is one of eight precincts identified within the Town of East Fremantle Residential Design Guidelines, 2016 (Figure 1).

The undulating topography of the Richmond Precinct contains many heritage homes dating from 1900-1940. Richmond Precinct is comprised of generous lot sizes and road reserves. Gardens and verges are generally well cared for resulting in lush and green landscapes.

The Richmond Precinct Streetscape Guide (the Guide) has been developed after analysis of the existing streetscape conditions and engagement with the community.

PURPOSE

The Guide provides clear direction to assist residents and the Town of East Fremantle (the Town) when carrying out future streetscape works in the public realm (relating to footpaths, crossovers, street/park trees and the like) by applying the following principles:

PRINCIPLES

- **Strategic Vision & Direction:** Strengthen the Town's Strategic Vision, and align with Community Scorecard feedback*.
- **Quality & Consistency:** Provide a consistent approach to the selection and quality of material finishes for footpaths and crossovers.
- **Safe & Green:** Provide safe and accessible streetscapes, with an enhanced and diverse urban forest for a green, shaded, and cool streetscape.
- **Heritage & Character:** Enhancing and celebrating the Richmond's unique heritage, character and sense of place.

Figure 1. Precincts within the Town of East Fremantle (Residential Design Guidelines).

*A Markyt Community Scorecard administered by Council in 2019 to evaluate community priorities and measure performance against key indicators.

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FOOTPATHS

The dominant existing footpath and crossover materials within the Richmond Precinct is red asphalt. (Figure 2).

Footpaths are to be continuous and take priority over crossovers.

CROSSOVERS

The crossover is the area between the road and the property boundary that provides vehicular access.

Footpaths to have priority over commercial and residential driveways within the Richmond Precinct.

Driveways to be installed with black asphalt with concrete beam to edge.

It is intended that footpaths and crossovers will only be replaced at the end of their life-cycle.

Legend

Red Asphalt (PV01)

Special Paving (PV09)

Figure 2. Richmond Precinct proposed footpath materials.

TYPICAL STREETSCAPE PLAN

The images below (Figure 3 & Image 1) illustrate how footpaths have priority and the typical Richmond Precinct footpath, crossover and street tree configuration.

LEGEND

1. Footpath: Red asphalt paving. Footpath to be continuous to have priority over driveways & crossovers.
2. Crossover: Black asphalt crossovers.
3. Driveway: Driveway material on resident's property selected by resident.
4. Street trees: Priority to trees and a minimum of one tree per lot.

Image 1. Image shows red asphalt footpath priority over residential driveway.

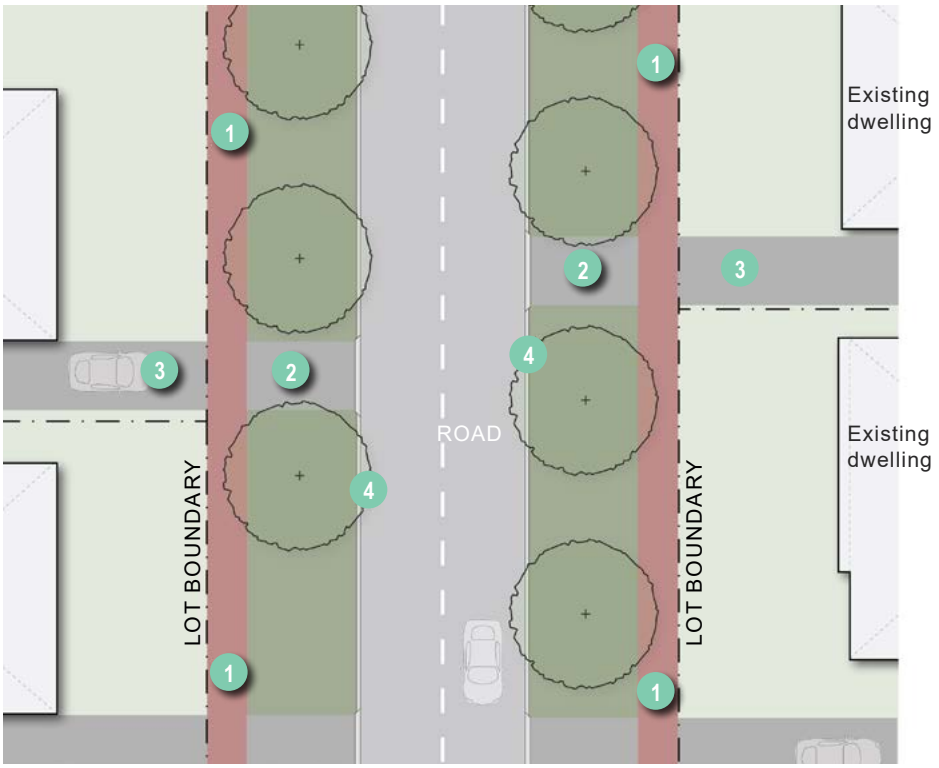

Figure 3. Typical Richmond Precinct streetscape illustrating proposed footpath and crossover materials.

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STREET TREE & VERGE GUIDE

BACKGROUND

The recent 'Community Scorecard' identified some areas of limited tree coverage in the Town and promoted a desire by the community to preserve existing trees and increase tree plantings to beautify and enhance the streetscape. These opportunities identified by the community align with the Town's broader focus on protecting, planting and maintaining street trees.

BENEFITS OF STREET TREES

Street trees are increasingly being recognised and managed throughout Australia as important community assets, as the benefits they deliver are progressively being identified, understood and measured. A healthy 'Urban Forest' will play a critical role in maintaining the health and liveability of the Town into the future by:

- Beautifying streetscapes and suburbs, and providing a sense of place;
- Providing shade and cooling and reducing the 'urban heat island effect';
- Stimulating economic activity by attracting people to live, work and visit in the Town;
- Providing habitat for native birds and other pollinators; and;
- Improving air quality and reducing stormwater run off.

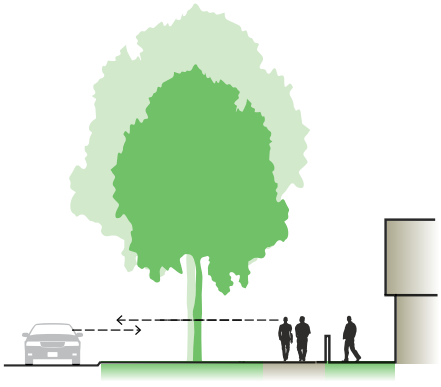
PRINCIPLES & CONSIDERATIONS

Tree Planting to Increase Diversity

Currently, over 60% of the Town's street trees consist of only a few tree species. In line with current best practice, the Town has identified a goal to increase diversity of both native and exotic tree species and aims to select the right tree species, for the right location - irrespective of its origin (with an emphasis on waterwise principles).

Broad Canopy Trees

The Town's tree species selections result in mature trees being in scale and harmony with the existing streetscape, with preference given to broad canopy trees to provide greater benefits in terms of shade and cooling.



Safety

Clear sightlines are ensured by prioritising clear trunked tree species (e.g. without low branches) together with a suitable maintenance regime and locating trees at a suitable distance from crossovers and street intersections.

Prioritising Resources

When prioritising where to plant, the Town will focus its resources in those locations most in need. This includes consideration of where the Town has the greatest opportunities to plant new trees; which streets, parks and other areas have the least tree canopy cover; and are the hottest in summer.

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ORDERING A TREE

Residents are not permitted to plant street trees on the verge however they are encouraged to place a request for a tree through the annual street tree installation program. The Town is also proactively working on replacing all verge and street trees, where a need has been identified (e.g. diseased, dying, dead).

The Town has a comprehensive street tree planting program which takes place between May and July each year. The Town takes responsibility for the installation and maintenance of all street trees and will determine the appropriate species, alignment and spacing for each new street tree.

The alignment and location of the new tree is important to minimise potential interruption of above and below ground services such as power, water and telecommunications.

Requests for street/verge trees can be placed by contacting the Town of East Fremantle on:

(08) 9339 9339, via the Contact Us form on our website, or via email admin@eastfremantle.wa.gov.au

TREE REMOVALS

The Town only allows for the removal of trees within the public realm that are dying, diseased, or dead. Ultimately the Town will make the final decision on whether a tree is to be removed. The Town notes that some existing trees may be assessed, and if appropriate, be replaced with a suitable tree that will achieve greater benefits.

THE VERGE

For residents interested in planting in the verge area around existing street trees, adjacent to their property, please follow the requirements outlined in the “Verge treatments, beautification and street trees” section of the Town’s website, prior to commencing any work.

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