



POLICY NO:-
<b>CP117 –MAINTENANCE OF VERGES BY THE SHIRE</b>

GOVERNANCE INFORMATION			
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## 1. RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE

Engineering & Development Services

## 2. PURPOSE OR OBJECTIVE

To define the circumstances and locations whereby the Shire will undertake the maintenance of road verges.

## 3. POLICY

This policy applies to road verges in both built up areas and outside built up areas in the Shire of Dardanup.

### 3.1 Outside Built Up Areas:

#### Rural Areas

Adjoining property owners are not permitted to maintain road verges in rural areas unless it is the portion of road reserve beyond the road maintenance zone (i.e. between the outside batter of the road side drain or embankment and the property fence line. This area must only be accessed from within the area that is permitted to be maintained.

Any works or access to the verge between the roadside drain and the road pavement is considered a high risk due to the road and speed environment and therefore property owners are not permitted to work in this verge area without the necessary safety precautions (i.e. approved traffic management plan and traffic control) and approval from the Shire.

The Shire of Dardanup will undertake any maintenance works deemed necessary along rural roads subject to programming, resources and priorities.

#### Semi-rural Areas

Adjoining property owners are permitted to maintain road verges in semi-rural areas along roads that are classed as local access roads.

Any works or access to the verge on roads classed as a local distributor is subject to the same conditions as with rural roads.

The Shire of Dardanup will undertake any maintenance works deemed necessary along semi-rural roads subject to programming, resources and priorities.

### 3.2 Within Built Up Areas:

#### Residential Areas

The Shire of Dardanup will undertake the maintenance and upkeep of road verges in the following locations and circumstances:

- Road verges adjoining public open spaces and reserves.
- Road verges in front of community and public building owned by the Shire of Dardanup.

- Eaton Drive except for the sections where properties have direct frontage to the road.
- Road verges adjacent to undeveloped land.
- Entry statements and landscaped features in estates. These areas shall be mapped and identified in the Shire's GIS system.
- Those sections of the verge that contain drainage infrastructure including tree pits, vegetated swales and WSUD drainage gardens.

The Shire does not undertake the maintenance and upkeep of side verges at corner lots.

### Industrial Areas

The Shire of Dardanup will undertake the maintenance and upkeep of road verges in the following locations and circumstances:

- Road verges adjoining public open spaces, and reserves.
- Road verges adjacent to undeveloped land.
- Undeveloped road verges adjacent to developed properties (slashing of long grass and periodic spraying if and when necessary)
- Entry statements and landscaped features in estates. These areas shall be mapped and identified in the Shire's GIS system.

### Commercial Areas

The Shire of Dardanup will undertake the maintenance and upkeep of road verges in the following locations and circumstances:

- Road verges adjoining public open spaces, and reserves.
- Road verges adjacent to undeveloped land.
- Entry statements and landscaped features where agreed to. These areas shall be mapped and identified in the Shire's GIS system.
- Any other areas via agreement with local businesses.

### Trees

The Shire of Dardanup will undertake the maintenance and upkeep of trees within road verges subject to the trees being of an approved species. The maintenance and upkeep of trees may be undertaken by the adjacent property owner subject to agreement with the Shire. The Shire reserves the right to remove and replace a tree if it is deemed as being unsuitable, a safety risk or impacting on infrastructure.