

Application for Verge Development/Crossover

What is a verge?

The verge is the area of land located between the road and the boundary of a property. These are Crown land under the control of the City, but development and ongoing maintenance of verges remains the responsibility of the adjacent owner or occupier. The City of Rockingham encourages the property owner or occupier to take pride in the verge which abuts their property, to enhance the amenity and aesthetic value of their properties and the streetscape as a whole.

The verge also provides space for vital services and infrastructure such as water pipes, sewerage, drainage power cables and communications, and for public footpaths, trees and pedestrian access.

The owner or occupier needs to ensure that any verge development, whether that be to build a crossover, lay turf or plant a garden, is completed, maintained and repaired in accordance with City guidelines to minimise risk to the public and avoid damage/obstructions to services and public infrastructure.

In return, a verge will provide the owner or occupier with an aesthetic frontage to enjoy, amenity for parking if desired, and a setback from the road carriageway for more peace and privacy.

What is a crossover?

The portion of a driveway built on the verge is called a “crossover”. Crossovers are a form of verge development that require an application and City approval prior to construction or modification, such as widening, and must adhere to specific crossover specifications.

You do not need to submit an application if you are just making repairs to an existing crossover, or replacing it ‘like for like’, e.g. replacing old damaged brick pavers.

Does your verge development need an application and approval to proceed?

If your development involves any synthetic lawn or hardstand material such as concrete or pavers – you will need approval before you start. You can use this form to make an application and attach a plan detailing the proposed verge development. This can be hand drawn but please ensure they clearly detail the materials, dimensions and any existing features such as trees and drainage – including proposed distances between features and your development. An example is provided on the next page.

Applications and approvals are not needed for landscaping that only involves organic mulch, lawn or plants – but the verge development guidelines still need to be adhered to. It’s important that plants don’t obstruct pedestrian/vehicle sightlines, obstruct services, cause a hazard or be of a pest species.

Guidelines and specifications

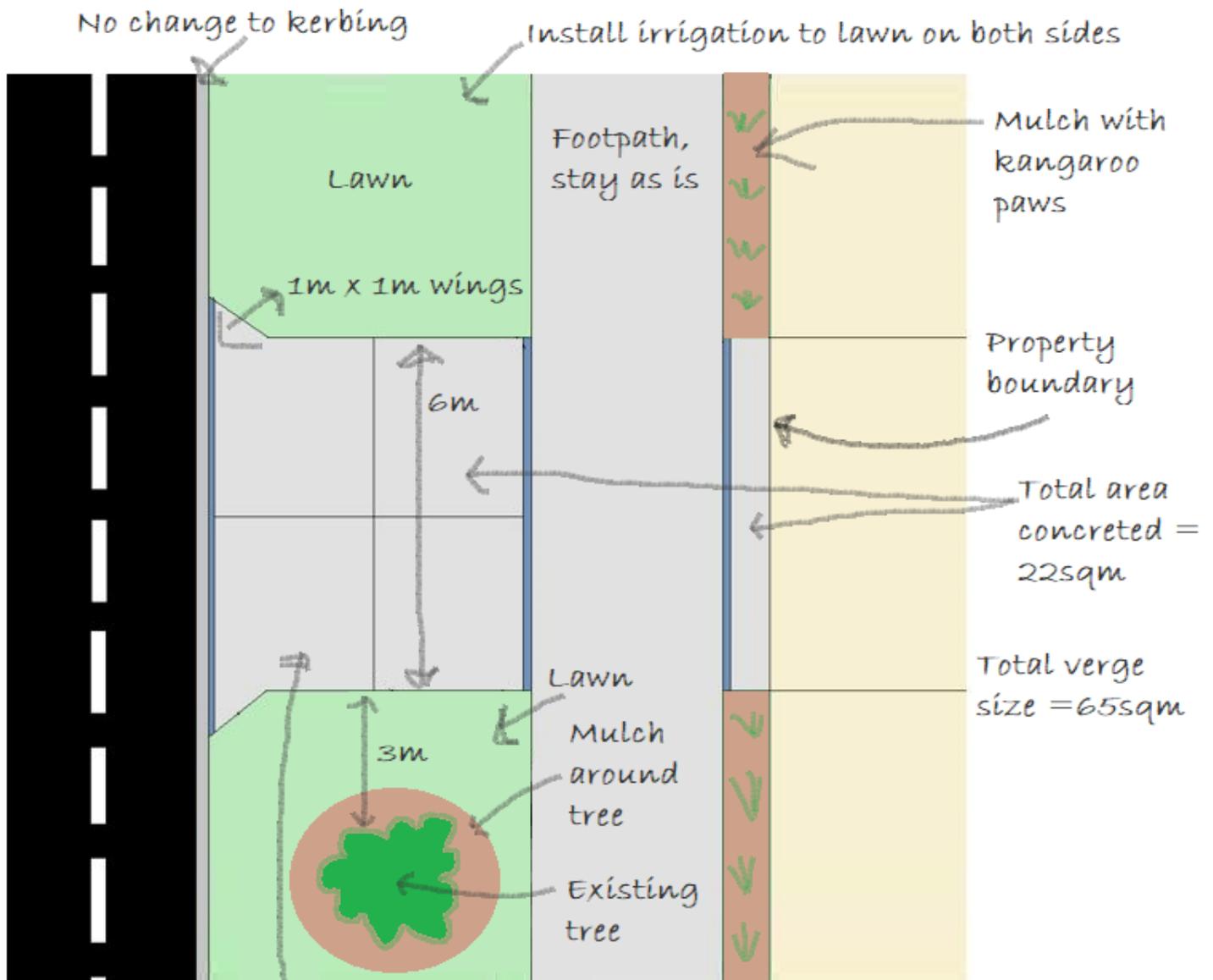
You can contact the City for a copy of the guidelines/crossover specifications or find them online at rockingham.wa.gov.au/vergesandgardens

What do you need to include with your application?

You will need to submit a plan/drawing with your application.

An example is provided below to assist you.

Hand drawn is perfectly acceptable, you may wish to use an aerial image of your existing property and verge – don't worry about it being to scale as long as you include clear dimensions and measurements. Feel welcome to attach any photos or additional information to describe your verge or plants/materials you would like to use.



Build a crossover, exposed aggregate finish and keep existing mountable kerbing

Please complete the following and submit to the City for assessment.

Property details (all fields must be completed)

Printed name: _____

Lot No. _____ Street No. _____ Suburb. _____

Street name. _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Proposed development

Please select most appropriate box(s). Tick all that apply:

- Change to existing crossover
- Construct a first crossover
- Construct a second crossover
- Install synthetic turf
- Install any other hardstand on the verge
- Move/remove existing asset or feature (e.g. tree/drain)
- Other – please give a brief description below

Description of development:

Does your application comply with the City's Verge Development Guidelines, and Crossover Specifications if it also involves constructing or changing a crossover?

- Yes
- No – please advise why below

Reason for non-compliance:

Please attach a clear plan / drawing of the proposed verge development, that:

- Clearly details all types of materials that will be used; and
- Clearly shows all relevant dimensions such as widths and areas; and
- Clearly shows any existing site features, e.g. pram ramps, lights, paths, trees and drains, including distances between these and any proposed hardstand; and
- Excluding the primary crossover, clearly shows that the remaining 50% or 10m² (whichever is greater) of the verge will have a permissible treatment maintained on it, including organic mulch, natural lawn or garden; and
- Clearly shows any proposed changes to verge levels / heights, if applicable.

Owner consent

Please confirm that you are the owner of the property affronting the verge, or have that owner's permission to develop the verge in question.

- I am the owner of the property affronting the verge.
- I am not, but I have their permission to develop it.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Crossover subsidy

If the application involves building a primary crossover for a residential property affronting the verge, the property owner may be eligible for a City contribution towards the cost of building it. More information can be found within the Specifications – Residential Crossovers. Applications must be made by the property owner after the crossover has been constructed.

Submitting your application

Your completed application can be returned to the City's Offices by post or emailed to customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au

The City can provide support and assistance with applications via email or via calling (08) 9528 0333.