

Urambi Village landscaping guidelines

These guidelines are to help us maintain our landscape, both on common land and your own unit title. The EC encourages the development and care of plantings and landscaping on common land subject to the following conditions:

If you wish to plant on common land, please consult the EC first if:

- your proposed plantings border the spine path, other common paths, or entrances to the village, or are not immediately adjacent to your unit title
- the mature height of shrubs and trees will be over 6 metres (roughly the height of the tri-level houses)
- plantings would significantly change the landscape character of the site (e.g., large numbers of exotics)
- your proposal includes structures such as patios or walls that extend beyond your unit title boundary - in which case your proposal will also need to conform to Urambi's Structures Guidelines and be referred to the EC's Structures Officer.

You will not require EC acceptance if:

- you use small or medium-sized, hardy, indigenous plants of the same species or blend with existing adjacent appropriate Australian plantings
- your landscaping is within or immediately adjacent to your unit title
- your immediate neighbours have no objection.

Things to check before landscaping

Before landscaping outside the boundary of your unit title, you will need to:

- ensure your proposal generally meets the above guidelines
- get the approval of your neighbours and anybody else likely to be affected
- ensure your proposal meets ACT guidelines, including neighbours' rights to sun and views and right of access
- ensure the plantings are not likely to obstruct pathways, access-ways and lights
- ensure proposed plantings do not include pest species, e.g., cotoneaster, pyracantha, privet, creeping bamboos, ivy, vinca
- seek the EC's acceptance and submit formal plans for major works that may have an impact on services such as drains and cables.

Other things to consider

- Will the plants help minimise fire risk?
- Are they drought hardy?
- Are they easy to maintain and are tidy and vigorous for most of the year?
- Will they require excessive watering?
- Do they attract birds and butterflies?
- Could they cause expense to the village later on through damage to buildings, drains, paths, lights, etc.?

Golf club boundaries

Any landscaping along the golf course boundary must be attractive and kept tidy.

Vegetable gardens

Land on the south side of the spine path, (north of units 56 and 57) has long been designated for use as a communal vegetable garden.

If you wish to establish a vegetable garden on other areas of common land, you will need the approval of your neighbours or other residents who may be affected, before seeking the EC's acceptance.

If you fail to use the garden or keep it tidy for more than one growing season, the EC may ask you to remove it and restore the land to its previous condition.

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