



(W2) DERBY TOWNSITE STREETScape

POLICY OBJECTIVE

The overall objective and aim of a streetscape policy is to maintain and improve both the visual aspect and public amenity of the Derby townsite.

Improvements and expansions to the existing streetscape and public lands of Derby must take into consideration future ongoing operational maintenance needs and therefore be contained within the amount of available funding allocated within a specific financial year's budget.

POLICY STATEMENT

That having regard for available budgetary allocations has an immediate focus on maintaining the existing streetscape ensuring the following:

- a) That Loch street is maintained as the premier gateway thoroughfare for the townsite of Derby with specific regards to:
 - Ensuring the median island is maintained as a green grassed precinct and maintained accordingly.
 - That Lytton park and surrounding green space is maintained accordingly.
 - That Nicholson Square sporting precinct is maintained at an appropriate standard for the specified sporting fixtures.
 - That Bougainvillea Park is maintained accordingly.
 - That the heritage precinct at the end of Loch Street is maintained accordingly.
 - The undertaking of continual playground maintenance at the Derby oval to ensure the playground equipment is kept to the required industry and safety standard.
- b) That the Clarendon street precinct from Loch Street to Elder Street is maintained by Council to reflect that this thoroughfare is a major retail precinct for the townsite of Derby with specific regard to the median island, verges, and Coach Bay Park and park areas around the current Visitor Centre building.
- c) That Rowan Street / Marmion Street be maintained with regard to pedestrian usage in relation to the caravan park, retirement village and the tourist precinct surrounding the Boab Dinner Tree.
- d) That the public areas surrounding the Ashley street recreation reserve are maintained in accordance with sporting requirements and public usage of this facility.
- e) That all other street verges within the Derby townsite are mowed twice a year, typically being at the conclusion of the wet season (to reduce growth and therefore future potential fire hazards) and around October to promote a general cleanup before cyclone season commences.
- f) That Council does not undertake general verge mowing or cleanups within rural residential or rural precincts excepting the verge area at the approach to Derby townsite fronting Derby Highway (Maxted Street to Wodehouse Street.)

That Council, having regard for future budgetary allocations, considers expansion of the Derby streetscape to include the following:

1. Loch Street Precinct (in priority order)



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- a) The replacement of unkempt verges along Loch Street with paving of a suitable material, i.e. brick paving, crushed coloured rock or patterned concrete or for future budgetary allocation to ensure a specific and regular maintenance mowing programming.
- b) The gradual removal of old and degraded imported species of trees along the Loch street median island and for these to be replaced with Boab tree species to create one defined iconic avenue.
- c) The installation of under tree up lighting to enhance the perspective of the planted boab trees and in consideration for the budget requirements.
- d) The installation of welcoming and special event banners along the entrance portion of Loch Street.
- e) The planning for the landscaping of the proposed new Visitor Centre/ Administration Office to include iconic tree species, minimal maintenance vegetation and planting areas with specific regard to ensure areas of planted vegetation are of the type and density to inhibit anti-social behavioural activities.

2. Clarendon Street Precinct Area

- a) The replacement of degraded lawn area at the round- about located at the intersection of Hardman Street and Clarendon Street with the peripheral area of the roundabout and the adjacent verges and intermediate portion of the roundabout to contain a paved surface of suitable material i.e. patterned surface of paving brick, concrete or coloured crushed rock. The centre island tree to remain.
- b) Improvement and implementation of verge planting along Clarendon Street between Neville Street and Elder Street.
- c) Selective improvement of the landscape within the Coach bay on Clarendon Street which should be more suitable to vehicle parking users and should be designed to inhibit anti- social behaviour.
- d) Progressive replacement of existing tree vegetation in median islands along Clarendon street so as to be more suitable to width of the median island and also to prevent damage to the carriageway.

3. General Derby Townsite

- a) The continual mowing of all unkempt verges within the Derby townsite boundaries only. The ability to undertake a minimum of two mowing cycles per year.
- b) Planting of native tree species on road verges approaching the Derby wharf and along portions of Rowan Street, Villiers Street and Marmion Street. The species and planting pattern to be undertaken with specific industry specialists in regard to undertaking a planting program.
- c) The installation of one or two major playground equipment sites; this equipment will be placed in an area that is suitable to have after-hours access control so as to inhibit vandalism and anti-social behaviour i.e. swimming pool area and the Sportsmen's Club precinct.
- d) The enhancement of parklands at the entrance to the Derby townsite and the improvement of visitor signage and information.
- e) The installation of pram ramps / disabled access at all pedestrian crossings within the Derby townsite.
- f) The installation of a uniform style of pedestrian/dual use pathway system within the Derby townsite.
- g) The installation of a uniform style of street signage within the Derby townsite inclusive of the Shire of Derby West Kimberley logo.
- h) The installation of underground reticulated electricity supply along the main thoroughfares of the Derby townsite inclusive of Loch Street/ Clarendon Street and Ashley Street.
- i) The planning for the replacement of unused existing allocated lands for parks and recreation within the Derby townsite to be processed within the current State Government policy of housing land utilisation so that funds that become available to the Shire from the sale of this unused land



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can be allocated to specific parks and recreation improvement projects. The two portions of current land that may be considered for this purpose would be the land opposite the existing Derby sports oval and the portion of land on the south western corner of the intersection of Marmion and Rowan Streets.

- j) The continual upgrade/ maintenance of tourist information facilities at the entrance to the Derby townsite.
- k) The continual upgrading and maintenance of the passive recreation facilities at the Derby Wharf Park.
- l) The continual maintenance/upgrade of the heritage precinct at the entrance to Jetty Road.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Director Technical and Development Services is required to ensure that the employees in charge of such works shall undertake the budgeting, planning, monitoring, and supervision of the implementation of this policy.

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