

## Your Front Verge

The verge is the strip of land between your property and the street kerb, sometimes containing a footpath. Jumping Creek's verges play an important role in making our streetscapes – and the front of your home – look attractive. To assist you we've put together this fact sheet that outlines your roles and responsibilities regarding the verge to your lot.

All verges in Jumping Creek are owned by Queanbeyan– Palerang Regional Council (QPRC), and planted by Peet Jumping Creek Pty Ltd with trees and grass. This is generally done before you're required to settle on your land.



It's important to note that from the moment your land purchase at Jumping Creek has settled, you – or the contractors you engage to construct your home – are responsible for the ongoing maintenance of your verge.

Once the construction of your home is finished, you are also responsible for not only clearing your verge of all building and landscape materials, but also for reinstating the verge's vegetation. During the construction process we also recommend that you protect any trees in the verge outside your property to ensure they are not damaged.

Under the QPRC Street Verge Maintenance Policy, it's your responsibility to maintain whatever planting is in place in your verge. This includes mowing, weeding and general maintenance to keep the verge orderly and attractive. Watering your verge is optional, but you'll achieve a higher level of presentation on your verge if you do water regularly.

You're not allowed to alter or replace the existing plantings without the permission of QPRC. This policy is common practice in the ACT and in most local government jurisdictions in NSW.

### Can I apply for a variation to the standard verge planting?

If you'd like to make changes to your verge, you'll need to submit a Development Application (DA) to QPRC. The best time to apply for a variation is when you submit the DA for your home. You can include a landscape plan with your DA that details your planned landscape finishes, including how you intend to finish the verge and the reason for it. Generally you will not be permitted to remove trees or substitute trees with alternative species.

### Need assistance?

If you have any further questions about your front verge or a variation to it, please contact QPRC on 1300 735 025 or visit [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au)