









INTRODUCTION

The future appearance of streets in Aurora depends on a highly desirable cohesion of landscaping guidelines by the planners and the individual preferences of home-owners.

Guidelines laid down by Aurora's experienced landscape designers allow unlimited opportunities for you to impose your own personal creativity on the streetscapes and gardens that you, your neighbours and future residents will enjoy.

The discipline of basic front garden landscaping allows gardens and houses to co-exist harmoniously, without competing, so that your street presents a beautifully integrated vista.

Time limitations on completion of landscaping and garden planting are in place to ensure that you don't have to wait for years for the vision to be completed — you and neighbouring owners will be living in an established environment very soon after you have moved in. The addition of value to your street, and your home, will be virtually immediate.

FRONT GARDEN LANDSCAPING PROGRAM

To achieve this rapid progress, your front garden landscape must include:

- One advanced tree;
- Large shrubs, small shrubs and groundcovers;
- Irrigated garden beds, with imported topsoil, mulch and timber edging;
- Lawn areas or an approved lawn alternative; and
- Concrete steppers to the side gate (if applicable).

Please refer to Figure 01 below for typical setout.



01 - typical front garden landscape setout for 3 lots - NTS

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THE REQUIREMENTS

- Front garden landscaping will be undertaken by the builder;
- Builders are to submit landscape plans conforming to these guidelines for approval prior to works being commenced;
- Works must be verified by a VicUrban representative;
- Verification includes inspection of completed works, completion of maintenance period, receipts and/or delivery dockets, certified contractor details, and land ownership information:
- Only front garden landscape designs using the species list particular to a street type will be approved by VicUrban (see below); and
- Front yards or all areas visible to public areas must be landscaped in accordance with approved plans within 28 days of handover or appropriate other time as approved by VicUrban. Designs must be in accordance with these guidelines and incorporate, as a minimum, elements outlined in the Front Garden Installation Guide (ie. this document).

LAWN ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives to lawns are permitted and must:

- Be of a colour and form consistent with the overall landscape palette and be complementary to the built form and neighbouring lots;
- Be low in height to maintain clear views to and from dwellings;
- Be robust;
- Have water permeable surface (as part of WSUD principles);
- Require minimal watering or be water efficient;
- Require minimal maintenance (minimal energy requirements); and
- Be constructed from ecologically sustainable materials.

The most suitable surface lawn alternative is mulched garden bed with low-growing plants. Plant species would be indigenous or native if possible, of neutral appearance (not showy) and predominantly green. The number of species per lot should be restricted to two or three. The following options should be applicable for approximately 50% of each front garden area.

- Option 1: Closed planting with native tussock species & recycled organic mulch
- Option 2: Closed planting with native creeping/spreading groundcovers & recycled organic mulch
- Option 3: Open planting with green 'architectural' type species and neutral coloured inorganic mulch (tumbled stone or gravels)
- Option 4: Good quality gravel/pebble lawn (quarried river rock)

(Note that alternative products may be submitted to VicUrban for consideration as lawn substitutes, subject to the product meeting Aurora's sustainability objectives.)

IRRIGATION

Each dwelling must install an automatic irrigation system to their front garden. All private irrigation systems must be drawn from the recycled water ('third pipe') system through an authority meter. Drip emitter irrigation systems within garden beds and lawn areas are preferred. Spray systems should be avoided due to water loss from evaporation. Sprays are not permitted within garden bed areas. The irrigation system should be set on a timer for minimum water use (night operation) and accord with all water authority requirements.









GARDEN COMPONENTS

Minimum components of the front garden landscape required for typical lot frontages are:

Description	Unit	> 14.5m frontage	14.5 - 12.5m frontage	<12.5 - 9m frontage	<9m frontage
Pre-cast concrete steppers (400 x 400mm on 80mm depth FCR)	no.	5	3	3	3
Garden beds - incl. preparation, 150mm topsoil & organic mulch	m^2	20	17	12	12
Timber edging	lin.m	12	10	7	7
Lawn - incl. preparation, 100mm depth topsoil & turf	m^2	15	13	9	9
Lawn alternative (option 1) Closed tussock planting	m^2	4-6	4-6	4-6	4-6
Lawn alternative (option 2) Closed groundcover planting	m^2	3-6	3-6	3-6	3-6
Lawn alternative (option 3) Open 'architectural' planting	m^2	-	-	-	-
Lawn alternative (option 4) aravel/quarried river rock	m^2	15	13	9	9
Lawn alternative (option 5) artificial grass	m^2	15	13	9	9
Large shrubs - 200mm pot size	no.	12	10	7	7
Small shrubs - 150mm pot size	no.	26	22	15	15
Groundcovers - 150mm pot size	no.	40	34	23	23
Advanced Trees - 1.5-2.0m height	no.	1	1	1	1
Irrigation	m^2	35	30	21	21
Maintenance	weeks	6	6	6	6

Note: Corner lots require an increase of 20% to planting numbers (excluding trees). Landscaping along side fence to be shrubs of a size that reflects the space available. Planting on corner lots should be no higher than 1m (mature height) within a $2m \times 2m$ setback from the intersecting street corner.

Organic mulch should be recycled and sourced locally. It should be relatively fine, free from contaminants, and dark or mid-brown in colour. Number of mulch types per lot should be restricted to two.

Inorganic mulch can range in colour from warm white tones, through browns, to shades of grey. Pebble mulch must be ecologically sustainable and sourced locally. Pebbles should be tumbled material derived from quarried stone waste. Gravel mulch (including granitic gravel) should also be ecologically sustainable and sourced locally.

Lawn types or species should be drought tolerant grasses such as Couch, Kikuyu or Buffalo grass.

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN

The front garden landscape design is based on Aurora landscape guidelines, and whether you're a resident or home owner, we want you to feel completely free to build on and personalise your front garden within the designed framework.

The design is based on four street types, to achieve consistent streetscapes:

- North-South Type 1;
- North-South Type 2;
- East-West Type 1; and
- East-West Type 2.

(Please refer to the front garden plan (Figure 02 below) for each street type.)

The choice of front garden plant species is therefore dependent on street tree species and street orientation. Only front garden landscape designs using the species list particular to a street type will be approved by VicUrban (refer to pages 5 & 6).

This brochure outlines the minimum front garden requirements for all dwellings and essentially establishes a structure for your garden. There are however immense opportunities to build upon this *Front Garden* landscape framework to create a highly personalised and beautiful garden. For advice on how to achieve this, please refer to the Aurora landscape guidelines.









NORTH-SOUTH STREETS - TYPE 1

	Botanical Name	Common Name	Indig.	Native	Installed Size	Spacing	Mature Size
Trees	Banksia marginata	Silver Banksia	1	/	16L, 1.5m high	n/a	2-8 x 2-6
	Hymenosporum flavum	Native Frangipani		/	16L, 1.5m high	n/a	7 x 4
	Lagerstroemia indica	Crepe Myrtle			16L, 1.5m high	n/a	6 x 4
	Prunus 'Mt Fuji'	Mt Fuji Cherry			16L, 1.5m high	n/a	4 x 5
Large Shrubs	Callistemon viminalis 'Capt. Cook'	Weeping Bottlebrush		/	200mm pot	900mm c/c	
	Grevillea rosmarinifolia	Grevillea		/	200mm pot	900mm c/c	
	Viburnum tinus	Lauristinus			200mm pot	900mm c/c	
	Westringia fruticosa	Coast Rosemary		/	200mm pot	900mm c/c	
Small Shrubs	Acacia acinacea	Gold-dust Wattle	/	/	150mm pot	500mm c/c	
	Correa reflexa	Common Correa	/	/	150mm pot	500mm c/c	
	Hebe species	Veronica			150mm pot	500mm c/c	
	Lavandula species	Lavender			150mm pot	500mm c/c	
Groundcovers	Brachyscome multifida	Native Daisy	✓	✓	150mm pot	400mm c/c	
	Cerastium tomentosum	Snow in Summer			150mm pot	300mm c/c	
	Myoporum parvifolium	Creeping Boobialla		/	150mm pot	400mm c/c	
	Stachys lanata	Lambs Ears			150mm pot	400mm c/c	





Brachyscome multifida

Cerastium tomentosum

Hebe Sp.

Stachys lanata

Lavandula sp.

NORTH-SOUTH STREETS - TYPE 2

Correa reflexa

	Botanical Name	Common Name	Indig.	Native	Installed Size	Spacing	Mature Size
Trees	Eucalyptus caesia ssp magna	Silver Princess		/	16L, 1.5m high	n/a	10 x 8
	Agonis flexuosa	Willow Myrtle		1	16L, 1.5m high	n/a	5 x 5
	Malus ioensis 'Plena'	Bechtels' Crab Apple			16L, 1.5m high	n/a	4 x 6
	Ulmus parvifolia 'Todd'	Chinese Elm			16L, 1.5m high	n/a	8 x 8
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Large Shrubs	Acacia boormanii	Snowy River Wattle		/	200mm pot	900mm c/c	
_	Callistemon sieberi	River Bottlebrush	1	/	200mm pot	900mm c/c	
	Murraya paniculata	Mock Orange			200mm pot	900mm c/c	
	Nandina domestica	Sacred Bamboo			200mm pot	900mm c/c	
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Small Shrubs	Correa glabra	Rock Correa	1	1	150mm pot	500mm c/c	
	Dianella species	Matted Flax Lily	1	/	150mm pot	500mm c/c	
	Dietes species	Native Iris			150mm pot	500mm c/c	
	Rosmarinus officinalis	Rosemary			150mm pot	500mm c/c	
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Groundcovers	Convolvulus cneorum	Silver Bush			150mm pot	400mm c/c	
	Felicia amelloides	Blue Marguerite			150mm pot	400mm c/c	
	Kennedia prostrata	Running Postman	1	/	150mm pot	400mm c/c	
	Viola hederacea	Native Violet	/	/	150mm pot	300mm c/c	





Dianella sp.

Convolvulus cneorum

Viola hederacea

Felica amelloides Rosmarinus officinalis

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EAST-WEST STREETS - TYPE 1

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species	Grevillea	/	1	150mm pot	500mm c/c	
australis	Austral Indigo			150mm pot	500mm c/c	
n species	New Zealand Flax			150mm pot	500mm c/c	
us officinalis	Rosemary		✓	150mm pot	500mm c/c	
nucronatus	Seaside Daisy			150mm pot	400mm c/c	
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ardieri	Tussock Grass		/	150mm pot	400mm c/c	
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Banksia integrifolia Banksia marginata



Liriope muscari

Rosa noaschnee

Westringia fruticosa

Grevillea sp.

EAST-WEST STREETS - TYPE 2

	Botanical Name	Common Name	Indig.	Native	Installed Size	Spacing	Mature Size
Trees	Callistemon viminalis	Weeping Bottlebrush		✓	16L, 1.5m high	n/a	4-6 x 5
	Eucalyptus 'Eukie Dwarf'	Eukie Dwarf		/	16L, 1.5m high	n/a	7 x 5
	Acacia floribunda	Sally Wattle		✓	16L, 1.5m high	n/a	7 x 6
	Tristaniopsis laurina	Water Gum		1	16L, 1.5m high	n/a	6 x 4
Large shrubs	Acacia lanigera	Woolly Wattle	/	/	200mm pot	900mm c/c	
_	Choisya ternata	Mex. Orange Blossom			200mm pot	900mm c/c	
	Dodonaea viscosa 'purpurea	Purple Hop Bush		/	200mm pot	900mm c/c	
	Eriostemon myoporoides	Long-leaf Wax Flower		/	200mm pot	900mm c/c	
Small Shrubs	Dianella species	Matted Flax Lily	/	✓	150mm pot	500mm c/c	
	Correa reflexa	Common Correa	/	✓	150mm pot	500mm c/c	
	Hebe species	Veronica			150mm pot	500mm c/c	
	Patersonia occidentalis	Purple Flag		/	150mm pot	500mm c/c	
Groundcovers	Chrysocephalum apiculatum	Clustered Everlasting	/	/	150mm pot	400mm c/c	
	Hardenbergia violacea	Purple Coral Pea	/	/	150mm pot	400mm c/c	
	Myoporum parvifolium	Creeping Boobialla		1	150mm pot	400mm c/c	
	Viola hederacea	Native Violet	/	/	150mm not	400mm c/c	



Tristaniopsis laurina

Acacia lanigera

Choisya ternata Callistemon viminalis



Chrysocephalum apiculatum Myoporum parvifolium

Hardenbergia violacea



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