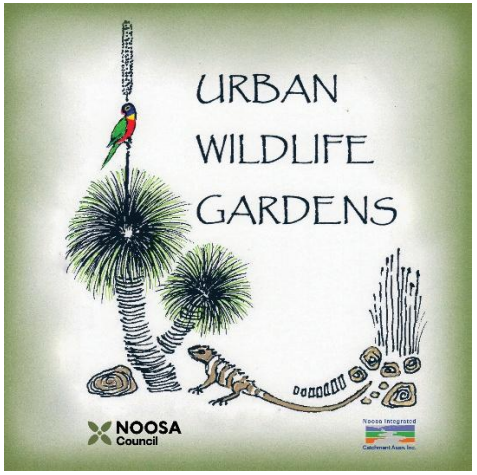
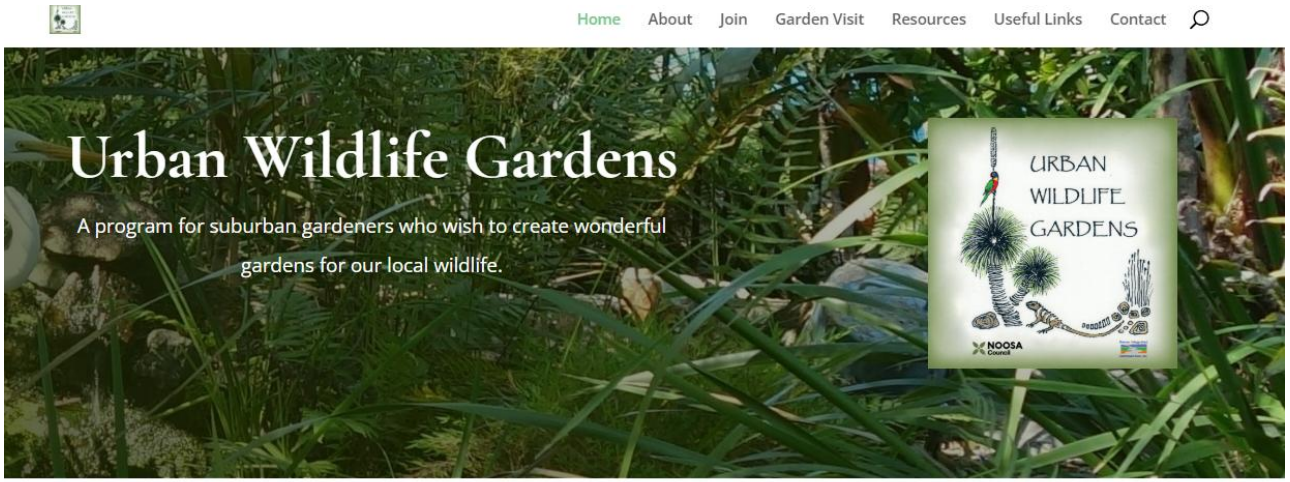


How to Verge - Workshop and Verge Garden Visits

Sunday 26 July Peregian Beach

Introduction

About Urban Wildlife Gardens: see www.urbanwildlifegardens.org.au



About Urban Wildlife Gardens

A not-for-profit organisation helping urban gardeners improve the biodiversity and wildlife habitat in their garden.

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How to Join

A lifetime membership of just one $30 payment, provides you with a garden visit, resources, a property sign, free plants and more!

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Garden Visit

Our program coordinator will visit your garden and provide expert advice specific to your circumstances.

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Resources & Latest News

Hundreds of articles on a variety of topics to help grow your Urban Wildlife Garden.

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Useful Links

Useful UWG resources and links to other information.

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Contact

We are just an email or phone call away. Find out how to reach us.

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Thanks to Noosa Council for supporting the Verge Gardens Demonstration Project

NOOSA Council

Verge gardens contribute to urban greening and cooling, native biodiversity and can make our houses and neighbourhoods more attractive and liveable.

(Images from google search)

Before You Dig

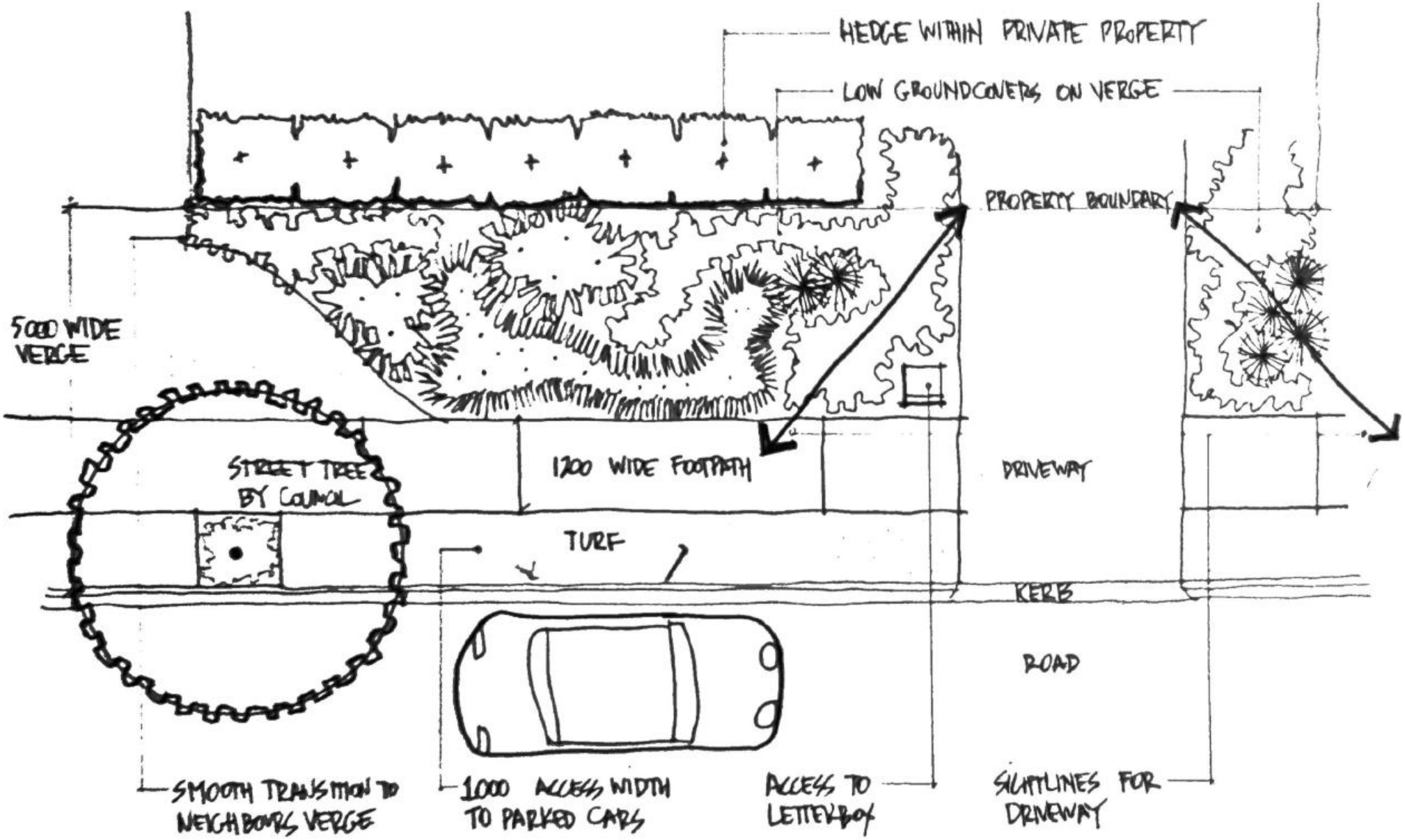
- Check for utilities – Ring Dial Before You Dig before planting. Visit www.dialbeforeyoudig.com.au
- Chat with your neighbours – A quick conversation goes a long way. Its public land and be considerate of public and neighbours needs and aspirations
- Leave 1.5 metres from the curb clear – This keeps paths safe for pedestrians, cyclists, kerb side parking and bin collection

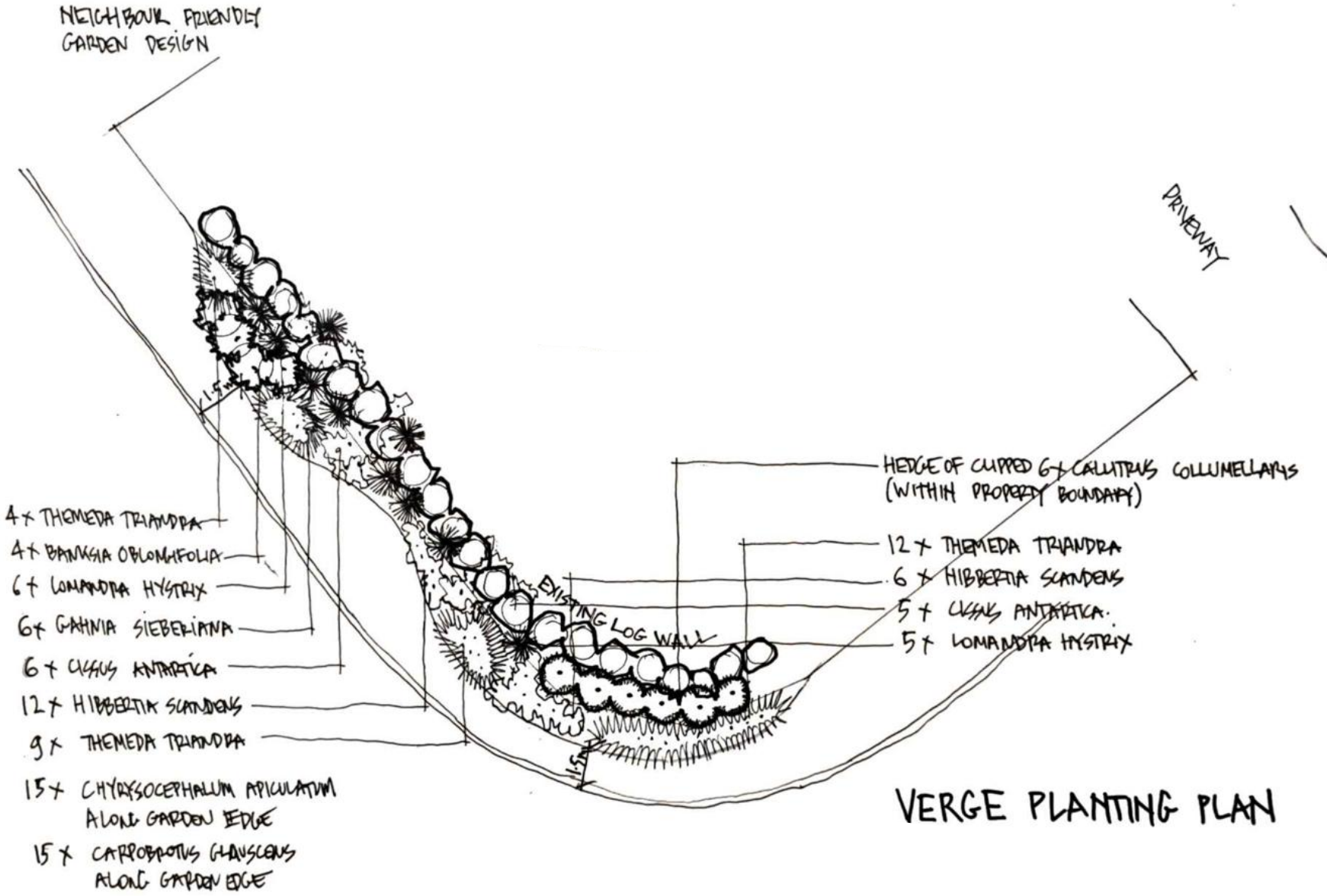
Step by Step Guide

- Assess your site – note sun, shade, soil, and moisture
- Prepare – remove grass, improve soil, add edging
- Choose plants suited to your conditions – local natives are best! Go for variety to maximise biodiversity, and layer it up with ground covers, grasses, small shrubs, and larger shrubs (up to 2 metres)
- Consider drifts and groves of plants to provide pleasing arrangements, contrast foliage and forms, merge into your adjacent private garden
- Plant, water, mulch, maintain, and enjoy!

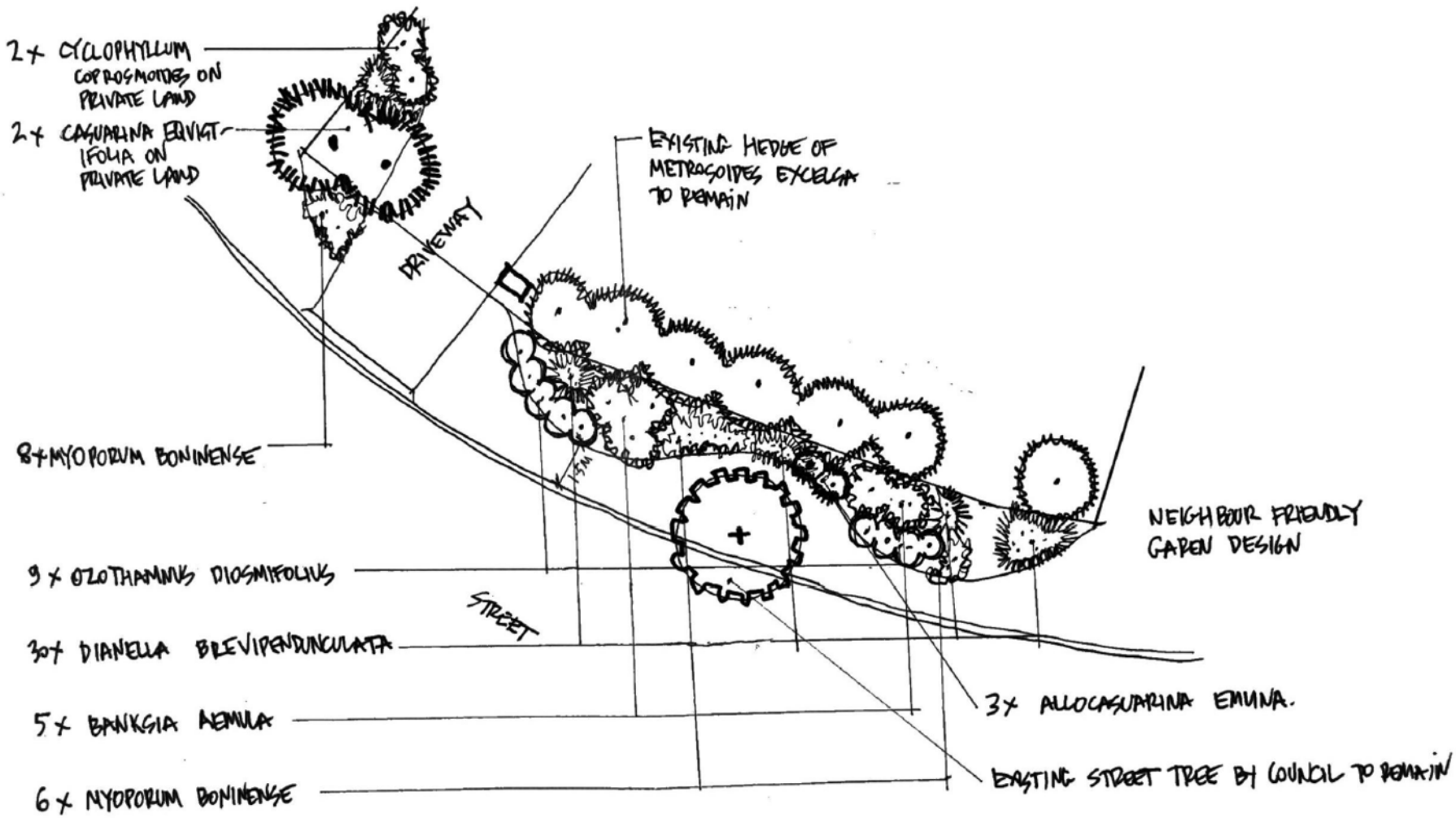
Keep in Mind

- Council guidelines applies to urban and rural residential areas in the Shire with constructed kerb and channelling
- No structures, retaining walls, fences, plant boxes, or solar lights
- No trees over 2 metres –skip palms, pandanus, and bamboo, but maybe you can plant them on your own front yard
- Plant your verge frontage only; don't touch Council trees. Council plants and maintains trees
- Dispose of weeds in landfill bins, not compost
- Keep sightlines clear at corners, driveways and intersections
- Ongoing care and maintenance of is part of the journey
- If public utilities need access, you'll need to be gracious and manage replanting


HEDGE WITHIN PRIVATE PROPERTY
LOW GROUNDCOVERS ON VERGE
PROPERTY BOUNDARY
5000 WIDE VERGE
STREET TREE BY COUNCIL
1200 WIDE FOOTPATH
DRIVEWAY
TURF
KERB
ROAD
SMOOTH TRANSITION TO NEIGHBOURS VERGE
1000 ACCESS WIDTH TO PARKED CARS
ACCESS TO LETTERBOX
SIGHTLINES FOR DRIVEWAY



VERGE PLANTING PLAN



MINIMUM 1500 SETBACK TO KERB

VERGE PLANTING PLAN

SAND / COASTAL AREA

DEMONSTRATION
NATIVE
VERGE GARDEN

Resources

Noosa Council

https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/Services-and-Facilities/Parks-and-Facilities/Tree-and-Vegetation-Management/Management-of-Urban-and-Rural-Residential-Verges

Urban Wildlife Gardens https://urbanwildlifegardens.org.au/?s=verge+gardens

Noosa Native Plants https://noosasnativeplants.com.au/

Backyards for Biodiversity https://backyardsforbiodiversity.org/resources

Greening Australia Guide:

https://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2020/07/Creating-a-vergegarden-2020.pdf

Source your Plants Locally

Source your plants locally and get great plant advice!

- Noosa and District Landcare – Hinterhub Station Street, Pomona
  https://noosalandcare.org/services/hinterhub/

- Coolum Community Native Nursery – 157 Warran Road, Yaroomba
  https://www.coolumnatives.com/

Verge Plant Lists

Groundcover and Shrub species for Verge Planting in Noosa

GC: Groundcover
G: Grass
TF: Tufting Plant
SS Small Shrub
MS: Medium Shrub

Coastal Areas		
Botanical Name	Common name	Form
Acacia sophorae	Coastal Wattle	MC
Acacia suaveolens	Sweet wattle	MS
Alpinia caerulea	Native Ginger	TF
Alyxia ruscifolia	Chain Berry	MS
Austromyrtus dulcis	Midyim	GC / SS
Aotus ericoides	Eggs and Bacon	MS
Aotus lanigera	Golden Candlesticks	MS
Baeckea stenophylla	Weeping Baeckea	MS
Banksia oblongifolia	Dwarf Banksia	MS
Banksia robur	Swamp Banksia	MS
Banksia spinulosa	Golden Candlesticks	MS
Baumea rubiginosa	Soft Twigrush	TF
Bauera capitata	Dog Rose	SS
Bauera rubioides	Wiry Dog Rose	SS
Boronia falcifolia	Wallum Boronia	MS
Boronia rivularis	Wide Bay Boronia	MS
Blechnum spp.	Water Ferns	TF
Bracteantha sp.	Federation Daisy	GC
Callistemon spp.	Bottlebrush	Chose forms that are low to medium shrub only (<2metres)
Carpobrotus glaucescens	Pigface	GC
Casuarina glauca Prostrate form	Cousin It	GC /SS
Crinum pedunculatum	River Lily	TF
Dianella caerulea	Flax Lily	TF
Dianella congesta	Beach Flax Lily	TF
Dodonea triquetra	Native Hop	MS
Eleocharis spp.	Spikerush	TF
Eriostemon spp.	Qld. Wax flower	SS
Grevillea cultivars spp.	Grevilleas	Chose forms that are low to medium shrub only (<2metres)
Hardenbergia violacea	Native Sarsparilla	GC
Helichrysum spp.	Golden Buttons\ Paper Daisy	GC

Coastal Areas		
Botanical Name	Common name	Form
Hibbertia obtusifolia	Guinea Flower	SS
Hibbertia scandens	Twining Guinea Flower	GC
Hibiscus heterophyllus	Native Rosella	MS
Hibiscus splendens	Splendid Hibiscus	MS
Ipomoea pes-caprae	Goats Foot Convolvulus	GC
Jacksonia scoparia	Dogwood / Native Broom	MS
Juncus usitatus	Common Rush	TF
Kennedia rubicunda	Running Postman	GC
Leptospermum liversidgei	Lemon Scented Leptospermum	MS
Leptospermum petersonii	Lemon Scented Tea Tree	MS
Leptospermum polygalifolium	Wild May	MS
Leptospermum speciosum	Wallum Tea Tree	MS
Lomandra confertifolia *Lomandra hystrix* *Lomandra longifolia*	Mat-rush	TF
Melaleuca nodosa	Prickly Leaved Paperbark	MS
Melastoma malabathricum L. subsp. malabathricum	Blue Tongue	MS
Myoporum acuminatum	Coastal Boobalia	MS
Myoporum boninense	Mangrove Boobalia	GC/ SS
Phebalium woombye	Phebalium	MS
Phebalium woombye Prostrate form	Wallum Gold	SS
Pultenea spp.	Bush Pea/Bacon and Eggs	SS
Ricinocarpus pinifolius	Wedding Bush	MS
Ricinocarpus pinifolius prostate form	Wedding Bush prostrate	SS
Scaevola calendulacea	Dune Fan Flower	GC
Sowerbaea juncea	Vanilla Lily	TF
Strangea linearis	Strangea	MS
Themeda triandra	Kangaroo Grass	G
Viola betonicifolia	Betony Leaved Violet	GC
Viola hederacea	Native Violet	GC
Wahlebergia stricta	Bluebells	GC
Xanthorrhoea johnsonii	Heath Grasstree	TF

Woodland - Open Forest Areas		
Botanical Name	Common name	Form
Acacia concurrens	Flat Stem Wattle	MS
Acacia suaveolens	Sweet Wattle	MS
Adiantum spp.	Maindenhair Ferns	GC
Austromyrtus dulcis	Midyim	GC / SS
Banksia oblongifolia	Dwarf Banksia	MS
Banksia robur	Swamp Banksia	MS
Banksia spinulosa	Golden Candlesticks	MS
Baumea rubiginosa	Soft Twigrush	TF
Bauera capitata	Dog Rose	SS
Blechnum spp.	Water Ferns	TF
Bracteantha sp.	Federation Daisy	GC
Callistemon spp.	Bottlebrush	Chose forms that are low to medium shrub only (<2metres)
Casuarina glauca Prostrate form	Cousin It	GC /SS
Cissus antarctica	Water Vine	GC
Cissus hypoglauca	Five Leaf Water Vine	GC
Cordyline petiolaris	Broad-leaved Palm Lily	MS
Cordyline rubra	Red-fruited Palm lily	MS
Crinum pedunculatum	River Lily	TF
Cymbopogon refractus	Barbed Wire Grass	G
Dianella caerulea	Flax Lily	TF
Dodonea triquetra	Native Hop	MS
Eleocharis spp.	Spikerush	TF
Eriostemon spp.	Qld. Wax flower	SS
Grevillea banksii Prostrate form	Red or White	GC
Grevillea cultivars spp.	Grevilleas	Chose forms that are low to medium shrub only (<2metres)
Hardenbergia violacea	Native Sarsparilla	GC
Helichrysum spp.	Golden Buttons\Paper Daisy	GC
Hibbertia scandens	Twining Guinea Flower	GC
Hibiscus heterophyllus	Native Rosella	MS
Hibiscus splendens	Splendid Hibiscus	MS
Homalanthus stillingifolius	Dwarf Bleeding Heart	MS
Hovea acutifolia	Hovea	MS
Jacksonia scoparia	Dogwood / Native Broom	MS
Juncus usitatus	Common Rush	TF
Kennedia rubicunda	Running Postman	GC
Leptospermum liversidgei	Lemon Scented Leptospermum	MS
Leptospermum petersonii	Lemon Scented Tea Tree	MS
Leptospermum polygalifolium	Wild May	MS
Leptospermum speciosum	Wallum Tea Tree	MS
Lobelia membranacea	Lawn Lobelia	GC

Woodland - Open Forest Areas		
Botanical Name	Common name	Form
Lomandra confertifolia *Lomandra hystrix* *Lomandra longifolia*	Mat-rush	TF
Lomatia silacifolia	Parsley Bush	MS
Melastoma malabathricum L. subsp. malabathricum	Blue Tongue	MS
Microlaena stipoides	Weeping Grass	G
Myoporum acuminatum	Coastal Boobalia	MS
Ozomthamnus diosmifolius	Sago Flower	MS
Phebalium woombye	Phebalium	MS
Phebalium woombye prostate form	Wallum Gold	SS
Phylidrum (sic) lanuginosum	Frogmouth	TF
Pittosporum revolutum	Yellow Pittosporum	MS
Platysace lancolatus	Platysace	SS
Plectranthus spp,	Native Coleus	GC / SS
Poa labillardierii	Tussock Grass	G
Pultenea spp.	Bush Pea/Bacon and Eggs	SS
Restio tetraphyllus	Foxtails	TF
Ricinocarpus pinifolius	Wedding Bush	MS
Ricinocarpus pinifolius prostate form	Wedding Bush prostrate forms	SS
Sannantha similis	Twiggy Myrtle	MS
Sowerbaea juncea	Vanilla Lily	TF
Themeda triandra	Kangaroo Grass	G
Viola betonicifolia	Betony Leaved Violet	GC
Viola hederacea	Native Violet	GC
Xanthorrhoea latifolia	Forest Grasstree	TF

Closed Forest - Rainforest Areas		
Botanical Name	Common name	Form
Atractocarpas chartacea (sic chartaceus)	Narrow-Leaved Native Gardenia	MS
Adiantum spp.	Maidenhair Ferns	GC
Alpinia caerulea	Native Ginger	TF
Austromyrtus dulcis	Midyim	GC / SS
Austromyrtus inophloia	cv Blushing Beauty	SS
Backhousia myrtifolia	Grey Myrtle	MS
Blechnum spp.	Water Ferns	TF
Callicarpa pedunculata	Velvet Leaf	MS
Cordyline petiolaris	Broad-leaved Palm Lily	MS
Cordyline rubra	Red-fruited Palm lily	MS
Cryptocarya laevigata	Glossy Laurel	MS
Cissus antarctica	Water Vine	GC
Cissus hypoglauca	Five Leaf Water Vine	GC
Davallia pyxidata	Haresfoot Fern	GC
Dianella caerulea	Flax Lily	TF
Hibiscus heterophyllus	Native Rosella	MS
Hibiscus splendens	Splendid Hibiscus	MS
Homalanthus stillingifolius	Dwarf Bleeding Heart	MS
Lomandra confertifolia *Lomandra hystrix* *Lomandra longifolia*	Mat-rush	TF
Lomandra longifolia/histrix	Mat-rush	TF
Melastoma malabathricum L. subsp. malabathricum	Blue Tongue	MS
Pandorea jasminoides	Bower of Beauty	GC
Pandorea pandorana	Wonga Vine	GC
Pilidiostigma glabrum	Plum Myrtle	MS
Pittosporum revolutum	Yellow Pittosporum	MS
Sannantha similis	Twiggy Myrtle	MS
Viola betonicifolia	Betony Leaved Violet	GC
Viola hederacea	Native Violet	GC

Common Weeds that should be Removed from Verges

Botanical Name	Common Name
Agave spp	
Anredera cordifolia*	Madeira Vine
Arecastrum romanzoffianum	Cocos Palm
Aristolochia durior*	Dutchman's Pipe
Aristolochia elegans*	
Aristolochia macrophylla* Exotic species of Aristolochia is poisonous to the Richmond Birdwing butterflies	
Bambusa spp	Bamboo all varieties
Bougainvillea spp	Bougainvillea
Buddleja madagascariensis	Buddleja
Bryophyllum spp*	Mother of Millions
Callisia fragrans	Purple succulent
Canna indica	
Cardiospermum grandiflorum*	Balloon Vine
Cassia obtusifolia	Sicklepod
Celtis sinesis	Chinese Elm
Cinnamomum camphora	Camphor Laurel
Cortaderia silloana	Pampas Grass
Corymbia torelliana	Cadaghi Gum
Diospyros kaki	Persimmon Tree
Duranta repens	Butterfly Bush
Euphorbia cyathophora	Dwarf Poinsettia
Ficus elastica	Rubber Tree
Fraxinus griffithi	Himalayan Ash
Gloriosa superba*	Glory Lily
Impatiens walleriana	Balsam
Ipomoea acuminata*	
Ipomoea cairica*	Mile a Minute
Ipomoea indica*	Morning Glory
Koelreuteria elegans	Golden Rain Tree
Lantana camara	Lantana
Lantana montevidensis	Creeping Lantana
Leucaena spp	Leucaena
Ligustrum lucidum	Broad Leaf Privet
Ligustrum sinense	Small Leaf Privet
Lonicera japonica*	Honeysuckle
Macfadyena unguis-cati*	Cats Claw Creeper
Murraya exotica	Mock Orange
Nephrolepis cordifolia	Fishbone Fern
Ochna serrulata	Ochna
Passiflora suberosa*	Corky Passion Vine
Pinus spp	Exotic pine trees
Protoasparagus afticanus*	Asparagus Fern
Protaspargus densiflorus*	Asparagus Fern
Protasparagus plumosus*	Climbing Asparagus Fern
Radermachera sinica	Asian Bell Tree
Rhapiolepis indica	Indian Hawthorn
Sansevieria trifasciata	Mother in Laws Tongue
Schefflera actinophylla	Umbrella Tree
Schinus molle	Pepper Tree
Schinus terebinthifolia	Broad Leaf Pepper Tree
Senna coluteoides	Easter Cassia
Senna floribunda	Winter Cassia
Spathodea campanulata (fallen flowers are a	

Botanical Name	Common Name
hazard to pedestrians in paved areas and flowers are poisonous to bees)	African Tulip Tree
Tecoma stans	Yellow Bells
Tithonia diversifolia	Japanese Sunflower
Thunbergia alata*	Black-eyed Susan
Tradescantia albiflora*	Wandering Jew
Wedelia trilobata*	Singapore Daisy
Zebrina pendula	Wandering Jew
And all declared noxious weeds	