

New fund digs deeper to help improve Marion's road verges

The City of Marion has approved a 12-month trial of a Verge Incentive Fund to assist residents with the costs of improving the landscaping on council-owned road verges outside their properties.

Come July, eligible residents will be able to apply for a rebate for up to 50 per cent of total costs incurred while improving their verges, up to a limit of \$500, on a 'first-come-first-served' basis until the fund is exhausted.

"Marion Council wants to support residents who wish to improve the appearance of the front of their property," Marion Mayor Kris Hanna said.

"We will give out up to \$50,000 in rebates over two application rounds, the first in July this year and the second in March 2023.

"Our Open Space team will monitor the success of the verge landscaping project, including 'before and after' photographs. We'll be seeking feedback from residents about the initiative before considering the future of the trial in mid-2023.

"Residents who are interested in taking part are invited to contact Council at council@marion.sa.gov.au or calling 8375 6600 to register an interest for the July application period."

Householders wishing to take part are still required to submit a [Section 221 verge development application](#) to Council outlining their proposed landscaping plan in detail.

All plans must adhere to Council's [Verge Development Guidelines](#) and successful applications will be inspected at the end of the planting season.

Residents must submit invoices to claim reimbursement of up to 50 per cent of costs. Costs can include soil replacement, plants, mulch, or the hire of a registered contractor to do excavation work.

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