

Find out how to green your verge with native plants

Residents in the City of Marion interested in landscaping their road verges with native plants can learn all the tips and tricks at a workshop being held at the Cooinda Neighbourhood Centre later this month.

The Verge Gardening with Natives Workshop is free of charge and runs from 6-8pm on Tuesday, March 28, at the Cooinda Neighbourhood Centre behind the Council Administration Building on Sturt Road.

Places are limited. Residents can reserve a seat [HERE](#).

Workshop guest speaker Hannah Jones from the habitat garden design service Wattle & Wonder will share her top 16 native plant selections for verges and how residents can attract wildlife to their neighbourhood.

City of Marion environment staff will discuss Council's verge landscaping guidelines and provide tips for planting on the verge and how to mulch and water a verge garden.

Attendees can also design their verge gardens at the workshop and receive advice from Council staff and Hannah Jones.

Staff will also talk about how residents within the City of Marion can apply for a rebate under Council's Verge Incentive Fund.

The fund aims to assist residents with the costs of improving the landscaping on council-owned road verges outside their properties.

Eligible residents can 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 \$50,000 fund is exhausted.

Householders wishing to take part are 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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