

Nature Strip Landscaping Plan

Nature strips provide a natural setting important to the streetscape. They often contain vital underground and overhead services that need to be considered prior to landscaping. These services include power, stormwater, water, sewer and telecommunications. Other factors to consider include access, visibility and safety.



plan lodgement

A **Nature Strip Landscaping Plan** must be submitted to Council for approval prior to landscaping. A minimum of two weeks will be required for assessment.

The plan must identify the following:

- the name, address, email and phone number of the approving adjacent landowner
- the location of **existing** trees and vegetation and the species type if known
- the location of **proposed** trees and vegetation and the species type
- the location of **proposed** garden beds, bordering materials and heights
- the measured distances from surrounding infrastructure (eg. driveways, kerbs, footpaths, poles, services) for proposed and existing landscaping and plantings.

Note: please see example of Nature Strip Landscaping Plan overleaf.

requirements

The following nature strip landscaping requirements will apply:

- minimum of 1.5 metre wide corridor must be maintained for pedestrian access allowing for prams and the public with limited mobility and 0.5 metre buffer from all footpaths and cycleways
- garden bed shrub plant height must not exceed one (1) metre in height and trees must be clean trunked ensuring visibility for

pedestrians and motorists using the road and adjacent driveways

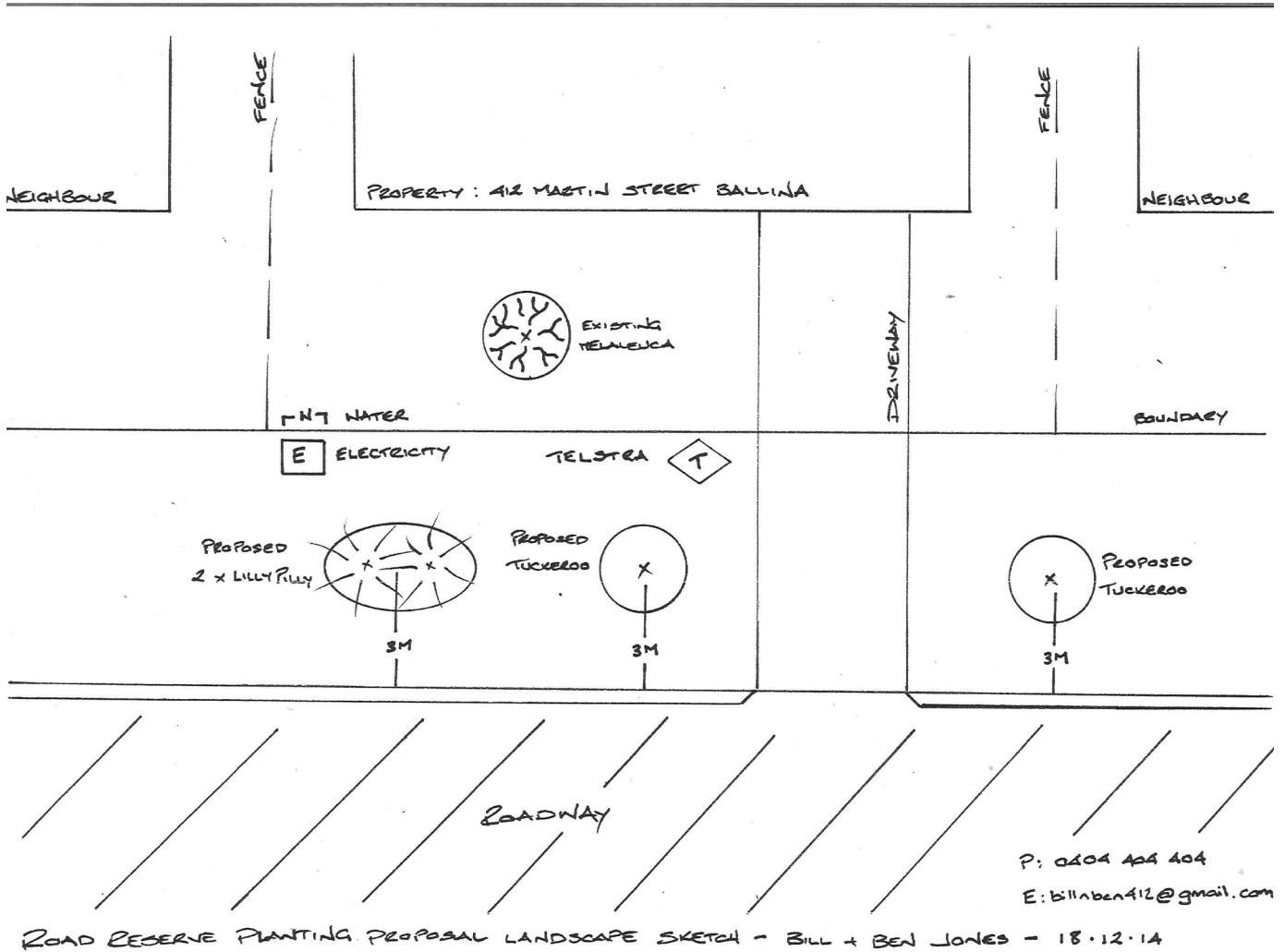
- no tree planting is permitted within 9 metres of a road intersection
- the species must be consistent with any existing street tree species selection
- the species should be selected from the Ballina Shire Urban Garden Guide
- listed noxious and environmental weeds are not permitted
- root barriers, tree pits, root structural soils or root directors may be required when tree root encroachments may cause structural damage
- landscaping and planting cannot occur without approval by Council.

maintenance

Residents undertaking landscaping and planting of nature strips must:

- be responsible for the landscaping during establishment, maintenance and removal as required
- be aware the landscaping and plantings become the property of Council and Council has the right to arrange for the removal or replacement of inappropriate landscaping
- be aware Council will not be liable for any damage, removal or replacement of landscaping and plantings during nature strip service delivery
- once street trees become 3 metres in height, Council's technical staff should provide guidance on tree maintenance.

example of a Nature Strip Landscaping Plan



Further Information

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