



**BIRLING**

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**Design & Landscape  
Guidelines**

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# 01

VISION FOR BIRLING

## South West Sydney's Home of Bright Futures

Birling is a beacon of dynamic growth, where visionary urban development meets harmonious natural surroundings. Integrating nature throughout the masterplan to create a distinctive green identity. As Birling evolves, it will exemplify how urban living can coexist with the natural environment, fostering a vibrant, resilient, and accessible community for generations to come.





# 02

## The Purpose of our Design & Landscape Guidelines

The Birling Design & Landscape Guidelines (the 'Design Guidelines') help to create a beautiful new neighbourhood and make sure your home's value is protected. They ensure that your community has cohesive and attractive streetscapes with well-designed, complementary residences and consistent landscaping. You'll enjoy an environment that's aesthetically appealing and feels welcoming, living in a home that's part of a thoughtfully planned community that reflects our shared vision for Birling.

The Design Guidelines form part of the Contract of Sale for your block of land (lot) and are also included in the restrictions on title known as the 88B. They apply in addition to and not in lieu of other statutory requirements and approvals. Approval by Camden Council under the Growth Centres Precincts Development Control Plan (DCP) or by a Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) under the NSW Greenfields Housing Code (Complying Development) is still required.

The Birling Design Review Panel (DRP) will review all proposed home designs within Birling for compliance with these guidelines. Purchasers or their selected builders or designers must submit their house designs along with their landscape plans for review and approval by the Birling DRP prior to lodgement with Camden Council or a Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) for approval.

Purchasers are required to provide a compliance bond at the time of settlement of your lot purchase. This is noted in the contract under special conditions. The Design Guidelines Compliance Bond amount is \$5,000 for all lots except corner lots, for which it is \$10,000. If your home and landscaping are completed within 24 months (two years) of settlement of your lot, you will be eligible to receive a refund of your Design Guidelines Compliance Bond.

If you have any questions relating to these guidelines, please call or visit the Birling Sales and Information Centre. Alternatively you can email the DRP at: [birlingdesignreview@birlingcommunity.com.au](mailto:birlingdesignreview@birlingcommunity.com.au)

# 03

## Approval Process

### ➤ Step 01

#### PAYMENT OF COMPLIANCE BOND AND SETTLEMENT OF LAND

Payment of the Design Guidelines Compliance Bond must be paid at the settlement of the lot.

### ➤ Step 02

#### INFORM YOUR BUILDER ABOUT THE BIRLING DESIGN AND LANDSCAPING GUIDELINES

Provide your builder with a copy of the Design Guidelines, which are also available for download from the 'Build at Birling' page at [birlingcommunity.com.au](http://birlingcommunity.com.au). Ensure your builder understands that compliance with the Birling Guidelines is a condition of your Contract of sale and the Restrictions on Title in the 88B.

### ➤ Step 03

#### SEEK BIRLING DESIGN REVIEW PANEL APPROVAL

Before lodging your plans for approval with Camden Council (or an accredited Private Principal Certifying Authority), ensure that your house plans are approved by the Birling DRP. Complete the Birling Design and Landscaping Guidelines Application Checklist, which can be downloaded from the 'Build at Birling' page on the website, and submit it along with your building plans, material and colour palette, and landscape plan for approval. You, your builder, or designer can lodge the plans.

### ➤ Step 04

#### AUTHORITY APPROVAL

Lodge your plans with the Council (or Private Principal Certifying Authority) for approval after receiving approval from the Birling Design Review Panel (DRP).

### ➤ Step 05

#### COMPLIANCE BOND PROCESS

If you complete your home and landscaping within 24 months (two years) of settlement of your lot purchase and rectify any damage to the adjoining public street, including street trees, footpaths, or service utility fixtures, you can apply to receive a refund of your Design Guidelines Compliance Bond by lodging the application via our online form.

### ➤ Step 06

#### REFUND OF DESIGN GUIDELINES COMPLIANCE BOND

Once you request a refund, a representative of the DRP will inspect your home and landscaping to verify that all works have been completed in accordance with the DRP-approved building and landscape plans and are otherwise consistent with the Design Guidelines. Once approved by DRP, the Design Guidelines Compliance Bond will be refunded to you within 14 business days.



## What to Submit to Birling DRP for Approval

Your plans submitted to Birling DRP for approval must include house plans, materials and colour palette, landscape plan and a copy of our design guideline checklist.

### House Plans

The plans submitted for DRP approval must be the same plans being lodged for DA approval with Camden Council or Private Principal Certifying Authority.

### Materials and Colour Palette

Your chosen materials and colours must comply with the Birling Material and Colour Palette.

### Landscape Plan

A landscape plan must be either separate to or show on the site plan.

### Design Guideline Checklist

You can download this checklist from the 'Build at Birling' page.

## Online Resources

All online forms, checklists and frequently asked questions can be found at the 'Build at Birling' page on our website:

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# Facade Design & Articulation

The facade of a home expresses its identity and defines its integration with the surrounding environment. Articulation to the front of a home, including thoughtful variations in depth, materials, and design elements, plays a key role in achieving this. We place great importance on creating homes that complement the surrounding residences and enhance the unique Birling aesthetic, ensuring a visually harmonious streetscape that you can be proud of.



## 4.1 – Front Facade

### PRIMARY STREET

- Your home must have a front door which is visually prominent and covered with a porch, portico or verandah to allow for passive surveillance. The front facade must include articulation and a minimum of two complementary finishes, such as a blend of feature brick, masonry, bagged or smooth renders, stack stone, paint or lightweight cladding. The materials and colours on the front facade must wrap around the corners and return a minimum of 1m on both side facades on non-corner lots.
- Parapet wall elements are allowed if they are not excessively dominant, cover less than 50% of the facade width if the dwelling is single-storey and are finished in colours that complement the rest of the facade.
- Full parapet facades may be considered for double-storey homes only, provided that the prominence of the walls is reduced through additional articulation and changes in colour or material.
- No sliding windows are permitted on front facades. Awning or double-hung windows are permitted.
- Front facades of single-storey homes must have a minimum of 25% of the area of walls or masonry columns as painted masonry or cladding.
- Single-storey homes can have up to a maximum of 75% of front facade wall area as cladding.
- Garage doors must be sectional or panel-lift type garage doors. Roller doors are not permitted.

Single storey wall cladding maximum 75% of the front facade

All homes require a visually prominent front door and covered front porch, portico or verandah



Front facade (primary street) – single-storey

All windows visible from the street must be awning or double hung windows only

All homes must provide front facade articulation and mix of colours and materials



Front facade (primary street) – double-storey

## 4.2 – Secondary Street Facade

### CORNER LOT SECONDARY STREET

- Homes on corner lots must address the secondary street and include articulation, facade elements, colours and materials that wrap around the corner from the primary facade to the secondary facade. These must be the same as or complement the primary street facade.
- No sliding windows are permitted on the secondary street facade. Awning or double-hung windows are permitted.
- A ground-floor habitable room window must be included, facing the secondary street frontage and positioned forward of the fence line.
- No sliding doors are permitted on the ground floor forward of the fence line.
- Garage doors must be sectional or panel-lift type garage doors. Roller doors are not permitted.
- For corner lots, the maximum length of an uninterrupted wall break on the secondary street frontage is 12m. To provide articulation, a step of at least 480mm must be incorporated into the wall for a minimum length of 3m. Blank walls will not be permitted.

Homes on corner lots must address the secondary street and include articulation, facade elements, colours and materials that wrap around from the primary facade

Secondary street frontage wall step minimum 480mm



Secondary street facade – corner lot

Double storey parapet prominence must be reduced through additional articulation and changes in colour and materials



Full parapet facade – double-storey

## Roofs & Eaves

We believe in the importance of creating a cohesive look that respects the Birling style and acknowledges contemporary design trends. Roofs and eaves are not merely functional elements but play a crucial role in defining the character and charm of our homes, ensuring that they complement the aesthetic requirements of our community. Thoughtfully designed roofs can enrich architectural appeal and contribute to energy efficiency. Our guidelines provide direction on acceptable roof design and pitches.

### 5.1 - Hip and Gable Roofs

The classic hip and gable roofing styles are strongly encouraged within Birling for their enduring appeal, helping to create an aesthetic that will stand the test of time.

- Where roofs are pitched, the minimum roof pitch is to be 22.5 degrees for double-storeys and 25 degrees for single-storeys.

Hip roof



Gable roof



### 5.2 - Skillion Roofs

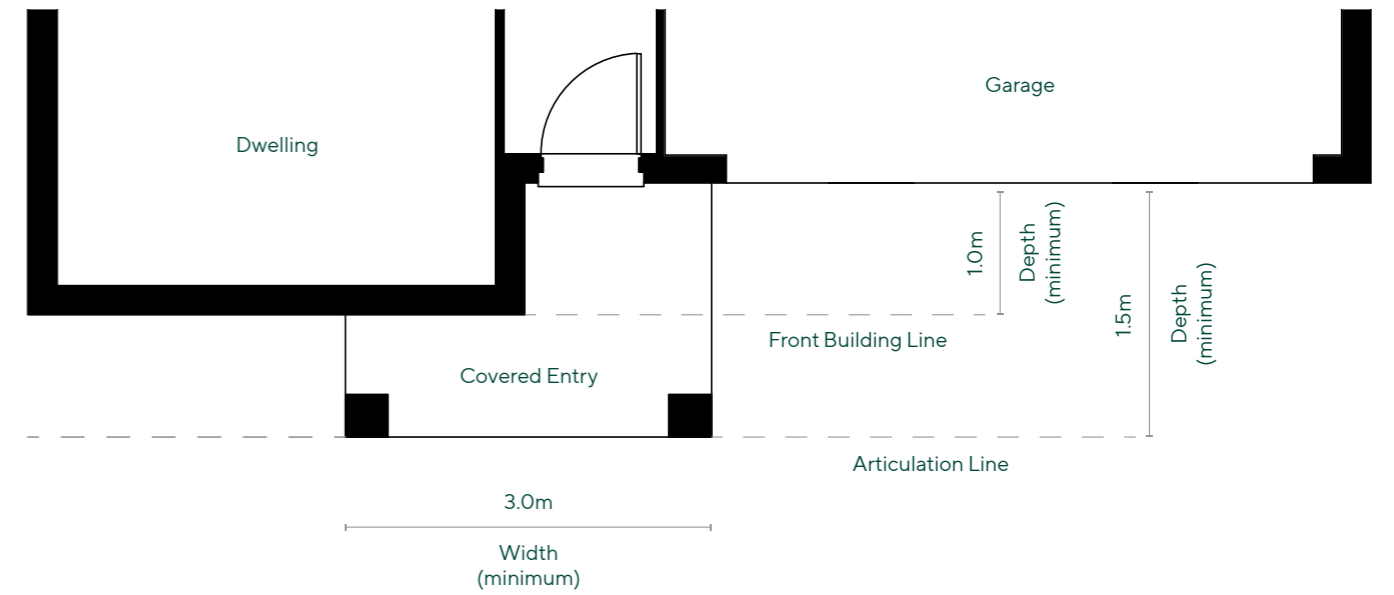
A strong architectural design feature in its own right, a skillion roof can add a bold contemporary look and clean, modern lines to your home.

- Skillion roofs are permitted on double-storey dwellings only and must have a minimum 15 degree pitch.

Skillion roof



Covered Entry minimum facade requirement



### 5.3 - Other Roofs

Other roof forms may be considered and assessed based on design merit, provided they complement the streetscape and the surrounding architectural styles.

- No flat or low-pitched roofs are to be visible from the street. They are only permitted behind parapet wall elements.
- Minimum 450mm eave width is required on the front façade and secondary street frontage where classic roof forms are used. (ie: hip, gable or Skillion) With the exception for homes built along zero lot lines.

Example of other roof forms may be considered



### 5.4 - Single Story Homes

#### ENTRY FEATURE

The front facade of your home must include either:

- A** Classic roof form entry verandah element (min.3m wide and 1.5m deep)



- B** Gable element contemporary facade entry



# 06

## Materials & Colour Palette

The intention behind our materials and colour palette guidelines is to create a visually appealing and cohesive neighbourhood style. This enhances the aesthetic appeal, fosters a sense of community and helps maintain property values, ensuring our neighbourhood remains beautiful, welcoming and valued by all residents.

Colours and materials must be selected from and complement the Birling Colour Palette.

The facade of your home must incorporate a minimum of two complementary finishes, such as a blend of feature brick, masonry, bagged or smooth renders, stack stone, paint or lightweight cladding.

- **Main body paint and render colours** should compliment the brick and roof materials and must be in line with or based on the Birling colour palette.
- **Trim, accent and main body colours** are provided in the colour palette as a guide and similar colours can be selected. The colours are to be used for large surface areas of the house such as wall materials, cladding or painted brick. The accent colours are used to provide contrast on smaller elements. Strong contrast in wall colours from light to dark is not permitted.
- **Face bricks** must be selected in colours that complement the exterior colour palette and architectural style of the home. Mid to dark bricks are preferred for the main wall material.
- **Feature materials** like crazy pavers and reclaimed brickwork can be selectively used on facades to add unique texture and character to a facade without overwhelming the house design.
- **Roof colours.** Dark colours with a solar absorption rating above 0.7> are not permitted. Lighter colours are preferred.
- **Roof tile and Colorbond metal roof colours** are provided in the Birling colour palette as per powdercoated finishes.
- **Garage door colours** must be selected from the Birling Colour Palette or be a colour that matches the quality and finish of the exterior of your home, assessed on merit.
- **Fencing and gates** must be Colorbond Woodland Grey, with the exception of corner lots which may be a different colour and style that matches the quality and finish of the front facade.
- **Driveways** and separate pedestrian access within the lot can be coloured concrete and must be selected from the Birling Colour Palette or be a colour that complements the dwelling colours.





# Colour Palette

**Main Body** Note: Colour codes reference Dulux colour range. Colours from alternative suppliers are also permissible.



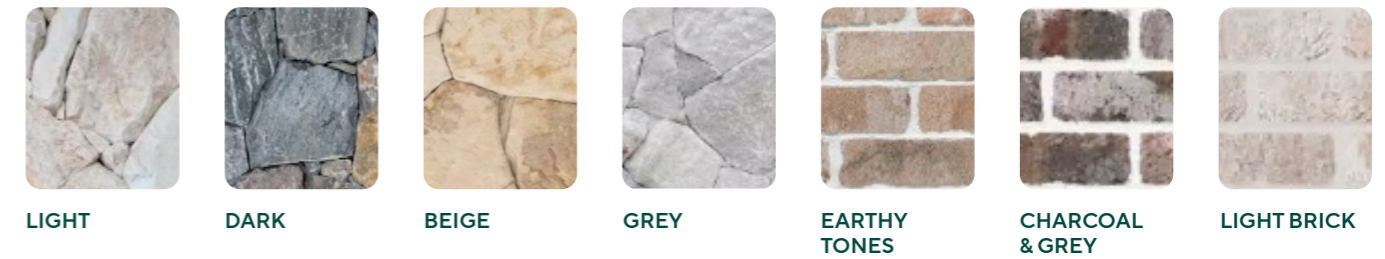
## Trim & Accent Colours



## Accent Materials – Garage Door Feature Only



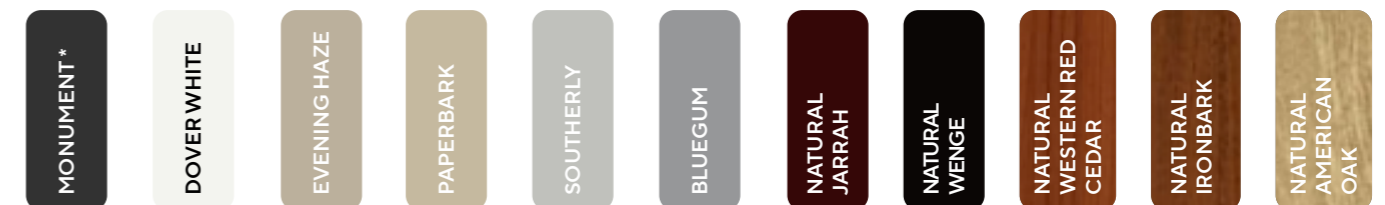
## Feature Material Only



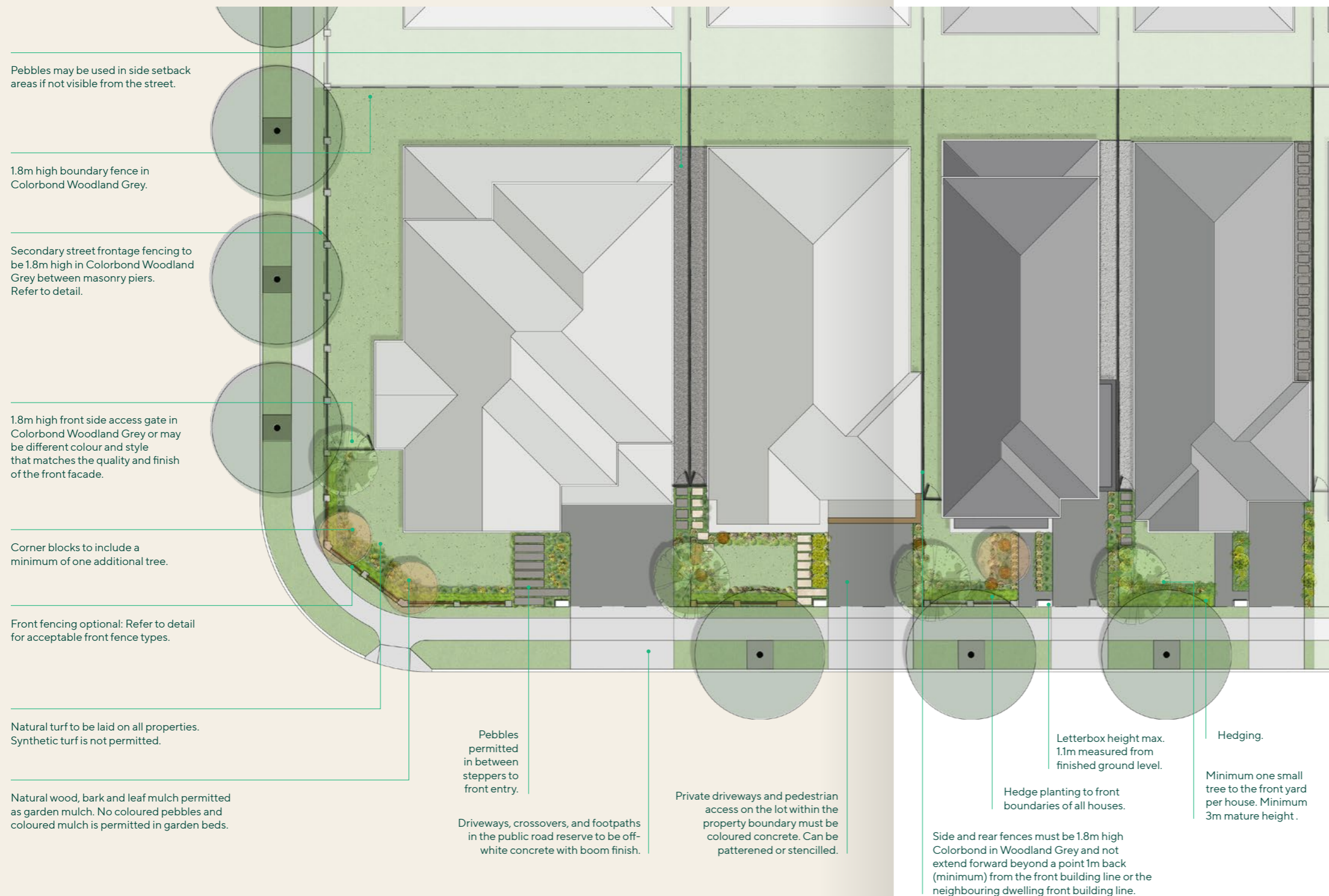
## Powder Coated Finishes – Roof, Windows & Garage Doors



## Timbers



# Landscaping, Fences, Paths, Letterboxes & Driveways

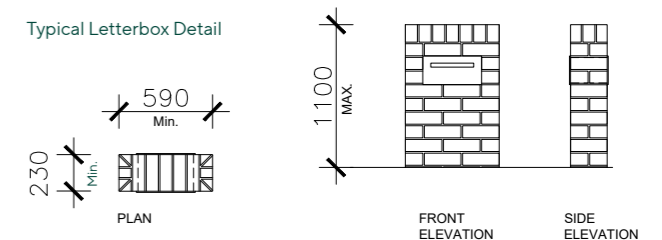


Landscaping creates a welcoming and visually appealing environment, increasing street appeal and providing outdoor recreational space. Fences offer privacy, security and define property boundaries while letterboxes serve as both a practical and decorative element. Well-designed pedestrian paths ensure safe and easy navigation around the community and driveways provide convenient and secure parking. Together, these elements contribute to the overall harmony, usability and attractiveness of a home and neighbourhood, making them more inviting and enjoyable for residents and visitors alike.

## 7.1 – Primary Street Front Yard

- Private driveways and pedestrian access on the lot within the property boundary can be coloured concrete (colour must be selected from the Birling Colour Palette). All driveways and pedestrian paths in the front yard (private land) must be plain, patterned, stencilled or stamped concrete in one colour only.
- A separate pedestrian access path must be provided from the front boundary to the front of the home, independent from the driveway. Can be coloured to match the driveway or landscape steppers to compliment the design of the home. Minimum width 0.9m.
- Driveways, cross-overs and footpaths in the public road reserve (verge areas between the kerb and the front boundary) must be plain, off-white concrete with a broom finish.
- Retaining walls visible from the street must be masonry, face brick/block retaining wall, either rendered or painted to match the house. Acceptable masonry blocks include concrete blocks with smooth or rock faces in charcoal or light natural earth colours and tones, with matching capping blocks.
- No timber retaining walls or concrete sleeper retaining walls are permitted to be visible from street.
- All letterboxes must be constructed in either face brick or bagged/rendered and painted in a colour that complements the house. Height 0.9m to 1.1m measured from finished ground level with a minimum width of 0.59m.
- Where a front fence is constructed, the height of the letterbox should align with the height of the front fence.
- A planted hedge in a garden bed is required along the front boundary. Hedging to be planted every 0.5m maximum to ensure minimal visibility of mulch within two years (minimum 300mm pot size).
- Front yard landscaping must include a minimum of one small tree (minimum 75 litre pot size with minimum mature height of 3m) and natural turf to be laid.
- Synthetic turf is not permitted.
- Side and rear fences must be 1.8m high Colorbond in Woodland Grey and not extend forward beyond a point 1m back (minimum) from the front building line or the neighbouring dwelling front building line.
- Coloured pebbles and coloured wood mulch are not allowed as garden mulch. Only natural wood, bark and leaf mulch are permitted.
- Pebbles may be used in side setback areas if not visible from the street (i.e. behind a fence) and between paving slabs for entry pathways, provided they are not the dominant element.
- Where street trees are provided on the road verge they must be maintained and protected during construction. If damaged during construction, it is the purchaser's responsibility to replace the tree of the same size/species.

Typical Letterbox Detail



## 7.2 – Secondary Street Frontage (Corner Lots)

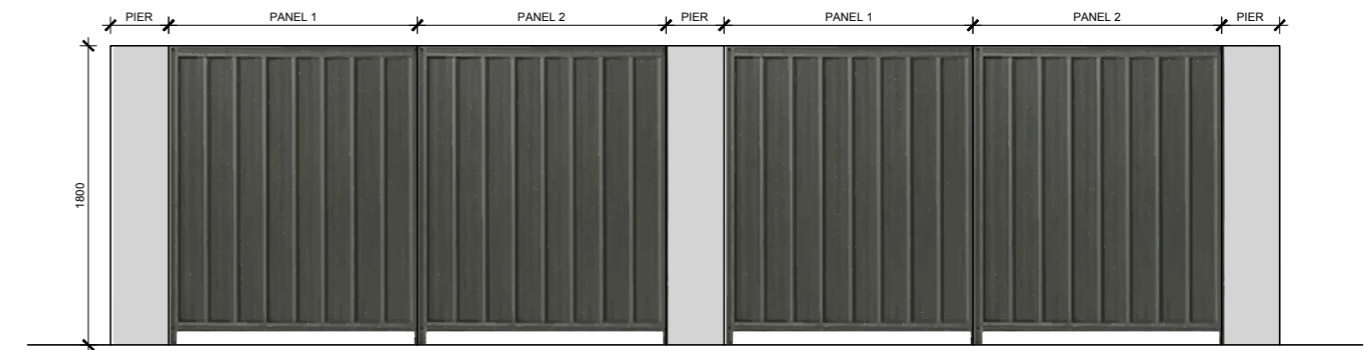
- Front side yard landscaping to the secondary street must include a minimum of one additional small tree (minimum 75 litre pot size with minimum mature height of 3m), hedge plants to the front part of the secondary street boundary (minimum 300mm pot size) and natural turf to be laid.
- The section of fence abutting the secondary street enclosing the rear or side yard is to be 1.8m high Colorbond Woodland Grey fence panel between masonry piers (minimum 0.35m x 0.35m) in a face brick or bagged and painted in a colour that complements the house colour palette. Maximum distance between secondary street masonry piers is 4.8m.
- The secondary street frontage side gate must be located a minimum distance of 4m behind the front building line.
- Retaining walls visible from the street must be either rendered and painted masonry to match the house, or masonry blocks including concrete block, smooth or rock face in charcoal or light natural earth colours and tones with matching capping blocks.
- No timber retaining walls or concrete sleeper retaining walls are permitted to be visible from the street.
- All fencing and walls must be constructed horizontally, stepping to suit any landform slope and maintain minimum/maximum height.

## 7.3 – Front Fencing (Optional)

- Where front fencing is proposed, it must be constructed from masonry and vertical aluminium powdercoated infill fencing in a colour that complements the style of the home.
  - Front fence piers:
    - Minimum size: 0.35m x 0.35m
    - Maximum width: 0.72m x 0.35m
    - Maximum distance between piers: 3m
    - Must terminate with a pier
    - Not necessary to return down the side boundary
    - Maximum height 1.1m
  - Base: No minimum requirement, however if proposed, must be constructed integral with the piers and of the same finish. The maximum base height is to be no greater than 0.35m.
  - No horizontal slats or timber infill panels permitted in front fence detail.
  - Vertical fence panels shall include suitable separation to ensure visibility through the fence.
- All fencing and walls must be constructed horizontally, stepping to suit any landform slope and maintain minimum/maximum height.

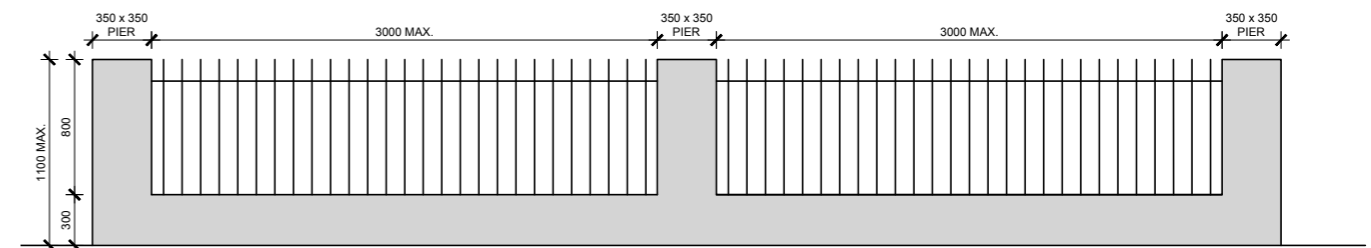


Typical fence detail for secondary street frontage



**Note:** Masonry base constructed and finished in the same material as the piers, accepted where level difference occurs between lot and road.

Typical detail front fence (optional)



## 7.4 – Acceptable Front Fence Types



### FENCE TYPE 1

Masonry pier with vertical infill

### FENCE TYPE 2

Masonry pier with flagstone feature and vertical infill

### FENCE TYPE 3

Masonry pier and base with vertical infill

### HEDGING ONLY

## Secondary Street Frontage Fence



### FENCE TYPE 4

Secondary street frontage fencing to be 1.8m high in Colorbond Woodland Grey between masonry piers. Refer to detail.

Front fencing optional: Refer to detail for acceptable front fence types

For illustrative purposes only.

## 7.4 – Planting – Trees & Shrubs

Landscaping is an important element of any dwelling design. Done well, it enhances kerb appeal, can add value to the property, creating a welcoming atmosphere and a consistency to the overall streetscape.

The area between the front building line of the dwelling and the front property boundary must contain a minimum of 50% soft landscape, via a mix of natural turf and gardens beds. A minimum of one 75 litre tree should be planted in the front garden, with the use of deciduous species for sun-control into the dwelling recommended.

The careful selection of drought resistant planting in your landscaping can help to reduce water consumption and also ensure that the natural beauty of your home is maintained in times of low rainfall.

The tables below provide a list of suitable suggestions for front landscaping and should be used as a guide to assist in your landscape planning.

TREES	MATURE HEIGHT	NATIVE (N) / EXOTIC (E)
Coral Bark Maple	6m	E
Kurrajong	12m	N
Ivory Curl Flower	7m	N
Dwarf Flowering Gum	5m	N
Tuckeroo	8m	N
Poached Egg Camellia	6m	E
Crepe Myrtle	7m	E
Dwarf Evergreen Magnolia	4m	E
Crab Apple	6m	E
White Cloud Tree	6m	N
Flowering Pear	7m	E
Lilly Pilly	5m	N



Coral Bark Maple



Ivory Curl Flower



Crepe Myrtle



White Cloud Tree

SHRUBS	MATURE HEIGHT	NATIVE (N) / EXOTIC (E)
Lilly Pilly Species	200mm	N
Banksia Species	200mm	N
Bottle Brush Species	200mm	N
White Correa	200mm	N
Native Fuchsia	200mm	N
Emu Bush	200mm	N
Gardenia	200mm	E
Revolution Gold	200mm	N
Western Boobialla	200mm	N
Coastal Rosemary	200mm	N



Flower Gum



White Correa



Gardenia



Coastal Rosemary

## 7.5 – Planting – Understory

GROUNDCOVERS	MATURE HEIGHT	NATIVE (N) / EXOTIC (E)
River Wattle	140mm	N
Kangaroo Paw	140mm	N
Birthday Candles	140mm	N
Cut Leaf Daisy	140mm	N
Cousin it 140mm	140mm	N
Kidney Weed	140mm	N
Honey Myrtle	140mm	N
Boobialla	140mm	N
Trailing Pratia	140mm	N
Everlasting Daisy	140mm	N
Creeping Rosemary	140mm	N
Fairy Fan-Flower	140mm	N
Native Viola	140mm	N



River Wattle



Kangaroo Paw



Everlasting Daisy



Birthday Candles

CLIMBERS	MATURE HEIGHT	NATIVE (N) / EXOTIC (E)
Purple Coral Pea	140mm	N
Guinea Flower	140mm	N
Rocktrumpet	140mm	E
Bower Plant	140mm	E
Star Jasmine	140mm	E



Bower Plant



Camellia

GRASSES	MATURE HEIGHT	NATIVE (N) / EXOTIC (E)
Tall Sedge	140mm	N
Flax Lily	140mm	N
Blue Fescue	140mm	N
Mat Rush	140mm	N
Swamp Fountain Grass	140mm	N
Purple Fountain Grass	140mm	E
Tussock Grass	140mm	N
Kangaroo Grass	140mm	N



Blue Fescue



Purple Fountain Grass



Mat Rush



Flax Lily

HEDGES	MATURE HEIGHT	NATIVE (N) / EXOTIC (E)
Japanese Box	300mm	E
Camellia varieties	300mm	E
Lilly Pilly	300mm	N
Sweet Viburnum	300mm	E



Buxus varieties



Hardenbergia violacea

## General Items – Street Amenity & Privacy

To maintain our beautiful streetscapes and create a sense of unity and consistency throughout the community, we have guidelines in place to help you and your designer plan a home that meets the high standards we set at Birling. We've given a great deal of thought to privacy, security, comfort, functionality and aesthetics, coming up with a blueprint for you to follow in order to uphold the value of your home and make Birling a wonderful environment for all to enjoy.

### GENERAL ITEMS

- Airconditioning units, hot water units, gas bottles, PV system batteries, electric car charging ports, water tanks, clotheslines and garbage bins must not be visible from the street
- Solar panels are not permitted on the roof of the front facade.
- External window roller shutters and security blinds are not permitted to be visible from the street.
- Electrical meter box colours must complement the wall colour.
- Garden sheds are not to be directly visible from the street or public domain and should have minimal visual impact on neighbouring dwellings.
- Carports are not permitted.
- Due to Council dwelling density limits, no further re-subdivision of any lots within Birling is permitted. Similarly, no dual occupancies, secondary dwellings, "granny flats" or the like are permitted.
- The telecommunications network within Birling has been developed to include the provision of internet services, free-to-air television, and subscription television through the NBN full fibre network. There is no need for individual homes to install traditional TV antennas or pay TV satellite dishes, and as such, these are prohibited. For connection requirements, please refer to your builder.
- Reticulated Gas is not available to the site. Gas bottles are permitted but must not be visible from the street



# Online Resources

All online forms, checklists and frequently asked questions can be found at the 'Build at Birling' page on our website.

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