

TOWN OF COTTESLOE



Works and Corporate Services
Committee

ATTACHMENT 10.1.1

Meeting Date: 19 June 2012

Mayor Kevin Morgan

Cottesloe Town Council

Broome St

Cottesloe W.A 6011

PLAY EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE ALLOWED ON VERGES

I think that play equipment should definitely be allowed on verges.

I have several reasons to support my point of view. My first reason is that the trampoline on our verge is the centre point of our neighbourhood. It brings children of all ages together. Parents know each other from one end of the street to another from meeting at our trampoline.



Bouncing on a trampoline is a great way to burn off energy and it's also really fun. Instead of having to race around a track to get fit, why not just bounce on a

trampoline? Bouncing on a trampoline is an easy and fun way to get fit. Trampolines on verges are also easy to access because they are just out the door. To get to a running track or gym you will have to take a car, bus or train.

The trampoline is a great place for children to play because we get lots of freedom and independence there. I've been jumping on our trampoline since I was two and even now it's a great place bounce around and spend time with my friends.

Your concern may be that children break bones doing upside down tricks and that you get sued for this. My parents have insurance for this.

In conclusion you should definitely not ban play equipment on verges.

Yours sincerely

Alexandra



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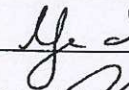
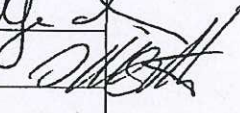
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Creating a Child Friendly Neighbourhood in Cottesloe



We ask The Town of Cottesloe to change its Policy regarding Play equipment on Residential Verges. Currently Council Policy does not allow play equipment to be placed on the verge.

Many families in Cottesloe have found that play equipment on verges makes for happier, outgoing children and has helped people in the street get to know each other. The play equipment acts as a focal point for all residents and encourages spontaneous encounters that build a stronger community.

Griffin Longley from Natureplay WA says, 'Local Councils need to encourage child friendly neighbourhoods. Play equipment on verges provides children access to the play opportunities they need to develop. The value is far greater than the possible risks and it benefits the whole community.'

Nature Play WA is, a Government Funded Agency, devoted to helping children and their families connect with nature and help build stronger, healthier communities.

What about liability?

The Town of Cottesloe Policy for Residential Verges clearly states that it is the owner's responsibility to accept all liability in respect of damages to persons or property as a result of a verge development. Added to this is the fact that Household Insurance contains Public Liability cover, even if the items are located on a council verge. This insurance is usually \$20 million dollars.

Furthermore Tracy Blaszkow, the Coordinator for Playground Advisory Service Kidsafe WA, says, 'Contrary to the fear of litigation, I have never heard of any Council anywhere in Australia being sued over this issue.' She notes, with some irony that, 'The street swing or climbing rope with a fraying rope is less likely to cause injury than the council playground. The reason for this is simple; on a "safe" playground every step is evenly spaced and every surface so predictable that children don't think about what they are doing. Parents also don't assess the risk to their children because someone else says it's safe.'

Kidsafe is the leading Australian, non-government, not-for-profit charitable organisation dedicated to preventing unintentional childhood injuries.

Clearly The Town of Cottesloe needn't have issue with play equipment on residential verges? To the contrary we believe the Town of Cottesloe should actively encourage residents to use their verge as a place to enjoy and meet neighbours.

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22/05/2012

TO THE TOWN OF COTTESLOE

Dear Council members

As rate payers and the parents of two young children, we fully support the petition to allow children's play equipment on local verges.

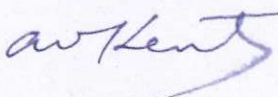
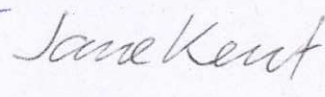
I have sat at my desk in Chamberlain Street for many years looking out at children passing our house and having a turn on our little swing on the verge; it seems the height of insanity that the council would oppose this.

Play equipment encourages a healthy and inclusive community, and is part of what makes Cottesloe such a wonderful place to live.

Thankfully, in our dealings with the council over many years we have found them to be sensible and helpful, hopefully the decision regarding this issue will not be an exception.

Thank-you and kindest regards

Adam Kent Jane Kent

Sam Kent Julia Kent

RESIDENTIAL VERGES

(1)

OBJECTIVE

1. To develop an attractive and safe streetscape.
2. To discourage verge parking wherever alternatives exist.
3. To encourage owners and occupiers of premises to maintain their street verges.
4. To ensure that verge treatments comply with the Local Law relating to thoroughfares.
5. To ensure that verge developments are not hazardous to pedestrians, cyclists or motorists.
6. To encourage alternatives for verge treatments which remove or reduce the use of bore water, fertilisers, weedacides, pesticides and non-absorbant materials.
7. To encourage the use of indigenous plant species.

(2) PRINCIPLE:

1. The road reserve area is under the control of the Town of Cottesloe but owners and occupiers are encouraged to maintain street verges.
2. All developments on street verges must be safe at all times for the general public when using the road verge for normal, legal activities.
3. The Town of Cottesloe plus a range of Service Authorities will impact on the road reserve from time to time with infrastructure construction and maintenance activities.
4. With the reducing availability of mains water and bore water supplies, Council supports alternatives to reticulated verge lawns, particularly the use of indigenous plant species.

(3) ISSUES:

- (a) All verges are affected by intermittent construction activities, to improve paths, drainage and roads, as well as for the maintenance of public services eg; power, water, communications and sewer lines.
- (b) Landscape designs for the road verge must have compliance standards to ensure 'extreme' or dangerous treatments do not occur.
- (c) If plants larger than semi-prostrate species are to be planted, then the general maximum height allowed is 600mm, unless on a 40 metres wide road reserve where the maximum height is 1.5 metres, apart from street trees.
- (d) Verge treatments undertaken by owners or occupants do not include street trees. All street trees are installed and maintained by the Town of Cottesloe.
- (e) A permit is not needed for a grass lawn area.
- (f) Verge treatments are not approved for the purpose of providing extra

TOWN OF COTTESLOE POLICY

Species Selection

The Town of Cottesloe encourages the use of planting of native and in particular indigenous plants (plants naturally occurring within the Town of Cottesloe) within verge areas. Owners are free however to choose the species of plants planted within their verge and are not restricted to native or indigenous plants. All species of plants whether native or exotic must comply with the aforementioned clauses and be suitable for the location in which they are planted.

Procedure

No permit is required from Council for planting lawn on verges.

A permit is required for all other works in the verge such as garden beds, shrubs, kerbing, paving, retaining walls, pipelines and below ground reticulation systems. This shall be obtained by the owner/occupier submitting an application in writing with a sketch plan that shows the details of the proposal.

Landscape Design

Landscape designs must comply with the following conditions:

- i) Comply with the Local Law relating to Thoroughfares.
- ii) Provide adequate access to the letterbox for mail delivery.
- iii) Provide unobstructed pedestrian access to existing signs, water meter, telecom pit and manhole covers.
- iv) Where there is a bus stop, provide clear access of at least 1.2 metres wide around the bus stop, and between the footpath and the bus stop.
- v) Pathways through verge plants may be constructed of any solid material such as tree rings and stepping stones, providing they do not protrude above kerb level and are laid flush with the surrounding ground.
- vi) Height and placement of plants must not obstruct slight distance for pedestrians and road users.
- vii) On 20 metre wide road reserves, no plant shall exceed 600 mm in height. The same applies to intersections for sight clearance. On 40 metre wide road reserves, plants shall not exceed 600 mm in height 2 metres from the kerb line and from the property boundary. On these very wide road reserves plants are allowed up to 1.5 metres high in the centre of the verge width, ramping down to 600 mm high 2 metres from the kerb line and property boundary.
- viii) Paving of generally only one third of the residential verge area, including the crossover, is permitted. Verges adjacent to approved commercial premises may exceed this providing the area is broken up with landscaping to adjacent areas or around approved street trees. All brick paving must have a header course on all edges.
- ix) Retaining walls, rocks and sleepers are permitted only in special circumstances where difficult site conditions prevail.
- x) All garden kerbing shall be flush with the ground surface unless around