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*Design  
Guidelines*

WHERE GREAT THINGS COME

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# 1. Overview

## 1.1 Introduction

Kala Estate is a boutique master planned community designed to embrace a lifestyle of tranquillity with generous parklands, open spaces and wetlands.

Within easy reach of esteemed and future schools, community facilities and future town centres, and with seamless access to Princes Highway, Princes Freeway and train networks, Kala residents will enjoy the ongoing benefits of growth and convenience.

Designed and delivered by SIG Group, one of Australia's leading developers creating exceptional communities, these carefully considered guidelines have been developed to safeguard the best interest of residents and to enhance the natural character of its surrounds.

The Kala Estate Design Guidelines seek to ensure all homes meet community expectations of quality, contemporary style, presentation and finish.

Equally, they also determine how each property will sit comfortably and harmoniously within the natural beauty of the environment at Kala Estate.

## 1.2 Developer Approval Process

### *Awareness*

Homes must be designed having regard to the Design Guidelines. Please ensure that your builder or designer has a copy of the current Design Guidelines before you start designing your home. The most up to date version can be downloaded at [www.kalaestate.com.au](http://www.kalaestate.com.au).

### *Design*

Upon understanding the Design Guidelines, design your home so that it complies.

### *Submission*

Prepare your application and upload it to the Design Review Panel (DRP) portal. Find the link at the bottom of the Kala website home page.

### *Assessment*

Allow 10 working days for your application to be processed. The DRP will approve your application if it complies with the Design Guidelines.

### *Not Yet Approved*

Applications that do not yet comply with the Design Guidelines will be returned with suggestions on how to comply.

### *Resubmission*

Amended plans may then be resubmitted for approval.

### *Approved*

Following the approval, you must then obtain a building permit from a Building Surveyor.

### *Begin Construction*

With a building permit, you may commence construction.

## 1.3 Submission Requirements

All submissions for Developer Approval must be in PDF format and include the following information:

- Site plan with dimensions and showing:
  - Lot boundaries and any easement(s) on title.
  - Proposed building footprint and all proposed setbacks.
  - On-site car parking and driveways.
  - Location and type of fences.
- All floor plans, roof plans and elevations, with dimensions, showing the internal layout, and any pergolas, decks, terraces, balconies, verandas, windows, doors and other openings.
- A Colour Board in PDF format with all external finishes, materials and colours clearly labelled to show which building element they represent.
- Landscape plan with dimensions and showing:
  - Extent of all hardscape and softscape.
  - Planting schedule that lists all proposed species referenced on landscape plan.
- For lots with a height difference of more than 1.5m between the highest point and the lowest, please include at least one sectional drawing that explains the extent of proposed cut and fill locations and heights of any proposed retaining walls.

## 1.4 Submissions

When you are ready to make your submission for Developer Approval, you can lodge it at the DRP portal. Find the link at the bottom of the Kala website home page. Users must first register to use the portal. Once this has been done, log in and simply enter the relevant details when prompted.

Generally, we will review and respond to you within 10 working days of your submission, but this time may vary depending on the nature and completeness of your submission.

Please note that incomplete submissions are the single greatest cause of delays in obtaining a Developer Approval. Check that your submission includes all the required information before lodging it. Complete and thorough submissions take the least time to process, review and approve.

## 1.5 Resubmissions

If submitting a revised proposal, highlighting the changes on the plans will help to speed up the processing and assessment.

## 1.6 Timing

### 1.6.1

Construction of your home must start within 1 year of the settlement date. Completion of your home, including garage, driveway, fencing and retaining walls should occur within 2 years of settlement.

### 1.6.2

The driveway must be constructed before the Certificate of Occupancy is issued.

### 1.6.3

Fencing must be constructed within 30 days of the issue of the Certificate of Occupancy.

### 1.6.4

All Front Gardens must be landscaped in accordance with these Guidelines (including all turf, soft landscape and pathways) within 3 months of issue of the Certificate of Occupancy. The Front Garden must be kept presentable and well maintained at all times, with no excessive weed growth.

## 1.7 Definitions

For the purposes of these guidelines:

- Public Realm is any land that is within the ownership of a public body, including Council and servicing authorities.
- The Primary Frontage is the boundary that abuts the Public Realm on a lot with one boundary abutting the Public Realm, the shorter boundary on a lot with more than one boundary abutting the Public Realm, or as otherwise noted on the Plan of Subdivision.
- The Secondary Frontage is the longer boundary on a lot with two intersecting boundaries abutting the Public Realm.
- The Front Façade is the elevation that addresses the Primary Frontage.
- A Corner Lot is any lot with a boundary with a Secondary Frontage.
- On Corner Lots, the primary frontage is the shorter one abutting the Public Realm, unless noted otherwise on the Plan of Subdivision.
- For all lots, the Lot Width is the width of the lot at the front building line.
- Front Garden refers to the whole area between the front boundary of a lot and the dwelling, garage & return fence.
- Natural Ground Level means the ground level after engineering works associated with the subdivision.
- An Outbuilding is a structure not attached to the dwelling, such as a shed or gazebo.
- Building Envelope Plan means the Building Envelope detailed on the Plan of Subdivision for a particular lot.
- Front Loaded refers to a lot where the garage is accessed from the primary frontage.
- Rear loaded refers to a lot where the garage is accessed from the rear or side of the lot, usually from a lane or secondary street.

## 1.8 Small Lot Housing Code (SLHC)

Lots that provide a single dwelling and have an area smaller than 300m<sup>2</sup> are also subject to the requirements of the Small Lot Housing Code (SLHC). In the event of any clash between the SLHC requirements and these Design Guidelines, the SLHC shall take preference. The DRP will not assess proposals against the requirements of the SLHC.

### 1.9 Developer Approvals

All homes built at Kala Estate must be approved by the Design Review Panel (DRP) prior to lodging for any Building Permit or commencing any construction works. The DRP is appointed by the developers of Kala Estate to oversee and implement the objectives of the Design Guidelines.

The Design Guidelines may be changed from time to time at the discretion of the estate developer.

Applications for the Developer's Approval will be assessed against the current version of the Design Guidelines. Interpretation and application of these Design Guidelines are at the sole discretion of the DRP. The DRP's decisions are final. No claims shall be made to the Developer, the DRP or their representatives with respect to the decisions made.

The DRP reserves the right to vary or waive the requirements of the Design Guidelines if it believes that a proposal (or an element of a proposal) that is not strictly in accordance with the wording of the Design Guidelines nonetheless makes a positive contribution to the overall objectives of the built form and/or streetscape at Kala Estate.

Resubmissions for a lot that has already had an application approved will incur a fee of \$260. Lots found to be non-compliant after a previously approved submission will be issued a corrective action notice and will incur a fee up to \$250 for its auditing work. If the corrective action is not completed, the estate developer may take legal action to enforce compliance.

### 1.10 Other Approvals

The requirements detailed in this document are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other legal or statutory requirements. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure any other approvals, authorisation permits or other requirements are obtained and satisfied.

## 2. Siting

### 2.1 Lot Layout

#### 2.1.1

Only one dwelling is permitted per lot, unless otherwise provided on the relevant Plan of Subdivision.

#### 2.1.2 Lot Coverage

The area covered by buildings must be no more than 60% of the lot's area.

#### 2.1.3 Minimum Floor Area

Dwellings must have a minimum floor area as per the table below:

Lot size	Min. Dwelling size
Less than 300m <sup>2</sup>	100m <sup>2</sup>
More than or equal to 300m <sup>2</sup> & less than 450m <sup>2</sup>	120m <sup>2</sup>
More than or equal to 450m <sup>2</sup>	150m <sup>2</sup>

## 3. Building Envelope

### 3.1 Building Setbacks

#### 3.1.1

If the lot is designated as a Small Lot Housing Code lot, the setbacks given in the Small Lot Housing Code apply.

#### 3.1.2

If a lot is not designated as a Small Lot Housing Code lot, the setbacks contained within the Building Envelope Plan for the lot apply.

#### 3.1.3 Extend into the Front Setback

The following structures may extend from the Front Façade of the house towards the front of the lot:

- up to 1.5m - balconies, verandas, open porches, covered walkways and porticos;
- up to 600mm - eaves, fascias and gutters.

#### 3.1.4 Extend into the Side and Rear Setback

The following structures may extend from the house towards the side and rear boundaries of the lot up to 600mm:

- eaves
- fascias
- gutters
- screens
- balconies
- verandas
- open porches
- covered walkways
- porticos

### 3.2 Building Height

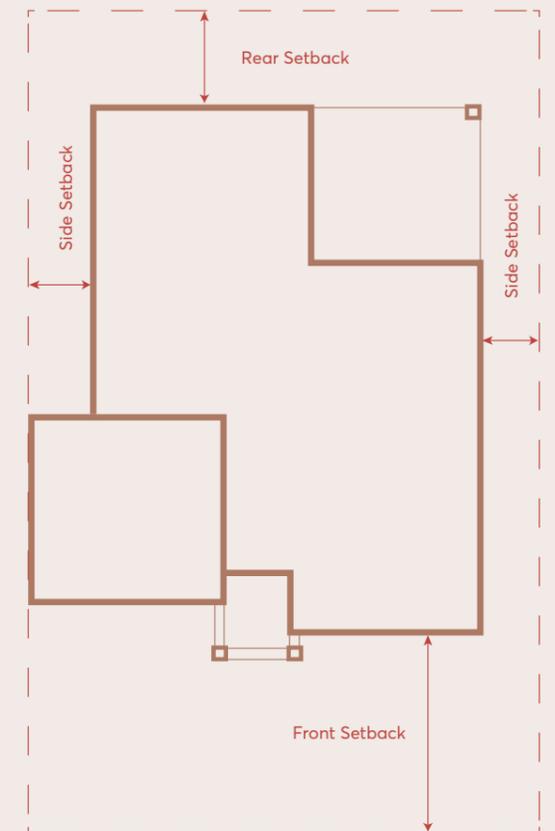
The height of all buildings on the lot must be no more than 9m and must be no higher than two storeys above Natural Ground Level, unless otherwise stated in the lot's applicable zone.

### 3.3 Interface Housing Area

If the lot abuts Mt Ararat South Road:

- it must contain no more than one dwelling;
- the house must be set back from the front boundary of the lot by at least 8m; and
- any fence within 3m of the front boundary of the lot must be no higher above Natural Ground Level than 1200mm

3.1.1 Building Setbacks



# 4. House Exterior

## 4.1 Character and Visual Style

### 4.1.1

The exterior of the house must be a contemporary style. Historical styles, such as Edwardian and Georgian, are not permitted. Period elements, such as quoins, fretwork, gable vents and mouldings, may be approved as part of a contemporary façade. The determination of this issue is at the sole discretion of the DRP.

### 4.1.2 Identical Façades

The appearance of the front exterior of the house must not be identical or very similar to any other existing or planned houses within three lots in both directions on both sides of the street. The determination of this issue is at the sole discretion of the DRP. Precedence will be given to the earlier application.

## 4.2 Massing and Articulation

### 4.2.1

Every façade facing a lot boundary abutting the Public Realm must be at least moderately articulated.

A façade will be deemed to meet this standard if it includes:

- A horizontal step of at least 500mm, excluding to a garage
- A structure that helps articulate the façade, such as a balcony, veranda, porch, pergola, awning, sunshade or screen

### 4.2.2 Upper-Level Articulation

If the Front Façade of the house has two or more storeys, it must be articulated by structures such as balconies or other protrusions, and a by a change in materials and or finishes.

### 4.2.3 Front Entry

The front door of the house must be prominent, visible from the primary street, and complement the Front Façade.

### 4.2.4 Entry Size

A front entry structure, such as a porch or veranda, must be provided as part of the Front Façade, with a covered area of at least 3m<sup>2</sup> and a depth of at least 1.5m.

## 4.3 Materials and Finishes

### 4.3.1

The colour scheme of the house exterior must use muted neutral colours in light tones. A material schedule with colour samples must be included in the application.

### 4.3.2

The Front Façade must include at least two materials, finishes, or colours. Each must cover between 15% and 70% of the walls of the Front Façade, excluding all openings, such as windows and doors. Contrasting render colours will be deemed to comply, but not two colours of face brick.

### 4.3.3

Suggested materials for the Front Façade include: render, face brick, timber cladding, stone and painted weatherboards. Other materials may be approved by the DRP.

### 4.3.4

Both side façades must be treated with the same materials, colours and finishes as the Front Façade for at least the front 1.5m.

### 4.3.5

If the lot is 12.5m wide or narrower, the Front Façade of the house must include at least one habitable room window per level.

### 4.3.6

If the lot is more than 12.5m wide, the Front Façade of the house must include at least two habitable room windows per level.

## 4.4 Roof Design

### 4.4.1 Roof Pitch

The roof pitch of the house must be at least 20 degrees or less than 10 degrees.

### 4.4.2 Parapets

If the house has a flat roof, it must be concealed by a parapet above any façade facing the Public Realm and extending along any adjoining façades for at least 3m.

### 4.4.3 Roof Cladding

Roof cladding must complement the style of your house. Any part of the roof visible from the Public Realm must use metal sheets with a corrugated profile, or tiles with a flat profile.

### 4.4.4 Roof Finishing

All roof cladding, guttering and fascias must have a matte finish, be non-reflective, and be coloured muted grey, charcoal, bluey-grey or green.

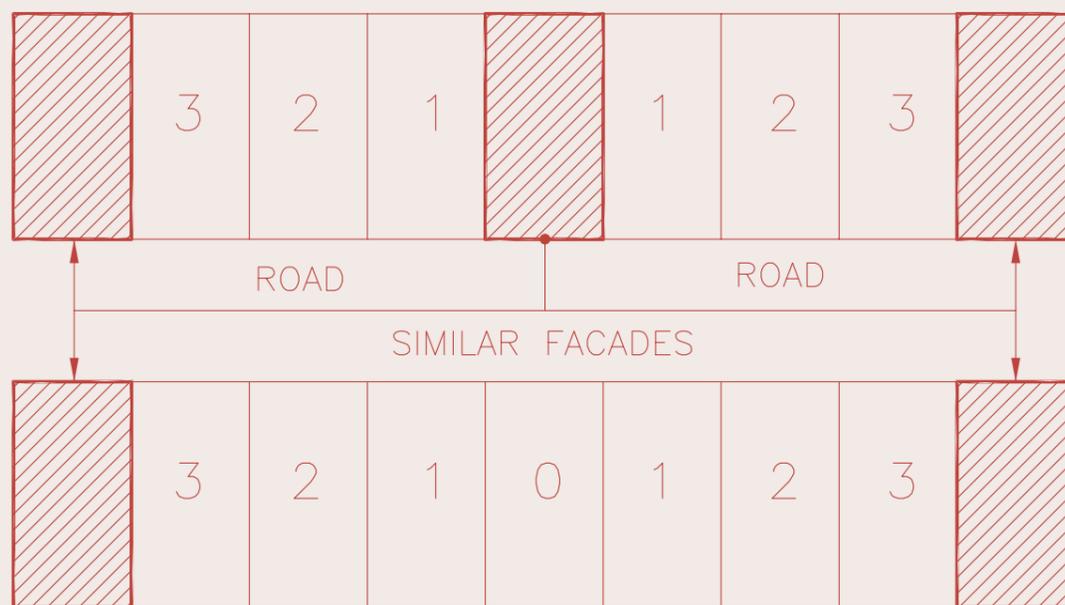
### 4.4.5 Metal Sheeting

All metal sheeting, such as roofing, tanks and fencing, must be painted. This includes galvanized iron and Zinalume.

### 4.4.6 Eaves

- On a single storey house, eaves at least 450mm deep must be provided over all façades facing the Public Realm. They must extend along adjoining façades at least 3m.
- On a house of two or more storeys, eaves at least 450mm deep must be provided around the entire house.
- Eaves are not required over a wall constructed on a lot boundary or in front of a parapet.

4.1.2 Identical Façades

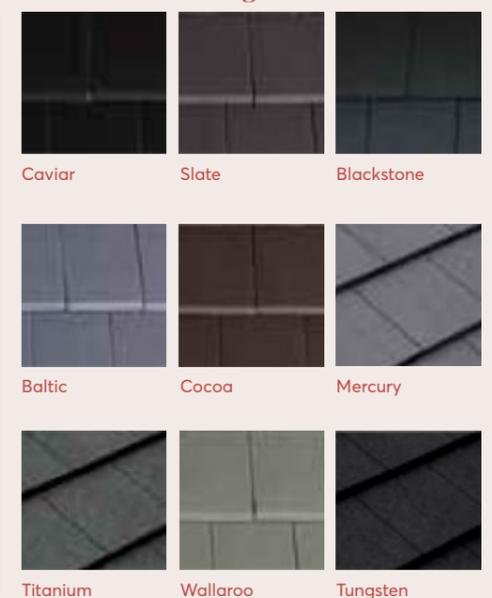


4.3 Materials and Finishes

### Metal roof colour range



### Tile roof colour range



## 4.5 House Exterior

### 4.5.1

Roller doors or roller shutters must not be used if visible from the Public Realm.

### 4.5.2

External glazing that is visible from the Public Realm must not contain leadlight, stained glass, reflective glass or patterned film.

### 4.5.3

Sliding windows must not be installed on any façade facing the Public Realm, unless on the ground floor behind a privacy fence.

### 4.5.4

Air-conditioning units and associated cabling on walls or roofs must not be prominent when viewed from the Public Realm. Typically locate them below the roof ridge line and in the rear of the lot. Colour them to match the adjoining wall or roof. The units, where appropriate, must be fitted with noise baffles.

## 4.6 Corner Lots

If a lot is a Corner Lot:

### 4.6.1

The façade facing the secondary street must be treated in a similar manner and quality as the Front Façade to at least as far back as the return fence. This includes: windows size, number and placement; materials and finishes; addition of articulating structures such as pergolas, porticos, porches, verandas and balconies; and roof elements, such as gables. The determination of this issue is at the sole discretion of the DRP.

### 4.6.2

Materials used on the Front Façade must extend along the Secondary Frontage at least 3m.

### 4.6.3

Corner features must be forward of the return fence and or readily visible from the Public Realm.

### 4.6.4

The side wall of the house in front of the place where a return fence is or could be must have at least a moderate level of visual interest.

### 4.6.5

If a wall in a façade facing a secondary street is longer than 10m, it must be varied along its length. Techniques to vary a long wall include: stepping the wall at least 300mm deep for at least 1m; or using a different material or colour for at least 2m.

### 4.6.6

A façade facing a secondary street must contain at least two habitable room windows per level, or must contain windows to at least 50% of the rooms on that façade, whichever is the greater number.

## 4.7 Garages

### 4.7.1

Development of the lot must include a fully enclosed garage. A carport or an open sided garage is not sufficient.

### 4.7.2 Double Garage

If the lot is 12.5m wide or wider, development on the lot must include a garage with capacity for at least two cars.

### 4.7.3 Garage Setback

- The garage must be set behind the Front Façade of the house at least 500mm. This distance is measured from the front wall, not from a veranda or porch.
- If the lot is a Corner Lot and the vehicle access is from the secondary street, the garage must be set back from the lot boundary by at least 2m.
- If the vehicle access is from the rear of the lot, the garage may be on the lot's rear boundary.

### 4.7.4 Garage Opening

- If the Front Façade of the house includes a garage opening, the total width of any openings must not be more than 40% of the Lot Width.
- If the Front Façade of the house is more than one storey, the area of the garage opening must be no larger than 30% of the total area of the Front Façade.

### 4.7.5 Garage Door Type

If a garage door is visible from the Public Realm, it must be either a sectional overhead or tilt panel type only.

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# 5. External Elements

## 5.1 Driveway and Crossover

### 5.1.1

Each lot must have not more than one crossover per frontage.

### 5.1.2

The width of the driveway at the lot boundary must match the width of the crossover.

### 5.1.3

The driveway must be no wider than the garage opening.

### 5.1.4

The driveway's material must be exposed aggregate concrete, concrete coloured throughout, or brick or concrete pavers. Uncoloured concrete or stenciled concrete must not be used.

### 5.1.5

The driveway's colour must be muted.

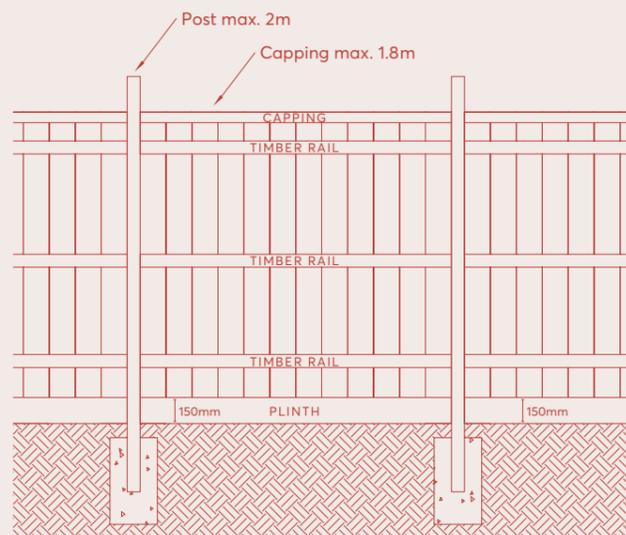
### 5.1.6

A garden bed at least 500mm wide must be provided between the driveway and the nearest side boundary of the lot.

### 5.1.7

The driveway must be constructed before the Certificate of Occupancy is issued.

5.2 Fencing



## 5.2 Fencing

### 5.2.1

Side and rear boundary privacy fencing must be made from exposed timber posts no more than 2.0m high; timber rails; a 150mm bottom plinth; lapped vertical timber palings; and timber capping no more than 1.8m high.

### 5.2.2 Privacy Fencing

Privacy fencing must be set back at least 1m behind the closest front wall of the house, except where the lot boundary is also the rear boundary of an adjoining lot.

### 5.2.3 Secondary Frontage Fencing

A privacy fence along the lot boundary adjacent to a secondary street must be set behind the closest front wall of the house at least 3m.

### 5.2.4 Return Fencing

A return fence, with or without a gate, must be provided between the side boundary of the lot and the house.

It must be:

- Constructed with materials and finishes to match or complement the adjacent fence; and
- The same height as the adjacent fence.

### 5.2.5 Front Fencing

- A front fence is permitted but is not compulsory. If a front fence is constructed, it must be no more than 1.2m high above Natural Ground Level.
- Any part of the front fence higher than 700mm above Natural Ground Level must include openings in at least 50% of the area.
- The front fence must complement the dwelling's style, materials and colour. Acceptable material combinations may include: timber slats; masonry pillars with timber or metal infills; and timber posts with metal infills. Wooden palings, and heritage styles, such as Victorian or Edwardian fence types, are prohibited.

### 5.2.6

Fences along the side boundaries of the lot in front of the house must only occur if: the lot has a front fence; they have a maximum height of 1.2m; they are made of the same materials and specification as either the front fence or side boundary privacy fences. Side boundary fencing is not permitted where the lot has no front fence.

### 5.2.7 Gate

Any gate in a fence must match or complement the fence in terms of materials and finishes.

## 5.3 Front Yard Landscaping

### 5.3.1

The Front Garden must complement the design of your house and be contemporary in style.

### 5.3.2

At least half the front yard must consist of permeable surfaces. This may include areas such as lawn, garden beds and compacted stone toppings. To this end, it is suggested that pedestrian access to the front door be via the driveway, rather than via a separate path.

### 5.3.3

At least half the number of plants in the front yard must be native species.

### 5.3.4

At least one tree must be planted in the front yard with a height at maturity of at least 4m and a height after planting and any associated pruning of at least 1.5m.

### 5.3.5

All garden beds in the front yard must be edged using metal, plastic or timber.

### 5.3.6

Garden beds must be mulched to help keep the soil moist. Use pine bark or other organic matter, or decorative pebbles. Note, brightly coloured or coarsely textured wood mulches (such as dyed shredded wood or shredded pallet wood) and brightly coloured pebbles (such as reds or whites) are not permitted.

### 5.3.7

The front yard must be landscaped within three months of the Certificate of Occupancy being issued.

### 5.3.8

The Front Garden must be kept presentable and well maintained. This includes but is not limited to being free of weeds, litter and debris. Lawns must be regularly mown and kept free of weeds.

### 5.3.9

Environmental weeds must not be planted or grown on the lot. See the list of environmental weeds by the Cardinia Shire Council and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

## 5.4 Retaining Walls

### 5.4.1

Use graded slopes or freestanding retaining walls to accommodate differences in ground level. Landscape these areas to soften their appearance. A retaining wall must be no more than 1.0m high, with a garden bed at least 200mm wide provided below it. For more height, use more than one wall, with each set back from the lower one with a planting strip at least 500mm wide. Council approval may be required for retaining walls. Owners should make their own enquiries.

### 5.4.2

A freestanding retaining wall visible from the Public Realm must be constructed from aesthetically suitable materials such as: painted or stained smooth sawn timber; coloured and textured concrete sleepers; and blockwork with a bagged and painted, rendered or stone clad finish. Unpainted timber and unfinished blockwork are prohibited.

### 5.4.3

The extent, height and finish of all proposed retaining walls must be included in any application for developer approval.

## 5.5 Outbuildings

### 5.5.1

Any Outbuilding must be:

- no more than 3.6m high
- constructed of materials and or colours consistent with the house
- not readily visible from the Public Realm

## *6. Services and Ancillary Items*

### **6.1 Recycled Water**

#### **6.1.1**

One or more rainwater tanks must be provided to store roof runoff, with a minimum capacity of 2,000 litres.

#### **6.1.2**

The house must be connected to the purple pipe recycled water system.

### **6.2 Opticomm**

#### **6.2.1**

The house must be connected to Opticomm.

### **6.3 Letterbox**

#### **6.3.1**

The letterbox must complement the style of the house, be substantial, and be constructed from metal, timber, brick or rendered masonry. A 'box on a stick' is prohibited.

### **6.4 Solar Equipment**

#### **6.4.1**

Photovoltaic panels and solar water heating panels must not be attached to any wall or roof where they will be prominent from an adjacent street.

### **6.5 Screening**

#### **6.5.1**

Ancillary structures and items must be located so that they are not readily visible from the Public Realm. This includes items such as: rubbish bin storage areas, washing lines, hot water systems, any water storage tanks, swimming pools, spa pumps, and external plumbing other than that for rainwater.

#### **6.5.2**

If a truck, commercial vehicle exceeding 1.5 tonnes, recreational vehicle, trailer, caravan, boat, horse float or any other similar vehicle is parked or stored on the lot, it must not be easily seen from the Public Realm.

## *7. Maintenance of the lot*

### **7.1**

No advertising signage is permitted on the lot, whether it is vacant land or occupied.

### **7.2**

During development of the lot, construction rubbish must be stored in a skip or bin.

### **7.3**

Motor vehicles must not park on verges, footpaths, nature strips or parks.

### **7.4**

Construction materials must be delivered and stored within the lot, and not on the nature strip, adjoining lots or anywhere else.



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