

Proposed Landscaping Strategic Plan – 2020

Aim

We aim to achieve the following with the landscaping:

1. Attractive and inviting all year.
2. Manageable maintenance of the church's ground. This includes pruning branches from neighbouring properties, moving lawn outside the church's yard.
3. Will not be a danger, incur damages or compromise security to the building and infrastructure eg. Falling tree limbs or cracking of concrete wall and floors.

Plants

The kind of plants to be included depends on which part of the grounds and the purpose of that area. A possible breakdown of the zones is:

Focal point

This is all the area visible from the main entrance gate, the carpark and front of the building. This is the area to include eye catching showy shrubs with long flowering periods interspersed with splashes of colours from the flowering bulbs and annuals.

The larger, taller shrubs will be planted along the fence line. Smaller shrubs and ground covers will be planted in front of them to produce a layer effect. This could be extended to include plants that spill over the retaining wall. It may be possible to have this showy effect for most of the year with careful consideration to flowering periods, autumn foliage etc. Gaps between plants could be fill with flowing bulbs and annuals.

Side Front fence line

The fence should not be highlighted as we do not want to exclude the outside world. The plants in the area would be groundcovers and some lower shrubs to soften the look of the bare walls without giving the perception of barriers.

Outside the downstairs boardroom area

Low flowering plants, herbs and other attractive edible plants could be included here to provide views from within the boardroom and from the walking path outside.

Back fence facing the Shopping Centre Carpark.

The ground area between the fence and the building is covered with grass and it is about half a metre wide. This grassed area is an extension of the grass in the public area outside the fence. Some possible solution may include mulching this space to reduce the need to mow this area. The maintenance here may include the occasional weeding. The other possibility would be to plant low growing plants on the public side just outside the fence. This will take the focus away from the wire fence and makes the building more appealing when viewed from the carpark.