

YES! If...



Making it easier to bring more life to your street.

Are you a...

Resident

who would love a stronger sense of community in your neighbourhood?

Retailer

who would benefit from a flourishing and more prosperous shopping street?

Government professional

who wants to enable all this, and are just as frustrated with red tape as the residents and businesses?

Group

passionate about improving the town centre or a public space?

Do you wish there were some simple ways you could help bring life to your street, without needing to jump through bureaucratic hoops?

These 'Yes, if...' guidelines reduce red tape by spelling out what you can do without needing permission. Using a 'common sense' approach, it gives you a field of play.

There may still be some negotiation required with the local government, but the intent is that this simplifies things for everyone, with practical considerations covered (such as access, safety and legality).



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General Guidelines for everyone

YES! You can use the footpath and verge... if you:

1. Leave an unencumbered walkway. The 'rule of thumb' is 1.2m in residential areas and 1.8m in shopping areas*.
2. Help create a busy vibe through 'linger notes' (e.g. seating, nature play areas and book libraries) that encourage life in the street.
3. Maintain a safe environment for people with vision impairment or mobility challenges. Ensure items are not easily knocked over.
4. Make installations easy to move or relocate. The people whose property it is in front of should be consulted about the installation. (The local government may remove any installation not considered to meet safety or aesthetic standards).
5. Discuss your plans with neighbours and make sure everyone's practical needs are met.
6. Ensure sight lines for cars are not obstructed at corners and exit points*.
7. Run a social event or celebration but you are not closing the street to traffic.
8. Treat drivers as a guest in your outdoor living room, not as an intruder.

YES! You can use private land to enrich community life... if:

9. You have permission from the landowner.
10. It is yours (especially if you are removing your front fence).

*It's best to check with your local government



Guidelines for ...

Residents

YES! You can use the footpath and verge... if you:

1. Observe all general conditions on the previous page.
2. Treat your street as your *outdoor living room* by making yourself and others feel at home.
3. Act as a guest in the neighbourhoods you drive through by slowing down.

LGAs

1. Use this document as a discussion starter with residents, retailers and groups. Ask them if they would like your LGA to formally adopt a YES! If... document like this.
2. Download the proforma version of this document, decide if there are any changes you want to make to it, and add your logo and contact details.
3. Distribute and promote on your website.
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Retailers

YES! You can use the footpath and verge... if you:

1. Observe all general conditions on the previous page.
2. Remove clutter by having no more than one A-frame and check with your local government about heights, locations and more. Find more creative ways to draw attention to your business. A great window display or display on the footpath has more impact than an A-frame.
3. Ensure that your public liability insurance covers the footpath/verge outside your shop.
4. Take responsibility for managing the area outside your shop.
5. Be creative. What you put outside your shop is your 'business card'. It should be engaging, classy, playful, inspiring. Help lift the tone of the entire precinct.

Are you a group?

Turn over the page for more info

Groups

YES! You can use the footpath and verge... if you:

1. Observe all general conditions on the previous page.
2. Ensure enough space to open car doors.
3. Get approval for more permanent installations from the people whose property the installation is in front of.
4. Do not destroy or damage local government assets that are in good condition (With prior permission, these may be moved.)
5. Enhance, redeploy or replace assets that are in poor condition.

YES! You can use parking spaces and the road reserve... if you:

6. Avoid impediments to traffic and maintain adequate sightlines.*
7. Place installations in parking bays provided they have written approval of the people whose property this installation is in front of, and that they are easy to remove.*

YES! You can put installations on private property... if you:

8. Have approval of the property owner and your proposal is exempt from the requirement for development approval.

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Although this guide helps make it easier for people to improve their public spaces, please discuss your proposal with your local government.