



## Planning Information Sheet: Little Street Libraries

### INTRODUCTION

This document aims to clarify the requirements for the installation of Little Street Libraries situated on private land and on public land.

#### What are Little Street Libraries?

Little Street Libraries aim to promote literacy, build a sense of community and promote reading. Various little free libraries are being installed in places such as parks and residential properties within the City of Canning.

The 'little library' is a simple book swap concept - they are filled with books so that anyone can stop by and collect a book or two, providing they replace the ones that they take with other books. They are accessible from the street, and are an invitation to share the joys of reading with your community.

The City supports the installation of little free libraries on private land, as they encourage an interest in reading by making books more accessible in different locations in the community.

For a list of the current Little Street Library locations within the City, please visit:

<https://www.canning.wa.gov.au/places-and-events/places-to-learn/canning-libraries/little-street-libraries>

### LITTLE STREET LIBRARIES ON PRIVATE LAND

The City of Canning supports the provision of Little Street Libraries on private land, subject to the following processes outlined in this document.

#### Do I need planning approval to install a Little Street Library?

Little Street Libraries on private land that meet the locational criteria outlined below will not require planning approval.

#### Where can I install my Little Street Library?

Little Street Libraries should not be located within a designated 'Truncation Area' (as outlined in [State Planning Policy 7.3 – Residential Design Codes Volume 1](#)). The 'Truncation Area' is the area near a driveway within 1.5m of where the driveway meets the front boundary of a property, or where two streets intersect. The grey shaded areas in Diagram 1 shows an example of truncation areas.

These truncation areas are required to ensure safety by providing unobstructed sight lines at vehicle access points. Little Street Libraries should be located outside of the truncation area. In the event that a little library is located within the truncation area it should not exceed a height of 750mm.

**Figure 9a – Locations of truncations or reduced fence height**

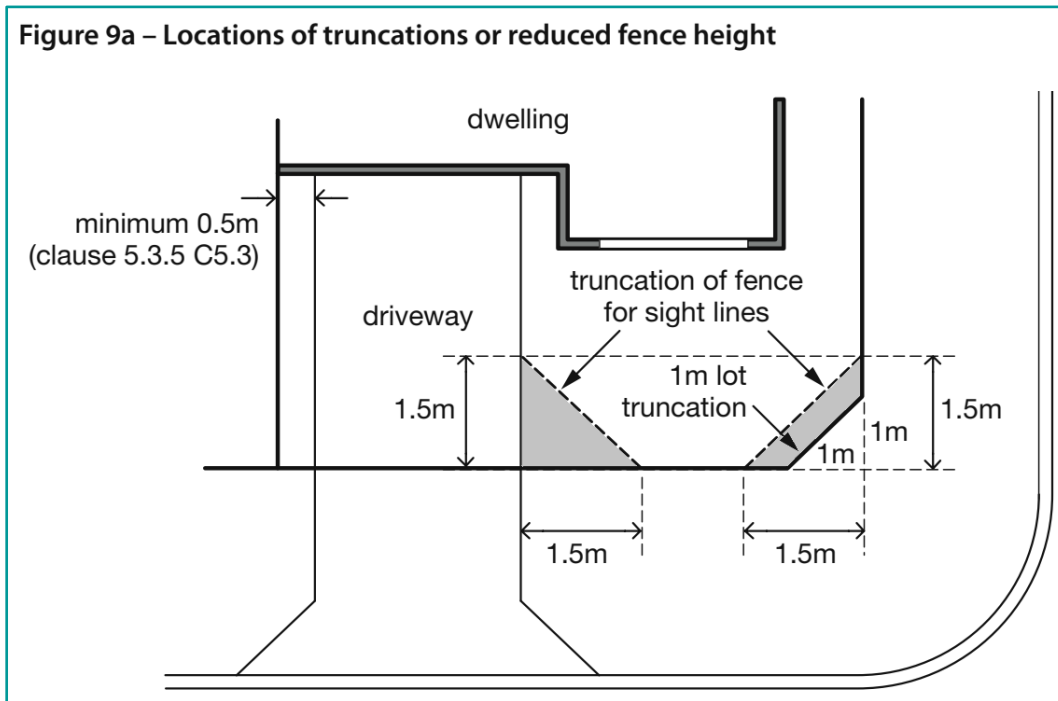


Diagram 1

### **LITTLE STREET LIBRARIES ON PUBLIC LAND**

The City does not support the provision of Little Street Libraries on public land, including (but not limited to) neighbourhood parks, verges and road reserves.

### **DOES THE CITY PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF LITTLE STREET LIBRARIES?**

The City does not provide funding for Little Street Libraries. Any ongoing upkeep and maintenance is the responsibility of the applicant or landowner.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you are interested in installing your own library within your private property boundary, the following website provides some useful information:

Street Library Australia – <https://streetlibrary.org.au>

Should you have any further questions, you are welcome to contact the City's Community Learning Team by telephone on 1300 422 664, or via email at [library.services@canning.wa.gov.au](mailto:library.services@canning.wa.gov.au).

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