



# Design Guidelines

December 2017

The Rivergums  
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# Introduction

## Purpose of these Design Guidelines

These Design Guidelines are in place to encourage the best possible housing design outcomes and to reflect the project vision at The Rivergums. Every lot purchaser is provided a copy of these Design Guidelines when signing their land contract. Please forward a copy to your builder/architect to ensure they are addressed in the design of your new home.

These Guidelines also reflect Cedar Woods' commitment to deliver sustainable communities and will help reduce your home's operating costs.

## What happens first?

- STEP 1** Decide on your builder, house type and facade. Ensure the builder has a copy of the Design Guidelines.
- STEP 2** Complete the Building Design Approval Checklist with your builder as you review the house plans to ensure that all of the Design Requirements are addressed.
- STEP 3** Have your builder send the completed (1) Builder Checklist (2) Site Plan (3) Elevations (4) Floor Plans (5) Material and Colour Schedule to Cedar Woods for design approval.  
Note: You can send approvals directly to [approvalswa@cedarwoods.com.au](mailto:approvalswa@cedarwoods.com.au)
- STEP 4** Cedar Woods will review your application to ensure compliance. If your home design complies with the design standards, your plan will be approved and returned to you.  
  
If your house design requires changes in order to comply with the design requirements, Cedar Woods will provide written advice detailing the areas of non-compliance and return the application to your builder for amendment and resubmission. Cedar Woods and/or your builder may be able to suggest ways to ensure compliance.
- STEP 5** Lodge your Cedar Woods approved house design to your local government for building approval.

## Application Requirements

The application requirements listed below allows Cedar Woods to thoroughly assess your house design to ensure that it achieves the best possible outcome for you and achieves the vision for The Rivergums.

All applications must be sent to:

Cedar Woods Properties Ltd  
PO Box 788  
WEST PERTH WA 6872

Or via email: [approvalswa@cedarwoods.com.au](mailto:approvalswa@cedarwoods.com.au)

### Important Notes

- Cedar Woods' Design Guidelines approval process does not constitute a local government planning or building license approval.
- Applications must contain all the required information as identified in the section 'Application Requirements'. Cedar Woods will not accept incomplete applications.
- Design approval will only be granted to an application as a whole. Conditional (partial) approval may only be granted where the colour selection remains to be made
- Design approval will only be granted in relation to the information that is detailed on the plans or otherwise submitted in your application. Any and all changes to

an approved plan or additional detail will need to be submitted to Cedar Woods for approval.

- In the case of a possible conflict between two or more standards, Cedar Woods will assess the outcome of such a conflict on its merits and general consistency with the intent of the Design Standards.
- The decision to approve an application is based on compliance with the Design Standards at the sole discretion of Cedar Woods.
- Prior agreement with the landscape design principles is required as part of your application. Qualification

for Cedar Woods' free front landscaping package is dependent on Cedar Woods' appointed landscape contractors confirming that these principles are complied with in your final landscape package.

### Relationship to Local Government Planning

These Guidelines do not replace or override, but should be read in conjunction with, the statutory planning requirements of the City of Rockingham including its town planning scheme, local planning policies, any Detailed Area Plans / Local Development Plan, the Residential Design Codes and such other planning controls which may apply.

# Builder Checklist for Design Approval

To apply for Design Approval, please complete and return the following form and attachments to: [approvalsWA@cedarwoods.com.au](mailto:approvalsWA@cedarwoods.com.au)

In accordance with the conditions of the Contract of Sale and The Rivergums Guidelines entered into with Cedar Woods, I hereby seek approval on the design and materials proposed to be used for the building as set out hereunder:

## Applicant

Name .....

Phone ..... Email .....

Address .....

..... State ..... Postcode .....

## Landowner

Name .....

Phone ..... Email .....

Address .....

..... State ..... Postcode .....

## Property Details

Lot ..... Street Number .....

Street name .....

## Declaration

Signed ..... Date .....

Print name .....

All statements made in this application are true and correct. Applicants must demonstrate compliance with all the Design Guidelines in order to be eligible for fencing and landscaping rebates.

### 1. FACADE FEATURES

Is your facade articulated, (ie not flat) and contain a minimum of one of the following features?  
- refer page 7

Yes  
 No

- Verandah (minimum depth 1.2m x 3.5m)
- Covered Portico/Porch extending from facade (1.2m deep)
- Contrasting rendered or face brick sills
- Gable/s
- Blade wall
- Archway
- Dormer windows
- Balcony

### 2. FACADE MATERIALS

Does your design include the primary material for the façade as render, single brick, HardiePlank™ or any other materials considered by the developer based on merit.

Yes  
 No

The facade contrast feature must be to a min of 10% and max of 25% from the materials below?  
- refer page 8

- Single or 2c face brick
- Tiles - metal or timber look
- Cladding - timber or stone
- Corrugated iron
- HardiePlank™ weatherboard
- Limestone

Note: 2 render colours only will not comply

### 3. WINDOWS

Are all windows on the front facade clear glazed and of a rectangular proportion?

Yes  
 No

Where wide openings are required, windows should be divided into a series of vertical panels. Sliding windows are discouraged on the front elevation - refer page 8

Note: roller shutters are not permitted on the front facade windows

4. ROOF	
Is your roof either a standard hipped roof with a minimum pitch of 25 degree? Gable/s or gablets are encouraged and can be integrated into the roof design. OR A skillion design?  Note: Roof materials shall be corrugated (ie Colorbond) or roof tiles in colour tones that match approved colour palette.  Dark roof colours are discouraged and plain zincalume roof cover is not permitted.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. DOOR (FRONT)	
Is the front door visible from the street and include any type of glazing or include a sidelight?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. CORNER LOTS	
Is it a corner lot?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Go to question 7
Does the primary street material (ie render) continue to the secondary street to at least 1.5m?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the secondary street elevation incorporate at least one window from a habitable room, in front of the boundary fence line?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. GARAGES AND CARPORTS	
Does your dwelling comprise of a double enclosed garage with a sectional door. If access is from the laneway a carport with a roller door is acceptable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the garage set back a minimum of 500mm from the front of the home. This does not include the verandah, porch, blade walls etc?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your garage accommodate at least 2 vehicles (minimum of 30m2) and is incorporated under the main roof of the dwelling?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### 8. DRIVEWAY AND CROSSOVER

Does the driveway and crossover include one of the following materials in a colour to match approved colour palette?

- Brick paving
- Exposed aggregate
- Limestone

Note: Grey or coloured concrete to driveways or crossovers are not permitted. If by owner, this will be confirmed before fencing and landscaping rebates are applied.

Yes  
 No  
 By owner after handover

### 9. LETTERBOXES

If installing a letterbox it should be a pier format in a colour and material to complement the dwelling and guidelines.

Note: Novelty letterboxes are not permitted

Yes  
 No  
 By owner after handover

### 10. UTILITIES

The following utilities are not to be on the front elevation:

- Bin storage
- Meter boxes
- Air conditioning units
- Satellite dishes
- Solar hot water units
- Rainwater tanks
- TV antennae

Yes  
 No

All applications must include:

- (1) Builder Checklist
- (2) Site Plan
- (3) Elevations
- (4) Floor Plans
- (5) Material and Colour Schedule

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# Design Guidelines

## 1. Façade Features

To create interest and give your home character, the facade must be articulated (not flat) and include a minimum of one of the following features:

1. Verandah minimum depth 1.2m x 3.5m
2. Covered Portico/Porch extending from facade minimum 1.2m deep
3. Contrasting rendered or face brick sills
4. Gable/s
5. Blade wall
6. Archway
7. Dormer windows

The upper floor of two storey dwellings should be setback from the ground floor building line to reduce the impact on adjoining properties and avoid a “boxy” appearance.

Balconies are required for a 2 storey dwelling.

Features which serve a purpose are encouraged; planter boxes are not considered to be a feature.



## 2. Façade Materials

To provide visually interesting facades we require that a combination of materials be used.

The primary material for the façade shall be render, single brick, HardiePlank™ and other materials considered by the developer based on merit.

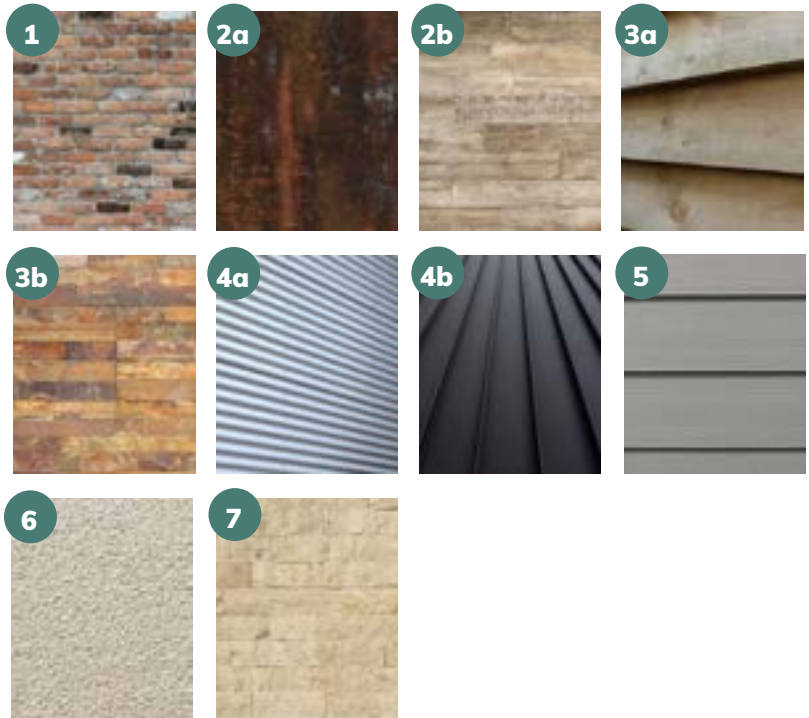
The facade should include a contrast feature to a min of 10% and max of 25% from the materials below:

1. Single or 2c face brick
2. Tiles – metal or timber look
3. Cladding – timber or stone
4. Corrugated iron
5. HardiePlank™ Weatherboard
6. Rendered finish
7. Limestone

Two render colours only will not comply.

The facade excludes the roof, gutter, downpipes, windows, brick planters and the garage door.

The façade colour palette is included to keep the estate looking consistent.



**Facade - Primary**



**Facade - Contrast**



## 3. Windows

To create an elegant design, windows facing the street shall be well considered as features within the elevation, they are to be clear glazed and of rectangular proportion.

Where wide openings are required, windows should be divided into a series of vertical panels. Awning style windows on the front elevation is preferred, and sliding windows are discouraged on the front elevations.

Note: Roller shutters are not permitted on the front facade windows.





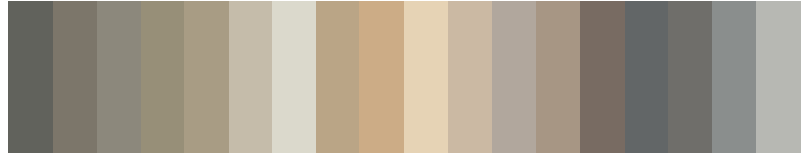
### 4. Roof

Where a sloped roof is proposed, the roof visible to the street(s) must be a minimum 25-degree pitch for the main roof. Gable/s or gablets are encouraged within the roof scape.

A skillion roof is permitted.. There must be a visible overhang to the skillion roof. A flat topped parapet wall to a sloped roof behind is permitted where the roof is fully concealed from the street(s).

Roof materials shall be corrugated (i.e Colorbond) or roof tiles in colour tones that match approved colour palette. Dark colours are discouraged and plain zincalume roof cover is not permitted.

Colours - Colorbond

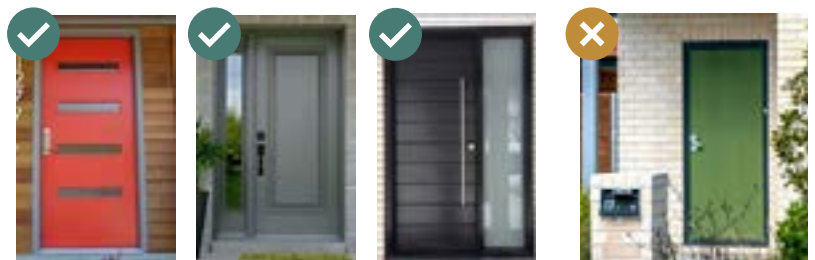


Colours - Roof Tiles



### 5. Doors (Front)

Front entry doors are required to include any type of glazing or to include a sidelight. This provides passive surveillance to the front of the home.



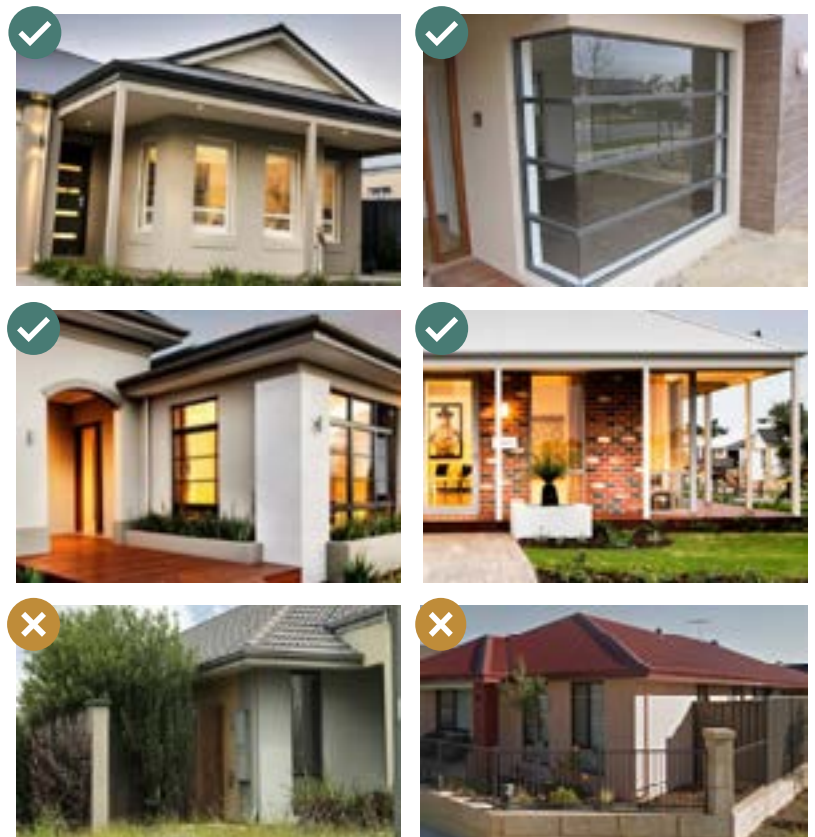
### 6. Corner lots

The dwelling shall address both street frontages and include at least one major opening from a habitable room with a clear view of the secondary street and not be obscured by fencing.

Incorporate a feature, such as the ones listed under Façade materials, to be used to address the secondary street.

If a rendered finish is on the primary street then the render needs to continue to the secondary street up to 1.5m. This will improve the secondary streetscape and will enhance the appeal of the estate.

Fences on corner lots are to finish up to brick/ rendered feature. Meter boxes should, where possible, be located on the side opposite the corner, unless this is a zero lot wall. In this instance the meter box can be positioned at a minimum of 500mm from the front corner.



## 7. Garages and Carports

Garages must accommodate at least 2 vehicles (minimum area of 30m<sup>2</sup>) and be incorporated under the main roof of the dwelling and must be enclosed with a sectional door.

Carports are permitted for laneway lots only and shall include a solid roller or sectional garage door.

Trailers, caravans and boats stored on the property should be screened from view of the street.

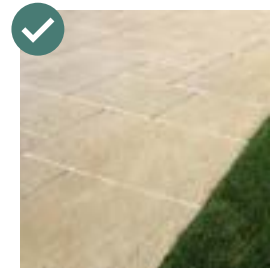
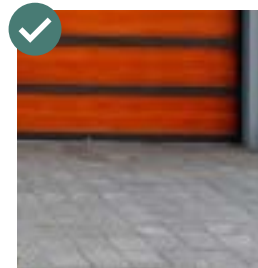
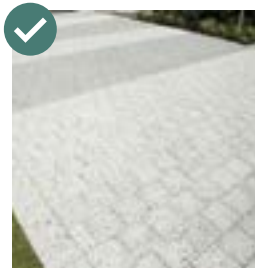
No open carports are permitted.



## 8. Driveway and Crossover

The driveway and crossover shall comprise of brick paving, liquid limestone or exposed aggregate and finished in materials and colour tones to complement the dwelling appearance unless otherwise approved by Cedar Woods.

Grey or coloured concrete to driveways or crossovers are not permitted.



## 9. Letterboxes

The letterbox shall be designed and finished in materials and natural colour tones to complement the dwelling appearance.

Pier format letterboxes are encouraged and novelty letterboxes are not permitted.

Where front fencing is erected, the letterbox design should be integrated into the fence design.



## 10. Outbuildings, Utilities and Facilities

Outbuildings, sheds, meter boxes, bin storage areas, drying areas, air conditioning units, solar hot water systems, satellite dishes, TV antennae are not to be on the front elevation, unless designed to complement the dwelling or concealed from view through use of appropriate screening.

All Air conditioning units, solar hot water systems are to be of a similar colour to the surrounding roof or building material and are not to be located above the peak ridge of the roof of the main building. On north facing lots any solar hot water systems should be ground mounted units only.

Where a rainwater tank is visible from the front street, it must be incorporated well into the design or appropriately screened.

Structures greater than 25 square metres shall be constructed in the same materials and finishes to match the house.

All piped and wired services are to be concealed from public view.



## Fencing and Landscaping

Cedar Woods provides front landscaping and side and rear fencing (excluding side gates or fencing between the house and side fence) to compliant designs completed within 24 months from settlement. The landscaping provided excludes any 'hard' landscaping materials such as paving, planter boxes, or ornamental features.

Owner installed front fencing or walls to the home is permitted but only to a height of 900mm. If 1200mm high is required then the fence should be at least 50% visually permeable.

The colours and materials are to complement the dwelling, while still maintaining the feel of the estate.

Fencing to corner sites is to be provided by Cedar Woods and should maintain an interactive street frontage for at least the first 4m from the minimum front building setback line. These fences are to be a combination of masonry or other materials as determined by Cedar Woods.



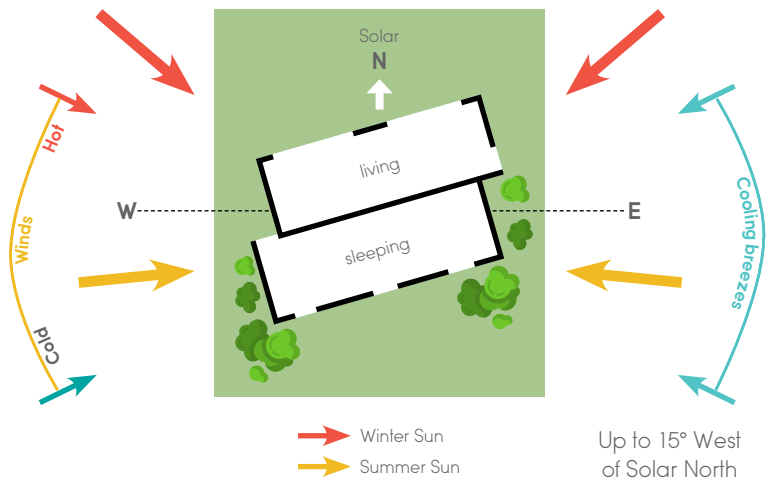
# Additional Design Considerations

Ask your builder about some other additions such as the ones below. These will cost a little more up front, but the potential savings could save you much more in the medium to long term. These items are not mandatory at The The Rivergums but are included for your consideration only.

## Climate responsive design

The cheapest way to ensure your home is energy efficient is to lay it out right. This should not add cost to your home – select a house plan which meets as many of the following elements as possible from the following list.

- Living rooms to be on the north facing side of the dwelling. If the lot faces north-west to north-east, then the living rooms can be on the east or west sides
- Bedrooms on the southern side of the dwelling
- Alfresco areas or patios to be on the east or west sides of the dwelling
- Utility rooms, store rooms, bathrooms and garage/carports to be situated on the east and west sides of the dwelling as much as possible
- Windows minimised (e.g. not to the floor) on the east, west and south sides of the dwelling or larger windows to have e-glass, double glazing or similar
- Larger windows to have awnings, deep eaves (450mm+), e-glass, double glazing or similar
- Windows to be maximised on north facing walls
- Ensure roof insulation extends to the eaves
- Use wall insulation
- Ensure breezes can flow through the home
- Tiles, linoleum or concrete floors encouraged to north or west facing living rooms
- Plant gardens which will protect the windows in summer and allow the sun in through the winter.



## Renewable Energy

Renewable Energy takes advantage of nature systems, most commonly the sun, for the production of electrical energy and water heating. Incorporating an appropriately sized photovoltaic PV system and solar water heater to match your home and family’s needs can go a long way to offsetting much of your energy demand over the year. Key renewable Energy elements include:



- Photovoltaic (PV) system
- Solar (with gas or electric booster) or Heat Pump hot water system.

## In-Home Energy Efficiency

In-home energy is a significant part of your total energy consumption. Choosing efficient appliances such as fridges and washing machines, and fixtures (such as ceiling fans and air-conditioners) can significantly reduce your energy bills.



Peak load is the increased demand for electricity mainly during summer between 3pm and 9pm. This occurs when most people are at home using multiple appliances such as TVs, computers and air conditioners. You can reduce your peak load demand by including smart meters and having peak load control devices fitted to fixtures and fittings.



Key Energy Efficiency elements include:

- Energy efficient, peak smart air conditioners
- Ceiling fans to living areas and bedrooms
- Energy efficient lights – LED or fluorescent (CFL’s)
- Automatic lighting sensors

## Water Use and Efficiency

### Alternative Water and Water Reuse

The installation of alternative water systems can significantly reduce your water bill as well as preserve water availability for the future. Harvesting and the reuse of rainwater can greatly reduce scheme water use. The best use of rainwater is to have the tank plumbed directly to toilet flushing and for cold water to the washing machine. Greywater systems reuse laundry and shower water for garden irrigation.



Key Alternative Water and Water Reuse elements include:

- Rainwater tank plumbed to laundry and toilets
- Grey water system to irrigate garden areas



## Liveability

Liveable or safe and accessible homes are designed and fitted-out to allow ease of access and use for all people, including those with limited mobility, the aged, people suffering injuries and children.

Key Liveability elements include:

- Level, well illuminated entry
- Accessible, well illuminated car parking and pathways
- Wide doorways and passages (minimum 820mm wide)
- Accessible toilet and bathroom with semi recessed hand basin and hobless (step-free) shower Minimum open flooring of 1.6m x 1m in the toilet and 2.3 x 2m in the bathroom
- Lever door handles
- Power points no lower than 300mm from the floor



## Additional initiatives

Additional methods to reduce the long term sustainability include:

- thermal performance exceeding the BCA minimum 6 star requirement;
- use of framed construction with light weight cladding (less embodied energy, better thermal performance, higher recyclable content and reduced footings compared with brick construction); or
- inclusion of ancillary accommodation to increase the design life of the building and make it more adaptable to the changing needs and circumstances of the occupants.

## Enquiries

If you have any enquiries, please contact us via:

Phone 1300 295 819

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## Disclaimers

Cedar Woods reserves the right to amend these Design Standards over time to reflect changes in development, construction practices and planning regulations. Cedar Woods reserves the right to apply, enforce, vary or waive any of the requirements if on balance the application embodies the objectives of the design principles and conforms to the contemporary Australian architectural vision.

In the event that Cedar Woods allows a dispensation from

the Design Standards, the dispensation will neither set a precedent nor imply that the approval will be repeated.

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