

Did you know?

Darker colour tones and natural materials are more likely to blend into the forested and farming landscapes in the Denmark region.



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EXTERIOR BUILDING COLOURS



Do standards for building colours apply to my property?

Standards for the colours of exterior building materials apply to the majority of Special Residential and Special Rural zoned properties within the Shire. These apply to all development including houses, sheds and tanks.

Standards for colours and design are in place in the Commercial Zone (ie. Denmark Town Centre).

There are no requirements for properties within the Residential or Rural zones.

Please refer to the Shire's *Town Planning Scheme No. 3* or contact the Shire to confirm if your property is included.



Which colours are allowed?

The Shire's Town Planning Scheme identifies colour standards in a number of ways -

- Any reference to 'natural earth', 'subtle earth' or 'natural hues' colour or 'sympathetic' colour - all colour tones are appropriate;
- Any reference to 'vegetation' colour excluding the specific reference to 'green vegetation' colour - all tones of green, brown, yellow, orange, shades of blue and red are appropriate; and
- Any reference to 'earth brown' colour or 'brown toning' - all tones of brown, including limestone and red/terracotta colours are appropriate.

Off-white colours and light tones are not supported, including Colorbond (TM) 'Dover White', 'Surfmist' and 'Southerly'.

These requirements apply to all roofing, external walls, trim and garage doors.



Sheds in the Special Residential, Special Rural & Landscape Protection Zones

The Shire's Outbuildings Policy allows for sheds that meet 'acceptable development standards' to skip planning approval and apply for a building permit.

To skip planning approval, a shed must have exterior roof and wall cladding that is has:

- Minimum solar absorptance of 0.5
- Maximum solar reflectance index of 50

(*the lightest Colorbond™ colour permitted is 'Bluegum'*)

Why do these standards apply?

Denmark has a unique landscape that is highly valued by our community and visitors.

To preserve the scenery and amenity we enjoy, the Shire's *Town Planning Scheme No. 3* identifies requirements for development in locations that are highly visible or prominent in the surrounding landscape.

Assessing development includes looking at where development sits within the landscape, how different colours and materials blend with the surrounding environment, and the reflectivity and solar absorption capacity of different materials.