

BACKGROUND

Council owns the land on which public roads and roadside reserves lie. Council maintains the footpaths and road reserves adjacent to Council owned properties. Council encourages adjoining property owners to maintain footpaths, including the mowing of grass, to provide a safe and attractive appearance of the road reserves.

OBJECTIVE

To define extent of Council involvement in mowing of footpaths and roadside reserves.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council will maintain footpaths and mow road reserves adjacent to Council-owned properties to a standard outlined in this Policy.

POLICY REVIEW AND VARIATION

- 1 Council is to have opportunity to review and adopt, at least once during its Term, each Council policy.
- 2 A resolution of Council is required to adopt any variations to this policy, with the exception of minor administrative changes, such as updates to legislative references, which may be endorsed by the Executive Management Committee (EMC). Endorsement of administrative changes made to this policy by EMC does not alter the requirement for it to be reviewed and adopted by each Term of Council.

STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES

1 ADJACENT TO COUNCIL-OWNED PROPERTIES

- a Properties with a high public visibility, such as Libraries and Council run facilities - the footpaths in the vicinity of these properties will be maintained to a suitable standard, including mowing, edging and removal of clippings.
- b Other Council properties - Mowing will be carried out to a standard sufficient for safe and nuisance-free pedestrian usage.

Council staff will determine the most appropriate treatment method to undertake this work.

2 ADJACENT TO GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTIES

Council does not mow footpaths and road reserves adjoining other Government owned property as a standard service.

3 ADJACENT TO PRIVATE PROPERTIES

In those cases where mowing is not being carried out, the property owner is to be asked to carry out the work, and if the work is not then done, Council will undertake the minimum amount of work necessary to provide safe and nuisance-free access for pedestrians. These considerations are to apply to tenanted or leased Council-owned properties with the exception that the tenant or lessor is first to be asked to carry out the work instead of the owner.

4 GENERAL

Authority to approve exceptions to this policy due to special circumstances is the responsibility of the Manager City Works and Services.

SUMMARY SHEET

Responsible Division	City Works and Services
Date adopted by Council	25 June 2018
Date of previous adoptions	EMC on 26 March 2013 ¹ , 5 August 1985
Date of next review	June 2022
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Authorised by	Manager City Works

¹ Minor change to Clause 1(a) to reference Libraries and Council run facilities (not branch offices)