

FOOTPATH DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE POLICY	
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Purpose	To ensure that a safe and accessible integrated network of footpaths is maintained throughout the Council area.

1. PURPOSE

To ensure that a safe and accessible integrated network of footpaths is maintained throughout the Council area.

2. SCOPE

The entirety of the area of Port Pirie Regional Council.

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3. DEFINITIONS

Road Reserve means the area from property boundary to property boundary.

Park Reserve means a park used by the public for recreational activities.

Footpath means the improved area of the verge parallel to the kerb and water table for pedestrians to use.

Verge means the area from the property boundary to the kerb and water table, or edge of seal, if no kerb and water table is constructed.

Hard Surface Path means a path constructed using segmental block pavers, concrete, asphalt or sprayed bituminous surfacing.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

4.1 Service Levels

A hierarchy of footpaths has been established based on pedestrian needs, traffic volume, speed and potential conflict, to enable the qualitative selection of priority streets for the construction or renewal of a footpath. This hierarchy of footpath provision shall be in accordance with Infrastructure Guidelines SA with the exception of the special use areas listed in the table below:

	Criteria	Service Level
CBD	High volume and frequency of pedestrian traffic.	Full width hard surface preferably segmental block pavers.
Special Use Areas	High volume of pedestrian traffic at peak times.	Full width hard surface path.
Sub Arterial	Typically higher volumes of vehicles. Due to roads being of high risk to pedestrians, considerations will be focused on safe pedestrian access along these roads via footpaths.	1.5m wide hard surface path on both sides of the road.
Alternative Paths	Alternative paths include footpaths and bicycle trails that are away from vehicular traffic flow.	1.2m to 1.5m

The Director Infrastructure may waive the provision of a hard surface footpath where the footpath does not form an essential link in the nominated footpath network.

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4.1 Service Levels (Cont'd)

Where no hard surface footpath is provided or warranted, Council will provide and maintain a footpath constructed using crusher sand, earth colour to DPTI standards.

4.2 Construction Priority

The footpath construction program for renewing existing footpaths will be determined by Council each year in accordance with the Infrastructure Asset Management Plan for Transport Assets incorporating footpaths. The selection of existing footpaths for renewal will be based on:

- Priority Level as per the road hierarchy;
- Safety aspects, being a combination of its condition and pedestrian volume and composition;
- The footpaths which have or appear to have more use;
- The footpath’s importance in the network (linking to other footpaths or reserves in particular), and;
- The footpath’s routine maintenance requirements.

The construction of new footpaths in existing streets will be determined in consideration of the following criteria:

- Pedestrian use and access to community facilities;
- Continuity of, and linkage to, the existing footpath network;
- The road hierarchy;
- Ease of construction;
- Resident requests.

Provision of paths in new residential developments shall be in accordance with Infrastructure Guidelines SA.

4.3 Maintenance Priority

Existing footpaths will be maintained in a condition rating of 3 or better. Priority shall be given to matters relating to public safety and accessibility, particularly in special use areas.

A quantitative system of condition evaluation will be adopted for the assessment of the existing footpath network.

4.4 Commercial Premises

Paved footways in front of commercial premises will be provided at no charge to the relevant premises provided the paving is incorporated into an overall construction program budgeted for by Council.

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4.4 Commercial Premises (Cont'd)

Where requests for paving of footpaths in front of commercial premises are received, which are not programmed works, a 50% charge will be levied and the following conditions must apply:

- Paving will not be carried out on footpaths where adequate provision of a footpath already exists.
- Premises have the choice of either concrete or paved as a footpath pavement type unless the Director Infrastructure deems a specific selection to be out of character with the surrounding area.

4.5 Ramps

That kerb crossover ramps will progressively be built into all intersections across Council's road network wherever kerb and water table exists, subject to available funds. Priority will be given in accordance with Council's road hierarchy and where the footpath is part of the nominated footpath network.

Tactile ground surface indicators shall be installed on new kerb ramps and median island crossings in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards.

Retrospective installations will occur where requests are received from the community subject to available funds.

4.6 Crossovers

Council will provide, free of charge, a driveway crossover to each rateable property where kerb and water table has been constructed. However, if the kerb and water table is mountable (roll over) type then the driveway cross over is to be constructed at the cost of the property owner. Where there is no kerb and water table, the property owner is responsible for the provision of the driveway crossover.

Any cost incurred in the relocation of existing crossing places or any approved additional crossing place, shall be borne by the owner of the property.

No crossing places shall be constructed over any footway unless the work is carried out by Council or under the control and supervision of Council.

4.7 Use of Footpaths for Business Purposes

Refer to Council's "Use of Public Road or Footpath Policy".

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4.8 Works on Footpath

Where the property owner requires to undertake works on the footpath related to the adjoining property a permit is required.

For example:

- To construct a concrete/paved/sealed driveway (driveway section from kerb to boundary);
- To lay underground pipeline or electrical service (across Council's roadway/footway);
- To lay underground stormwater pipe from property to kerb (across Council's footway).

4.9 Landscaping by Council

Street trees will be provided in accordance with Council's Tree Policy, where possible. In some instances Streetscaping of street trees with understory planting and mulching, will be included as part of full width verge development including a constructed footpath.

The exact location of a footpath within the verge shall be in accordance with Infrastructure Guidelines SA.

An assessment of existing street trees will be undertaken prior to a footpath being constructed to determine the suitability of location within the verge and the compatibility of the species or individual tree.

4.10 Landscaping by Resident

Council may permit the landscaping of the verge provided that:

- There is an existing hard surface footpath on the opposite side of the road;
- Council has no plans to construct a footpath in that area within the near future;
- A section of the landscaped area is kept clear for pedestrian movement to a minimum width of 1.5m (lawn is acceptable);
- Prior to the commencement of any work the owner of the adjoining land must submit an application to Council for approval to carry out works on the footpath, such application must include:
 - Plan detailing the area where the landscaping is to be installed, location of any trees, shrubs or other landscaping elements proposed to be installed and the location and details of any drains or irrigation proposed to be installed.

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4.10 Landscaping by Resident (Cont'd)

- The following verge treatments are PERMITTED, providing they are permeable to water and are suitable for safe pedestrian access;
 - Low plants (maximum 500mm height)
 - Street trees
 - Mulch in planted garden bed
 - Permeable paving (to be constructed to Council’s standards and manufacturers specifications)
 - Synthetic turf (to manufacturer’s specifications and Council approval)
 - Turf (irrigated and unirrigated)
 - Species of lawn to be installed and species of any trees or other plants proposed to be installed.
 - An undertaking that the owner of the adjoining land will ensure that the lawn area will be regularly watered and mown and maintained in a safe, neat and tidy condition to the reasonable satisfaction of Council.
- Written approval must be obtained from Council for the proposed work to be carried out prior to the commencement of the work.
 - Under no circumstances will Council grant approval for the installation or erection of retaining walls or other landscaping features or plants, which obstruct or hinder pedestrian traffic along a footpath.
 - Any approval issued for works on Council property shall be subject to the following condition,

“In granting approval for the installation of lawn on the footpath area in front of (insert address of property) (hereafter referred to as the said land) Council does not forfeit any of its rights, powers or responsibilities in relation to the said land and Council, or any of its employees or agents may enter upon the said land and carry out such work as Council may from time to time deem necessary. This work may include, but is not limited to, the removal of lawn or other infrastructure installed on the said land, the laying of footpaths or the planting of street trees. If Council deems it necessary to undertake work on the said land, Council, its employees or agents will not be held responsible for damage that may occur to private property or infrastructure that may be installed on the said land.”
 - The total cost of the work shall be borne entirely by the applicant seeking approval.
 - Should the landowner decide to remove or change any of the landscaping or work, approval from Council shall be sought by completing a “Permit to Carry out Works on the Footpath” and all removal and reinstatement costs be borne by the present owner/s.

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4.10 Landscaping by Resident (Cont'd)

- Should a landowner decide to remove existing lawn or landscaping from the footpath, approval shall be sought by completing a “Permit to Carry out Works on Footpath” and all removal costs associated with the removal of the lawn to be borne by the present owner/s, with Council to provide crusher dust to reinstate the footpath area.

Council can direct the property owner to remove unauthorised landscaping, or carry out remedial work to bring the area in line with permit conditions. Failure to comply with the direction gives Council the option to carry out the work and recover the cost from the property owner.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

This policy will be available for inspection at the Council offices listed below during ordinary business hours and available to be downloaded, free of charge, from Council’s internet site: www.pirie.sa.gov.au

- Port Pirie Council Administration Centre, 115 Ellen Street, Port Pirie.
- Crystal Brook Rural Office, Bowman Street, Crystal Brook.

Copies will be provided to interested parties upon request, and upon payment of a fee in accordance with Council’s Schedule of Fees and Charges.

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