



Nature Strip Mowing Policy

(Policy Number – K-INFPOL008)
(Policy Type – Council)

1 Aim

The aim of the Nature Strip Mowing Policy is to outline Council's responsibility and the property owner's role in providing a safe, functional, and aesthetically pleasing streetscape.

2 Policy Statement

This policy applies to all Council controlled lands between property boundaries and Council controlled roads in the urban areas of the Sheffield, Railton & Wilmot townships.

3 Policy Detail

Purpose	Description
Nature Strip	The area of land between a property boundary and the edge of a roadway. The primary purpose of this land is to facilitate pedestrian movement alongside the roadway and provide an area for the provision of infrastructure.
Acceptable condition of nature strips	A nature strip should be maintained to a reasonable level of appearance. This usually requires the regular mowing of the grass to keep the nature strip neat and tidy, thereby enhancing the overall streetscape of urban areas.
Council's responsibility regarding nature strips	Council will maintain nature strips adjoining or within: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public reserve areas such as parks & gardens• Council facilities such as public buildings & recreation grounds.• Central business districts• Areas of neglect, where nature strips create an eyesore or are a safety hazard. Unkempt nature strips (in residential areas) will be mown once or twice per year depending on the location and terrain.
Residents role regarding nature strips	Council does not have the resources to effectively maintain nature strips in the urban areas. As such residents are encouraged to maintain the nature strips adjoining their properties in a reasonable condition. Residents maintenance of nature strips not only benefits their adjoining property, but also assist in enhancing the attractiveness of the area.



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Special Needs Mowing Program	<p>Council has a program in place to maintain the nature strips of those residents who have a legitimate reason, or who provide evidence of a medical condition, which inhibits their capacity/capability to adequately maintain their nature strip.</p> <p>If a resident wishes to access the Special Needs Mowing Program they are to provide a medical certificate or state their reasons in a letter addressed to the General Manager. Written submissions will be assessed according to the individual circumstances.</p> <p>Those nature strips included in the Special Needs Mowing Program will only be cut approximately five times each year.</p>

4 Associated Documents and References

4.1 Strategic Plan Reference

Area	3	Infrastructure
Program	3.1	Roads
Objective	3.1	To provide an appropriate, safe and well maintained road network that caters for all road users throughout the municipality
Strategy	3.1.9	Encourage landowners to maintain nature strips with assistance provided for elderly/disabled persons

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ADMINISTERED BY: Manager Infrastructure & Assets

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its relevance in terms of community needs and expectations and Council goals, targets, budget and statutory requirements.