



Footpath / Verge Policy

Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Relevant Delegations	Director Works & Infrastructure
Legislation and References	Local Government Act 1999

1 Introduction

To provide a framework for the construction of footpaths and crossovers in townships across the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council.

Footpaths comprise of paths that meet the needs of both pedestrians and cyclists and can either be located within a road reserve or other Council land such as a community park or recreational facility.

2. Asset Management

- All constructed footpaths will be included in Council's asset register.
- All footpaths will be regularly assessed for condition and suitability against Council's footpath hierarchy and levels of service, which is incorporated in the Asset Management Plan.
- Council will ensure its footpath program is sustainable over the longer term and implement replacement programs as per the Asset Management Plan.

3. Consultation

- Council will regularly consult on its footpath hierarchy and levels of service through the Asset Management Plan Process.
- Council's footpath program will be published in its annual business plan
- Council or its contractor will advise residents directly adjacent a new footpath at least 48hrs before any works commencing and carry out works as to cause minimal disruption to business activities.
- Consultation with various interest groups during the creation of the works program will be undertaken to ensure the construction of the paths meets the community's needs.

4. Prioritisation

- Priority will be given to renewing and maintaining existing footpaths over constructing new footpaths.
- Council's footpath hierarchy, which will be incorporated into the Asset Management Plan will be used to determine the future works program.
- Priority will be given to:
 1. areas of high risk such as those with high utilisation and close to schools

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and aged care facilities.

2. areas that may require a higher level of mobility.
3. Paths linking to other paths and connecting to critical services such as banks, health, employment and educational facilities.
4. Urban areas where there are no footpaths.

5. Construction Standards

- New footpaths will be constructed of concrete, concrete pavers, clay pavers, asphalt or crusher dust. In general terms, concrete will be used in retail and tourism areas.
- Footpaths will be constructed in accordance with Council's agreed minimum engineering standard and all relevant Australian Standards or DPTI Standards where applicable.
- Kerb access ramps will be constructed at all required road intersections and set out in accordance with Australian Standard AS 1428.4, DPTI Standards and with tactile surface indicators for the visually impaired

6. Maintenance of Verge Area by Residents

Residents are encouraged to maintain the verge area between their property and the kerbing (existing or proposed) but in order to ensure public, Council access and service authority rights over this portion of the road reserve any actual development is restricted by Council.

The verge area (both underground and above ground) between the property boundary and kerbing may be occupied by the:

- SAPN underground cables, overhead wiring and poles.
- Telstra cables, pit poles, etc.
- SA Water, mains and connections.
- Council effluent mains and connections.
- Council storm water drainage systems.
- Council footpaths.
- Street trees.
- Various street furniture - sign posts, seats, bus shelters, indicator posts, etc.

In residential area, as a minimum, **the verge on one side** of the road reservation will be designated as a footpath or set aside for a future footpath. This will generally be the side opposite the light/power poles.

Any form of verge maintenance that prevents or restricts pedestrian access across or along the verge designated **for a footpath** is not permitted.

There must be no permanent vehicle, plant or trailer parking created in the road verges.

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Maintenance of the verge or the area that Council has designated **as a footpath** (or future footpath) can be undertaken as follows;

- The type or form of surface treatment may not prevent any pedestrian walking along the verge area in preference to walking on the roadway, regardless of whether a footpath has been constructed on the verge area or not.
- Must not prevent any Service Authority or Council from installing new services or maintaining existing services.
- Must allow a footpath corridor of at least 1.5m directly adjacent to the road surface or in the existing footpath corridor (if one exists). In the footpath corridor **no** grass, shrubs, trees, large bose rubble, etc, may be constructed.

The type or form must not cause a traffic obstruction or limit the vision of vehicles entering the road.

Surface Treatment

The following forms of surface treatment are permitted in the **footpath side**; Within the 1.5m footpath corridor whether existing or for a future footpath. This condition extends to 3m where a boundary fence or other clear delineation of property boundary has been constructed;

- Compacted rubble capped with crusher fines
- Asphalt or bituminous surfaces.

Outside of the footpath corridor;

- Un-irrigated grassed surface.
- Irrigated grassed surface, (other than Kikuyu).
- Mulched surface
- Rubble
- Ground cover - Shrubs, low trees (up to 500mm)
- Asphalt or bituminous surfaces.

The following forms of surface treatment are permitted in the **non-footpath** side;

- Un-irrigated grassed surface.
- Irrigated grassed surface, (other than Kikuyu).
- Mulched surface
- Rubble
- Ground cover - Shrubs, low trees (up to 500mm)

7. Crossovers

Residents may construct new driveway crossovers to Council's minimum standard, at the cost of the resident. Prior to installation Council approval must be sought.

Future maintenance of the crossover is also at the responsibility of the property owner.

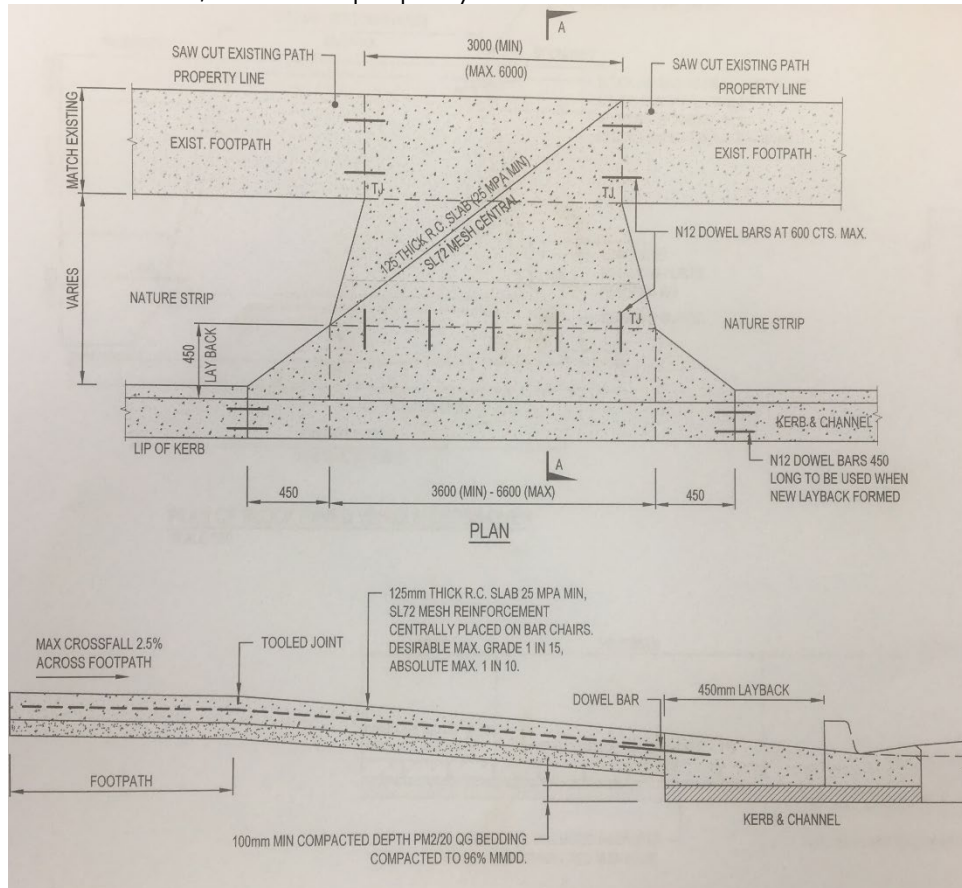
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Example of urban area, concrete property crossover detail below:



8. Review & Availability

This policy will be reviewed every four years, or as required.
 The policy is available on Council's website www.claregilbertvalleys.sa.gov.au

9. References

Local Government Act 1999, Asset Management Plans
 Asset Management and Accounting Policy

10. Document History

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CGVC	15/06/2020	New Policy Adopted by Council
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