

FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM RESIDENT INFORMATION GUIDE

This guide is provided to help you plan for Council's upcoming footpath construction works, and to help us make the process for you as simple and convenient as possible. We understand that the works near your property may be inconvenient, but letting us know your concerns and what you want will make things easier.

For example, you may want to construct a new driveway in conjunction with the footpath works or you may have plans to demolish and build a new house in the near future. We also appreciate residents removing any vegetation overhanging the verge in advance of construction as this will avoid future complications.

Please contact the nominated contact officer as soon as you can if you need further information.

Contact Officer: Andrew Strauss - astrauss@burnside.sa.gov.au or phone 0438 404 945

GENERAL INFORMATION

Footpath Location

The new footpath is generally 1550 mm wide and located between 100mm to 300mm away from the property line to account for slight variations in fence boundaries and to keep clear of small amounts of vegetation overhang. The contractors will need to prepare the ground to at least 150mm wider than the footpath width in order to install the new pavers and concrete haunch.

As part of the annual Capital Works Program bitumen, rubble, or grass footpaths and driveways will be upgraded at Council's cost to Council's standard block paving regardless of their condition to ensure consistency and safety for pedestrians and footpath users.

An existing footpath and/or driveway made of other materials, such as concrete or non-Council pavers, will be retained and the new footpath constructed up to each edge. If requested, the footpath would continue through an existing non-standard driveway at no cost to you.

If you wish to have a footpath or driveway made of materials other than our Council pavers, this would be at your cost.

Council will infill the narrow strip between the new footpath and your property boundary with either loam or dolomite sand as part of the works. You can apply to have this area infilled with either pavers or hotmixed asphalt concrete however this will be at your cost. Payment for this will need to be made before works will commence. As a guide, the approximate cost for a typical installation is between \$20 and \$30 per metre of frontage depending on width and material.

Verges

Upon completion of the footpath construction, Council will reinstate grassed verges with loam soil and gravel verges with dolomite sand. If you wish to landscape your verge area in a different manner please advise the contact officer who will issue you with a reference guide and request form for Council approval. The resident is required to pay for the cost of the proposed landscaping.

Underground infrastructure

IMPORTANT: Please mark the location of existing PIPES / WIRING / IRRIGATION on the verge before the footpath works begin.

Residents with any underground infrastructure especially wiring on or near council verge must clearly identify the location/s before the works start. Council's Contractor will take the utmost care not to damage your infrastructure; but it should be noted that Council will not be responsible for damage if you have not marked the location of the services.

Stormwater Drainage

If the existing pipes are marked by the resident and yet are still damaged as a result of the works, Council will replace the pipe with a 80mm PVC pipe. If the existing damaged pipe is a different size, the resident is required to supply the alternative pipe and end joiners.

Pop-Up/Underground Sprinkler Systems

Noting the standard dimensions of Council's footpath (1700mm wide excavation, 150mm deep and generally 300mm from the property line) there may be some instances where the sprinklers need to be relocated to account of the new or widened footpath.

The sprinklers will need to be removed by the resident in advance of the works and then reinstalled.

If a system exists and does not require relocation please clearly mark it before the new footpath works begin. If clearly marked, Council will replace any irrigation feed in-line crossing under the new footpath damaged by the footpath construction. This line will be plugged on the road side of the new footpath and left above ground for reconnection by the resident.

Vegetation

In order to minimise damage to your vegetation, such as hedges and tree branches, please cut back any overhanging vegetation and remove obstructions. Vegetation not cleared prior to the commencement of the footpath works may be cleared by Council and may result in you being required to pay for the cost.

General Works within the road reserve BY THE PROPERTY OWNER

The construction and maintenance of property owner's structures within the road reserve, such as household stormwater pipes, driveways and gutter crossings is the responsibility of the property owner as per the Local Government Act 1999, Sections 218 and 221. If you would like to undertake any works please obtain and submit an application form for a Section 221 Authorisation, which is available from Council's website at www.burnside.sa.gov.au or Council's offices at 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore.

If you want to avoid potentially higher costs by including your works with the footpath construction, please submit a Section 221 Application well before the commencement of the footpath construction.

Approval (but not a formal authorisation under Section 221) is also required for minor landscaping such as planting of trees, lawn or other vegetation and for some activities that may involve interference or removal of vegetation from the footpath or road.

All forms may be obtained online at:

http://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/Develop/Roads_Footpaths/Permission_to_Undertake_Work_on_Council_Land

During the course of the section 221 construction, the property owner (or their assigned contractor) must ensure that the site is safe for pedestrians and users of the road and verge. In extreme circumstances where Council considers the driveway represents a risk to the public it may order the property owner to carry out specified work at the property owners cost. If necessary Council may undertake the work and recover the cost of the work from the property owner. Failure to address public safety and the above issues may expose the owner/resident to potential public liability claims.

OPERATION SERVICES - DEPOT – telephone 8366 4265

Stormwater Drainage

Conveying stormwater from the house to the kerb is the responsibility of each homeowner and therefore new installations or replacing existing malfunctioning pipes is at the homeowner's cost. If you require a new pipe or wish to modify or repair your existing pipe, please contact the depot for the specifications and approval.

Council Street Trees

Council supports residents caring for the verge area in front of their properties such as watering our street trees. For a Council street tree condition assessment, maintenance, trimming, and related enquires please contact: David Sheldrick - Technical Officer Arboriculture, at the depot.

Existing Footpaths and Roads

For repair of an existing road or footpath not programmed for renewal please contact the depot.