

# NATURE STRIP MAINTENANCE POLICY

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<b>Related Policies:</b>	Nil
<b>Applicable to Unit(s):</b>	Whole Organisation
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Natural Environment and Parks
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	<i>Local Government Act 1989</i>

## OVERVIEW

To establish policy for the amenity maintenance of urban nature strips.

## THE POLICY

In urban areas, abutting property owners are responsible for the amenity maintenance of the nature strips outside their property. Generally, this refers to the regular mowing of the nature strips but may extend to the management of other vegetation types (excluding trees) as needed. Council recognise the value nature-strips can add to the biodiversity and amenity of the urban landscape. Residents, through this policy, are supported to develop landscapes in accordance with Council's Naturestrip Landscaping Guidelines.

Council, or other Service Authorities are under no obligation to reinstate landscaped areas following works.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

Wellington Shire Council is committed to upholding the Human Rights principles as outlined in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)* and referred to in Council's Human Rights Policy. The Human Rights Checklist has been completed and this policy accords with Council's policy commitment to uphold human rights principles.

## Related Documents

<b>Type:</b>	<b>Details:</b>
Procedure:	Nil
Strategy:	Open Space Plan 2014 – 2024 Naturestrip Landscape Guidelines