

RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL POLICY REGISTER

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POLICY:	COUNCIL INSPECTION, ASSESSMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF FOOTPATHS AND CYCLEWAYS
FUNCTION:	Footpaths
OBJECTIVE:	To support procedures for the inspection, evaluation and maintenance of footpaths and cycleways.
DIRECTORATE:	WORKS

BACKGROUND

- In order to minimise the potential for ‘slip, trip and fall’ injuries to occur, Council has developed a risk management approach to Council’s footpath and cycleway networks.
- Council has recognised that ‘slips, trips and falls’ associated with footpath and cycleway networks form a significant percentage of public liability claims received by councils within NSW.
- The procedures developed for this purpose are derived from industry best practice as documented in the “Statewide Mutual Best Practice Manual – Footpaths, Nature Strips and Medians”.
- This policy applies to footpaths and cycleways surfaced with concrete, asphaltic concrete, bitumen seal or pavers.
- This policy does not apply to turfed, gravel surfaced or unformed footpaths, boardwalks, walkways or walking trails.

PRINCIPLES

- To provide a managed level of public safety for users of the footpath and cycleway networks.
- To extend the life of the footpath and cycleway assets by timely maintenance and rehabilitation.

POLICY STATEMENT

- Council aims to provide a managed network of footpaths and cycleways for pedestrians and cyclists to utilise.
- The policy, together with the procedures, provides the guidelines for managing the footpaths and cycleways.

Adopted: 18/5/04 (2004-257)

Reviewed:

- Council will, within its budgetary constraints, endeavour to provide a level of funding each year to meet the maintenance requirements documented in the procedures.

RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- Register of footpath and cycleway network.
- Procedures for the inspection, assessment and maintenance of footpaths and cycleways.

REVIEW DATE

This policy will be reviewed in line with current Council practice.