


Hay Shire Council Policy



Title of Policy	Constructed Footpath Policy		
This applies to	Council Staff		
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Legislation, Australian Standards, Code of Practice.	Local Government Act 1993 Civil Liability Act 2002		
Related Policies/Procedures	Constructed Footpath Risk Management Procedure.		
Attachments			
Aim	To establish a simple, systematic and readily useable footpath inspection program for maintaining constructed footpaths in the Hay Shire Council area, to minimise the incidence of injury to pedestrians and furthermore to establish a strategy of regular and routine inspections to demonstrate due diligence.		
Version	Details	Date	
Version 1	Initial Issue	2003	
Version 6	Update	27 th July 2021	
To be reviewed			
Superseded Policies	Constructed Footpath Policy 29 th April 2014.		
The Policy			

POLICY STATEMENT

The policy titled “Constructed Footpath Policy has been prepared to comply with the Best Practice Manual – Footpaths, Nature Strips and Medians issued by Statewide Mutual and provide guidelines for ensuring Councils constructed footpaths are properly maintained and repaired.

Pedestrian safety has in the past been perceived as a complex issue, which in part arises from the highly variable nature of their physical characteristics; this is exacerbated by the dynamic nature of pedestrian behavioural and attitude patterns. Councils have limited resources and cannot repair or remedy all low-risk hazards, ensuring that existing footpaths are safe for use with reference to the Civil Liability Act 2002.

Council has considered these variables in determining the risk management procedures outlined in this Constructed Footpath Risk Management Policy and the associated procedure entitled “Constructed Footpath Risk Management Procedure”.

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Identification

The identification of footpath defects is brought to Council's attention through inspections and written and verbal requests.

Inspections are to be carried out on all contracted footpaths at the time and using the procedure outlined in the "Constructed Footpath Risk Management Procedure".

Implementation of this inspection program is the responsibility of the Director of Infrastructure and Planning or delegate.

Assessment

Risk ratings are determined using "Constructed Footpath Risk Management Procedure".

Control

The control and response time is determined using the "Constructed Footpath Risk Management Procedure".

The defects identified shall be remedied as soon as possible having regards to the risk rating, available resources and the footpath area use.

Duration and Review

This policy will come into effect on and from date of adoption by Council.

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