

POLICY NO AM06 FOOTPATH MANAGEMENT POLICY

DEPARTMENT:	Works & Infrastructure
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Manager Infrastructure and Development Services
LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:	To provide quality infrastructure which enhances the liveability and viability of our communities for residents and visitors.
STATUTORY AUTHORITY:	Local Government Act 1993 Local Government Highways Act 1982
OBJECTIVE:	It is Councils objective to provide infrastructure that is equitable to all in relation to the construction and maintenance of pedestrian footpaths, within recognised urban areas throughout the municipality.
POLICY INFORMATION:	Adopted 19 March 2012 – Minute No 03/12.15.4.069 Amended 16 April 2018 – Minute No 04/18.13.3.87 Amended 17 May 2021 – Minute No 05/21.14.5.115 Amended 15 July 2024 – Minute No 07/24.14.4.410

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1. CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

All construction shall be in accordance with IPWEA / LGAT Tasmanian Standard Drawings. All footpaths are to be constructed in a professional manner with proper attention being given to all aspects of the construction phases including excavation, bedding material, bedding compaction, finished profile, final compaction etc., to the satisfaction of Council's Works Manager.

All cable and infrastructure locations (Dial B4 U Dig) must be determined before work commences.

A traffic management plan designed by a suitably qualified person (including pedestrian management) must be implemented and the associated signage maintained for the duration of the work.

2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

The above standards may be varied to allow alternative construction materials to be used such as gravel. Standard dimensions may be varied for aesthetic reasons or to ensure integration with existing surroundings ensuring safety is never compromised.

Any such variation shall be approved by the Manager Infrastructure and Development Services or his delegate prior to construction.

3. SCHEDULING OF WORKS

All construction or major reconstruction of footpaths shall be in accordance with the capital works program as adopted by Council's budget.

4. EXTRAORDINARY REQUESTS

Any requests received for footpath construction not included in the capital works program will be listed for consideration by Council for inclusion in a future capital works program.

5. CLASSIFICATIONS & INTERVENTION LEVELS

All footpaths (walkways) in the municipality are classified according to usage, standard of construction and location. This allows maintenance planning and compliance with risk management requirements. Intervention levels refer to the degree of unserviceability that needs to exist to trigger remedial action. This recognises that it is neither possible nor necessary to have perfect conditions everywhere at all times.

▪ Class 1

High use urban shopping zone

Hard surface

Intervention Level

- Maximum joint deflection -15mm
- Maximum edge drop off - 50mm
- Pothole width - 200mm
- Pothole depth - 20mm

▪ Class 2

Feeder paths to shops / Schools / Low medium use

Hard surfaces

Intervention Level

- Maximum joint deflection -20mm
- Maximum edge drop off - 50mm
- Pothole width - 200mm
- Pothole depth - 30mm

▪ Class 3

General urban path / Moderate Use

Hard surface

Intervention Level

- Maximum joint deflection - 30mm
- Maximum edge drop - 75mm
- Pothole width - 300mm
- Pothole depth - 30mm

- **Class 4**

Gravel Path low use

Intervention Level

- Maximum surface irregularity 50mm
- Pothole width - 400mm
- Pothole depth - 75mm
- Edge drop - 100mm
- Surface washout - 75mm

- **Class 5**

Natural surface paths / Low use

Intervention Level

- Roots/unevenness - 100mm rise
- Depression width - 500mm
- Depression depth - 150mm

Corrective action will be based on the intervention levels above.

6. INSPECTIONS

Council inspections of all footpaths shall be carried out in accordance with the following regime.

- Class 1 every 4 months
- Class 2 every 6 months
- Class 3 every 12 months
- Class 4 every 6 months
- Class 5 every 12 months

All footpaths regardless of classification will be inspected for the following;

- Raised section
- Broken areas / bits missing
- Pot holes
- Loose materials or pavement
- Loose surface (gravel paths)
- Edge washouts
- Width reduced with grass
- Weeds
- Overhanging limbs
- Slippery surface
- Other trip hazards
- Service openings/lids
- Other

7. MONITORING AND REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed every three (3) years in line with the Council's Policy Framework or earlier in the event of major changes to legislation or related policies, procedures or if deemed necessary by the General Manager.