

Keeping the property neat can add value to the property and give the community a sense of pride.

You can help your community by ensuring safe and efficient access for vehicles and pedestrians on road reserve.



## Mowing & Maintenance of the Berm in Road Reserve & Road Sides Mowing



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# Council's Policy is ...

*Public Safety at all Times  
Why do we have to mow the  
Berm if it is Road Reserve?*

Council's Policy: Adopted October 1994

## Rural Areas:

### (a) Straight Roads

A 2.5 wide (maximum) strip along the road edge is mowed for safety and functionality reasons (assist run-off of water from sealed road).

### (b) Curves

Level of mowing depends on topography. Sufficient mowing is carried out to maintain visibility around curves.

## Urban Areas:

### (a) Properties where the Section has been Built On

Normally the owner of the property maintains the frontage as a matter of pride in their section.

### (b) Properties where Section has not been Built On

Normally these sections are not maintained.

Council maintains the frontage by mowing 1-2 times per year to the same standard that applies in rural areas.

## (C) Exceptions

- (i) people who do not care – Council maintains the frontage by mowing 1-2 times per year to the same standard that applies in the rural areas;
- (ii) people who are no longer physically able to carry out mowing.

As a minimum the frontages should be mowed to the same standard as rural areas.

However, because this rural standard is a lesser standard than the property owner maintained the frontage to in the past, and is no longer able to do so, which may be upsetting for the property owner. Council may then wish to do more work for these people on compassionate grounds in the interest of promoting a tidy District.

Currently there are only a small percentage of properties that come into this category.

A register is kept and the number of properties affected is monitored by Council.

If the property is sold or the owner moves or passes away, the mowing is up to the new property owner to carry out.

*To make an application for  
Council to Mow Road Frontages  
in the Urban Area*

- Applications shall be done in writing to Council;
- Each application will be judged on its merits.

A letter will be sent either saying the application has been accepted and placed on the register, or the application has been refused.

**Do NOT plant anything within  
the Road Reserve Area without  
Written permission From Council**

Council may require the owner of any land adjacent to any road reserve land (along the whole frontage of the land) to .....

- Remove or trim overhanging trees, hedges
- Cut down or grub up plants or spreading roots up to the middle of the road
- The lowering of trees, hedges, fence or wall which may obstruct the view of the traffic.

This is covered under the Local Government Act 1974. Please refer to the "Road Reserve – Trees, Vegetation, Overhanging into Road Reserve" pamphlet available from the Council office.

*For Private Sections*

Under the Amenity Protection Bylaw /adopted on 21 February 2002, if a justified complaint is received the occupier of the land will be required to maintain sections in a tidy manner.

Enquiries regarding this should be referred to the Environmental Services Department.