

# FOOTPATH AND CYCLEWAY RISK MANAGEMENT

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**NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL POLICY**

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### **Statement of Intent**

To provide for the improvement and maintenance of paved or concrete footpaths / cycleways to provide safe pedestrian walkways and reduce potential risk hazards to the public in its use of paved or concrete footpaths.

### **Definitions**

Footpath - any constructed pathway within a road reserve or on council controlled public land.

Road Reserve - includes pavements, footpaths, nature strips, driveways and all other areas under Council's control.

### **Policy Statement**

Council shall provide an annual footpath budget to provide for footpath maintenance, footpath replacement and footpath construction (new).

Determination as to which areas of footpath are repaired / replaced shall be identified by evaluation of:-

- regular risk inspections
- informal inspections by works staff
- reports from general public

Regular risk inspections shall be conducted of footpaths in town and village CBD areas to identify risk hazards of the public footpaths. An inspection report shall be prepared by the footpath inspection officer and sent to the Works Manager for evaluation.

The risk hazards identified will be evaluated in the following way:-

RISK	HIGH probability of incident affecting consumers (high use areas – malls etc)	MODERATE probability of incident affecting consumers (moderate use areas – side streets etc)	LOW probability of incident affecting consumers (low use areas – back streets etc)
Trip > 30mm or very uneven or very slippery	1	2	3
Trip 10 – 30mm or uneven or slippery	2	3	4
Trip < 10mm or slightly uneven or slightly slippery	3	4	5

The above ratings shall set the priorities in taking action as follows:-

Priority No 1                      Shall be repaired or made safe within Fourteen (14) days of being reported by either of the reporting methods listed under point 2.

Priority Nos 2, 3, 4, 5 These hazards shall be considered for future works programs based on available funding and priority number.

The Director Technical Services shall seek an annual budget allocation from Council for the urgent repair of high priority footpath hazards that cannot be repaired under the normal maintenance budget.

The implementation of this policy and associated procedures shall be the responsibility of the Director Technical Services.

***Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this policy.***

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#### **Policy History**

Adopted	3 November 2005
Reviewed	26 May 2009