



# **KERB, GUTTER AND FOOTPATH CONTRIBUTION POLICY**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This policy outlines the Council's stance on providing funding for new kerb, guttering, and footpaths that are not included in Council's programmed capital works.

## **OBJECTIVES**

In compliance with Section 217 of the Roads Act 1993, this document outlines the method used by the Council to determine kerb and guttering charges for adjacent landowners.

Additionally, it details the process by which the Council will assess the construction of new kerb, guttering, and footpaths that are not currently included in the Council's Asset Management Strategy.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all requests from landowners for the construction of kerb, guttering and/or footpaths which are not part of Council's strategic direction.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**Footpath:** the work constructed for the specific purpose of conveying pedestrian traffic (whether or not it may also be used by bicycle traffic). Footpaths are separate from roads or driveways and are designed for walking and not for vehicles.

**Kerb and Guttering:** the raised edge of a sidewalk or pavement that is used to separate the road from the pedestrian walkway. The gutter is the channel or slope at the edge of the kerb that collects and directs rainwater runoff away from the road and footpath.

## **LEGISLATION**

Section 217 – Roads Act 1993

## **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Narromine Shire Council Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (2024)  
Narromine Shire Council Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP)  
Council's Capital Works Program  
Council's Asset Management Plan (AMP)  
Statewide Mutual – Best Practice Manual – Footpaths – December 2022

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

### **Footpaths**

Council will prioritize new footpath construction projects based on the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) and the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP). These projects will be funded by Council and included in long-term financial plans and budgets.

If a land owner requests construction of a new footpath that is not identified in the PAMP, DIAP, or Asset Management Plan, Council will:

- Have the area inspected
- Evaluate the project against PAMP and DIAP priorities
- Have the project added to the footpath priority list

If the land owner wishes to proceed with the footpath construction outside of Council's programmed works schedule they will be required to contribute 100% of the construction cost. The length of footpath requiring contribution will be based on the property plan (frontage of property facing the road).

All new footpath infrastructure will be designed and constructed according to Australian Standard AS1428. Existing driveways will remain in place and the footpath will meet on either side. If there is no existing driveway, Council will lay the footpath through the driveway easement.

The new asset will be included in Council's Asset Management Plan to ensure the sustainability of the footpath network.

### **Kerb and Guttering**

Council will prioritize new kerb and gutter construction projects based on historic drainage information and AMPs. The kerb and gutter construction program is funded by Council and included in long-term financial plans and budgets. Council's Stormwater Management Levy is one source of funding for drainage projects.

If a land owner requests kerb and gutter that is not identified in the Asset Management Plan, Council will:

- Have the area inspected
- Evaluate the project against AMP priorities
- Have the project added to the kerb and gutter priority list

If the landowner wishes to proceed with the kerb and gutter construction outside of Council's programmed works schedule, they will be required to contribute 100% of the construction cost.

For Council funded projects, Council will install one 3 metre layback (driveway access) within the kerb and gutter at no cost to the landowner. Additional accesses will incur a charge.

All new kerb and guttering infrastructure will be designed and constructed to Australian Standard AS 2876-2000- Concrete Kerbs and Channels (Gutters) – Manually or Machine Placed.