

NILLUMBIK SHIRE COUNCIL ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN



PART 3: IMPLEMENTATION

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1. ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKING GROUP

The Roadside Management Plan Working Group formed for the creation of this document shall continue to function for a period of 12 months following adoption of this Plan.

Its role will be to oversee the implementation of the Plan including:

- advice to Council on roadside management issues brought to their attention
- monitor implementation of the Plan
- involvement in any necessary updating of the Plan
- provide a link to and receive feedback from local communities and other key stakeholders.

Meetings: Twice a year or when necessary to make recommendations on specific roadside management activities. Following a period of 12 months the business of this group will be incorporated into the relevant existing committees: Roadsides/Reserves Working Group and Road Asset Management Working Group.

Responsibility: Coordinator Environmental Works and Working Group

2. COMMUNICATION, CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITHIN COUNCIL

Develop an internal process to ensure that the Roadside Management Plan guidelines are an integral part of all Council operations and programs involving roadsides and there is appropriate internal promotion of the Plan as well as integration with other strategies, especially the *Municipal Fire Prevention Plan*.

Responsibility: Coordinator Environmental Works and Coordinator Open Space Maintenance.

3. LIASON WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Council is to inform other roadside management agencies and neighbouring municipalities of the preparation of this Plan to help achieve greater compliance.

Council will also investigate the sharing of relevant GIS information with other authorities to ensure other agencies are able to easily identify the values of roadsides.

Council will investigate the incorporating the Conservation Value mapping into 'Dial Before You Dig' databases to assist the protection and consideration of high and medium value roadsides

Responsibility: Coordinator Environmental Works

4. TRAINING FOR COUNCIL STAFF, WORKS CREWS AND CONTRACTORS

Successful implementation of the Roadside Management Plan will be dependent on the level of understanding of roadside management values and issues. All contractors tendering for roadside works as well as Council staff engaged in roadside works should attend an information session on roadside management, conducted by Council staff or an outside provider.

Responsibility: Coordinator Environmental Works and Open Space Maintenance
Coordinator

5. GIS DATABASE MANAGEMENT

The GIS databases attached to this Plan detailing the conservation value, significant flora species and weed locations should be maintained and updated with new data to ensure the best information is available to inform management decisions. Council might also investigate interactive web-based mapping detailing conservation value and other relevant data such as weed distributions.

Responsibility: Coordinator Environmental Works

6. COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

The development of greater community awareness of the value of roadside reserves and the potential impacts of works activities will help facilitate achieving the intent of the Plan.

The Plan will be made publicly available on the Council website both during consultation over the Draft Plan and following the adoption by Council of a final version.

Following its adoption, the following could be included on the web site:

- *Roadside Management Plan* and associated mapping of values
- Information regarding roadside weeds and weed distribution
- Information on use of indigenous flora in plantings and weed management.

Responsibility: Coordinator Environmental Works and Communications

7. MONITORING AND REVIEW OF THE ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Regular monitoring and review of the *Roadside Management Plan* is required to ensure that the Plan is implemented, remains relevant, and existing information up-dated. It is recommended that the Plan be reviewed five years from time of approval.

Responsibility: Coordinator Environmental Works