

Footpath Hierarchy Consultation

Footpath Hierarchy and Implementation Plan 2023-2028

This document outlines the process of delivering consultation feedback while undertaking community consultation of **Footpath Hierarchy and Implementation Plan 2023-2028**. The feedback is checked against the hierarchy categorisation, maintenance program, Council Plan, Council resources and various strategic documents, and give precise information that can address the community concerns about the footpaths in the different towns.

In total nine responses were received during the consultation process and highlights of the comments are mainly maintenance issues, and no adequate footpath across property frontage.

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| Maintenance/repair/replacement of the footpath along Breen Street, between McClintock St and Hatchett St | Murtoa | The footpath meets the Category 2 definition where it provides a link to the existing footpath network. The section of the footpath is scheduled for an upgrade to a concrete path in the Capital Works Program 2023/24. |
| Footpath at Livingstone Street installed a little earlier. | Warracknabeal | Footpath at Livingstone St, north side section from Molyneaux St to Thomas St has been listed in the Additional Footpath CWP 2023/24. The path is identified as a category 3, construct with low standard (quarry dust). |
| 157 Lascelles St, no footpath in front of the house, have a mobility problem and would love a proper gutter for drainage. | Hopetoun | Lascelles Street, east side section from the Dodgshun St to Fire Station is programmed to be constructed as a standard footpath, connection for essential services (Fire Station in this case) by meeting the requirements of the Footpath Category 2 definition. Therefore a low standard (quarry dust) pathway will be provided under councils maintenance program, the section from Dodgshun St to Lane on the West side of the road. As it will be still |

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| | | <p>classed as a Category 3 section, it will be inspected upon request only.</p> <p>For the kerb and channel issue, the road reserve is VicRoads therefore responsibility falls with VicRoads as defined in the Code of Practice, Operational Responsibility for Public Roads. A request would need to be logged through them.</p> |
| <p>Like to have a connecting footpath throughout Woomelang. There is a lot of inconsistencies with footpath being cut off, no footpath in front of the property.</p> | Woomelang | <p>There is no exact location found on the comments section that the footpath is not accessible to the property. But one footpath is going to be constructed in Barbary Street in the 2023/24-year program.</p> <p>There is a missing footpath /pathway/track connection identified between the town and Cronomby Tanks. To deliver any sort of footpath /pathway/track to the location, Council's engineering team will look for any funding opportunity to reduce the overburden on Council's budget, as the site requires a safety consideration, like a decent railway crossing and construction material.</p> |
| <p>Square pavers are lifting, and paths are uneven and overgrown in Raggatt Street Yaapeet.</p> <p>The footpath that runs along Byrne Street which are concrete, are also becoming uneven and have become trip hazards.</p> | Yaapeet | <p>The footpath located in both streets (Byrne Street and Raggatt Street) are category 2 footpaths, and are inspected every two years. However, the asset management team will continuously monitor these footpaths as part of non-routine inspection.</p> <p>The operations team will actively monitor the paths for any kind of maintenance issue and will address the overgrown vegetation issue.</p> |

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| <p>Why, when the shire owns a spray seal truck, we wouldn't use this more for footpaths.</p> | <p>Beulah</p> | <p>The shire spray seal truck is not designed to spray footpaths. This would require special handle/arm and hose to distribute asphalt a distance from the edge of the road.</p> <p>For the existing spray seal footpaths, the initial construction cost were low, but the cracking, vegetation growth, and the short physical life, has led to the paths not performing to the standard of concrete path.</p> |
| <p>All towns deserve flat concreted surfaces on footpaths. not only major centres, outskirt towns have many people elderly and disabled.</p> | <p>Hopetoun</p> | <p>Historically, Council uses various construction materials such as square pavers, asphalt, concrete, premix, and quarry dust. Acknowledging all new footpaths, Council prefers the default to be concrete with many advantages, like slip resistance, long physical life, low maintenance, and easy to customise.</p> <p>Council's footpaths are inspected, on a frequency set in the Road Management Plan, where to identify defects on paths, that are at risk to the road users, as well to meet the agreed level of service.</p> |
| <p>Mill Street (opposite to shire yard) get sealed, after watching people with mobility issues having to walk on the road, children use and slippery when get wet.</p> <p>Footpath connection to the Wetlands.</p> <p>The swimming pool, sports oval really does need footpaths around it for child safety too.</p> | <p>Minyip</p> | <p>The existing constructed path in Mill Street, meets the Footpath hierarchy Category 2 criteria. Council has limited resources and has a responsibility to utilise ratepayer's funds as effectively as it can. Council is ambitious and wish to renew the existing footpath network to be all concrete in its long term planning.</p> <p>When the resources are available, Council will give high priority to the section between Main Street and Wimmera St, east side of Mill St, by replacing the crushed rock.</p> |

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| | | <p>Foundry Street, west side is on the list of additional footpaths to be delivered in the CWP 2023/24 year.</p> <p>The Swimming pool location meets all the Footpath hierarchy category and has a bitumen path to the entrance from the South Street.</p> <p>In South Street, the section from Foundry St to McLeod St, has been identified that a footpath is missing (listed in the Implemented Plan 2023-28). Once the resources are identified and allocated, Council will construct at a low standard path.</p> |
| <p>More paths are needed to the east end of Milbourne St Warracknabeal and Thomas St.</p> | <p>Warracknabeal</p> | <p>In the Footpath Hierarchy and Implementation Plan 2023-2028, it is identified that the Milbourne Street path will be constructed in year 2025/26.</p> <p>There is no future works planned in Thomas Street, based on the priorities list matching the footpath hierarchy criteria and levels of service, at this stage.</p> |