

2.59 Mowing of Nature Strips by Council

POLICY TITLE: MOWING OF NATURE STRIPS

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OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Policy is to ensure requests for assistance in mowing nature strips received by Council are handled in a consistent, equitable and transparent manner.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council will consider the provision of assistance by way of mowing nature strips based on set criteria.

Council relies on residents and businesses to maintain nature strips adjoining their property. The policy confirms Council's position and recognises the importance of community involvement and cooperation. This policy does not extend to mowing on private property. Only where residents meet the criteria will a nature strip mowing service be provided by Council. At all times the mowing service will only be provided subject to the availability of funding and resources.

POLICY CRITERIA

1. To be considered eligible for assistance the following criteria must be met:
 - a) Be a permanent resident of Lockhart Shire and occupy the property which is the subject of the nature strip mowing service application; and
 - b) Be receiving or be assessed as eligible to receive home care services or have a disability or other medical condition which makes it impossible for that person to mow their nature strip; and
 - c) Be the holder of a current Pensioner Concession Card issued by the Commonwealth Government or in receipt of a Service Pension; or some other type of income substitution resulting from a physical disability that restricts a person from mowing their nature strip e.g. workers compensation or income protection benefit; and
 - d) Have no other members of the household who are able to mow the nature strip.

Council reserves the right to take special conditions into consideration, other than those listed above. The nature strip mowing service does not provide a guaranteed mowing frequency and mowing will be limited to four times per year. No rubbish, debris or green waste will be cleaned up and/or removed other than grass clippings that result from the mowing service.

Applications for the mowing service must be made in writing. All recipients are to reapply annually to confirm eligibility. Residents will be removed from the service if any of the following occur:

- The person sells or otherwise transfers their interest in the property or ceases to occupy the property;
- The owner/occupier no longer meets the eligibility criteria.

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