

# NATURE STRIP MAINTENANCE POLICY

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<b>Applicable to:</b>	Whole organisation
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Natural Environment and Parks
<b>Related Policies:</b>	Nil
<b>Related Documents:</b>	Open Space Plan 2014 – 2024 Naturestrip Landscape Guidelines
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	<i>Local Government Act 2020</i> <i>Climate Change Act 2017</i>

## OVERVIEW

To establish policy for the amenity maintenance of urban nature strips.

## THE POLICY

In urban areas, abutting property owners are responsible for the amenity maintenance of the nature strips outside their property. Generally, this refers to the regular mowing of the nature strips but may extend to the management of other vegetation types (excluding trees) as needed.

Council may assist with rear nature strip amenity maintenance on Link or Collector roads in urban areas where rear access to property owners is restricted, and where it is determined this service will provide a greater community benefit. This does not apply to front or side nature strips.

Council recognises the value nature strips can add to the biodiversity and amenity of the urban landscape. Residents, through this policy, are supported to develop landscapes in accordance with Council's Nature Strip Landscaping Guidelines.

Council, or other Service Authorities, are under no obligation to reinstate landscaped nature strip areas following works.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Wellington Shire Council is committed to upholding environmental and climate change principles as outlined in the *Local Government Act 2020*, *Climate Change Act 2017* and referred to in the Council's *Environmental Sustainability Policy*. The Environmental Sustainability Checklist has been completed and this policy accords with Council's policy commitment to uphold sustainability principles.

## REVISION HISTORY

VERSION	DATE	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
1.0	December 2022	No changes applicable at this review.
1.1	December 2023	Date of Next Review updated to: December 2024. Minor formatting changes. Clarification of service levels near link / collector roads in urban areas.
1.2	December 2024	Date of Next Review updated to December 2025.
1.3	December 2025	Date of Next Review updated to December 2027.