

Streetscape Policy

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Related Policies:	<p>Asset Management Policy Biodiversity Policy Bluestone Kerbing Policy Bushfire Hazard Management Policy Climate Change Policy Footpath Policy Heritage Policy Memorials and Heritage Plaques Policy Open Space Policy Parking Policy Public Lighting Policy Regulated and Significant Tree Assistance Policy Road and Traffic Management Policy Urban Tree Management Policy Use of Road Reserves for Commercial Purposes Policy Vegetation Encroachment Policy Verge Development Policy Water Sensitive Urban Design Policy Watercourse Management Policy</p>

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This policy aims to guide decisions relating to the City of Burnside's streets and associated public domain spaces, in order to provide a clear vision of what our community can expect from these important community spaces.
- 1.2 The streetscape is an important component of the City and can have a significant impact on how people experience, perceive and interact with their surroundings and neighbourhood. Streetscapes help define a community's activities, appearance, identity and transport conditions.
- 1.3 High quality streetscapes offer a range of benefits including economic growth, prevention of urban heat island effects, increased biodiversity habitat within the urban core, spaces for passive and active recreation, places for residents to interact with neighbours and increased civic pride.
- 1.4 Council supports taking a well-rounded view of streetscape design incorporating environmental, social and financial sustainability, neighbourhood character including any heritage aspects, positive aesthetics, habitat creation, increased usability and safety.
- 1.5 The Policy will assist Council to achieve the Streetscape Vision of:
“An integrated, safe, accessible, functional, engaging and sustainable streetscape network that conserves a characteristic sense of place, supported by fit for purpose and cost-effective infrastructure that enhances the community's experience of the City.”

2 Strategic Plan Desired Outcomes

Theme: Spans across all Strategic Plan Themes

Goals: Spans across all Strategic Plan Goals

Priorities:

- 1.1 Flexible, fit-for-purpose facilities and places
- 1.2 Resilience, wellbeing and recreation
- 1.3 A sense of community
- 2.1 Adapt and mitigate for climate change
- 2.2 Canopy cover, greening and open space
- 2.3 Use natural resources efficiently and minimise waste
- 2.4 Healthy habitats and biodiversity
- 3.1 Master planning our City
- 3.3 Attractive streets and neighbourhoods with easy access and movement and encouragement of greener transport
- 3.4 Character and heritage protected, cherished and celebrated
- 3.5 Business precincts and villages

3 Our Approach

- 3.1 In order to meet the vision of this policy, including the benefits of environmental sustainability and urban cooling strategies, streetscapes will be progressively developed and renewed in line with the guiding principles outlined in this policy.
- 3.2 The City of Burnside Streetscape Guide provides further detail in regards to the materials, elements and design characteristics that will be used within identified precincts throughout the city.

4 Legislative Requirements and Corporate Policy Context

- 4.1 Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988;
- 4.2 Aged Care Act 1997;
- 4.3 Civil Liabilities Act 1936;
- 4.4 Development Act 1993 and Development Regulations 2008;
- 4.5 Disability Discrimination Act 1992;
- 4.6 Disability Services Act 1993;
- 4.7 Electricity Act 1996;
- 4.8 Environment Protection Act 1993;
- 4.9 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth);
- 4.10 Heritage Act 1993;
- 4.11 Heritage Places Act 1993;
- 4.12 Landscape South Australia Act 2019;
- 4.13 Local Government Act 1999;
- 4.14 Native Vegetation Act 1991;
- 4.15 Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016;
- 4.16 Public Health Act 2011;
- 4.17 Road Traffic Act 1961;
- 4.18 South Australian Water Corporation Act 1994; and
- 4.19 Water Resources Act 1997.
- 4.20 Asset Management Policy;
- 4.21 Bluestone Kerbing Policy;
- 4.22 Biodiversity Policy;
- 4.23 Bushfire Hazard Management Policy;
- 4.24 Climate Change Policy
- 4.25 Footpath Policy;
- 4.26 Heritage Policy
- 4.27 Memorials and Heritage Plaques Policy;
- 4.28 Open Space Policy;
- 4.29 Parking Policy;
- 4.30 Public Lighting Policy;
- 4.31 Regulated and Significant Tree Assistance Policy;
- 4.32 Road and Traffic Management Policy;
- 4.33 Urban Tree Management Policy;
- 4.34 Use of Road Reserve for Commercial Purposes Policy;
- 4.35 Vegetation Encroachment Policy;
- 4.36 Verge Development Policy;

- 4.37 Water Sensitive Urban Design Policy; and
- 4.38 Watercourse Management Policy.

5 Interpretation

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- 5.1 “Road” means an area within the road reserve that is specifically developed for, or has as one of its main uses the driving of vehicles, and includes the kerb and gutter;
- 5.2 “Road Reserve” means the strip of land between opposite property boundaries, specifically for the provision of public right of way. It includes the road carriageway, as well as footpaths and verges;
- 5.3 “Streetscape” is the appearance and functions contained within the road reserve in relation to the built form on private and public property. Streetscapes consist of street furniture, signage, landscaping including street trees, fencing, traffic treatments, paths, driveways, street surfaces and utility services; and
- 5.4 “Verge” is that portion of the road reserve not used for median or traffic purposes, and excludes the kerb and gutter and includes that part of the road reserve between the carriageway kerb and nearest boundary of the adjacent properties. The verge generally accommodates footpaths, streetlights, street trees, street furniture, signage, landscaping, driveways and public utilities.

6 Policy

Council will seek to deliver on the following guiding policy principles:

- 6.1 HERITAGE AND DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER
 - 6.1.1 Streetscapes will reflect the distinctive character and history of the City of Burnside.
 - 6.1.2 Design principles will use elements within streetscapes that complement and reflect the City's distinctive character and history, as well as the distinctive character and history of the local area they reside within.
- 6.2 CONNECTED STREETS
 - 6.2.1 Each street within the City of Burnside will be considered in terms of its role and connections within the larger network.
 - 6.2.2 Streets will be considered as part of a coherent network that creates a distinctive City streetscape, and consideration will be given to design aspects which encourage greater safety, accessibility and civility, while allowing the safe and convenient passage of all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- 6.3 ACTIVATED STREETS
 - 6.3.1 Streets, particularly those around activity centres, will be coordinated and themed areas in order to create vibrant and activated spaces that can be used by local businesses and members of the community. Streetscapes will take into account the particular needs of an area, considering aspects such as creating an identity of place, shade, outdoor dining, safety bollards, bins and seating.

6.3.2 Streetscape designs will aim to encourage community activity such as cycling, walking and incidental social interaction.

6.4 COORDINATED STREETSCAPES

6.4.1 Streetscapes will be considered as a whole, rather than as a series of separate components, and will take into account the multiple uses of the various streetscape elements.

6.4.2 All components of the streetscape will be co-ordinated as far as possible, taking into consideration the history and sense of place of a neighbourhood, as well as how people use the streets. Designs will aim to create a clutter-free public domain, allowing free movement as far as possible for people with all ranges of abilities, including those with limited mobility, sight and hearing. Street trees will be a core consideration in the design and functionality of any streetscape, in order to preserve and enhance the City of Burnside's reputation for leafy green suburbs and in recognition of the environmental benefits trees provide. Trees will be selected in line with the Urban Tree Strategy.

6.4.3 Attention will be given to the multiple uses and functions of streets to create integrated, cool, green, coherent streetscapes which are both functional and engaging.

6.5 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

6.5.1 Streetscapes will be designed and managed in an environmentally sustainable manner, and consider opportunities for Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) and greener travel options.

6.5.2 As part of climate change adaptation, strategies to mitigate urban heating will be incorporated into design principles.

6.5.3 When upgrading or renewing a streetscape, material selections will take into account whole-of-life considerations, including financial, environmental and social aspects. Opportunities to reduce emissions, conserve resources and reduce stormwater pollution and run-off will also be considered, particularly in the context of climate change adaptation.

6.6 LONG TERM VALUE

6.6.1 Streetscapes will be well-designed and feature low-maintenance, long-life solutions.

6.6.2 When selecting elements for streetscapes, promotion will be given to those which will minimise the long-term costs, ensuring they are robust and easy to maintain, whilst still providing the required functionality and complementing the heritage and character of the area.

7 Review and Authority

7.1 This Policy will be reviewed every four years at maximum in line with Council's Policies and Protocols Framework.

8 Availability

8.1 The Policy is available to be downloaded, free of charge, from Council's website www.burnside.sa.gov.au

8.2 The Policy will be available for inspection, free of charge, at the Civic Centre during ordinary business hours and a copy may be purchased at a fee as set annually by Council.

8.2.1 City of Burnside Civic Centre; 401 Greenhill Road, Tusmore SA 5065
Telephone; 8366 4200; Email; burnside@burnside.sa.gov.au Office
hours: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm (except public holidays)

9 Further Information

9.1 For further information about this policy please contact:

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