

# Bluestone Kerbing

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Relevant Legislation:	Disability Discrimination Act 1992 Heritage Act 1993 Heritage Places Act 1993 Local Government Act 1999
Related Policies:	Asset Management Policy Footpath Policy Heritage Policy Streetscape Policy Urban Tree Management Policy Verge Development Policy Water Sensitive Urban Design Policy

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The City of Burnside is committed to retaining its unique heritage character, while providing a safe and well maintained road network and drainage system.
- 1.2 Bluestone was used historically as a kerbing material, and although it does not provide the same level of functionality as newer materials, it is acknowledged and valued for its heritage aesthetic.
- 1.3 This policy provides guidelines for the management of bluestone kerbing within the City of Burnside.

## 2. Strategic Plan Desired Outcomes

*Theme:* Community  
Place

*Principles:* Service Sustainability

*Goals:*

- 1: A resilient, healthy and connected community
- 3: A City of accessible and livable precincts, open spaces, and treasured heritage

*Priorities:*

- 1.1 Flexible, fit-for-purpose facilities and places
- 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. Our Approach

- 3.1 Council seeks to ensure that existing bluestone kerbing (approximately 14.2km at September 2021) is functional and maintained as far as practicable.
- 3.2 The condition of bluestone kerbing will be assessed on a regular basis, with the condition used as a basis for scheduling future repairs, reinstatement or restoration works.
- 3.3 Bluestone kerbing will be reinstated or rehabilitated in line with the principles outlined in this policy.

### 4. Legislative Requirements and Corporate Policy Context

- 4.1 Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- 4.2 Heritage Act 1993
- 4.3 Heritage Places Act 1993
- 4.4 Local Government Act 1999
- 4.5 Landscape South Australia Act 2019
- 4.6 Asset Management Policy
- 4.7 Footpath Policy
- 4.8 Heritage Policy
- 4.9 Streetscape Policy
- 4.10 Urban Tree Management Policy
- 4.11 Verge Development Policy
- 4.12 Water Sensitive Urban Design Policy

### 5. Interpretation

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

- 5.1 “Kerb” means the line of stone or concrete forming an edge between a verge and road;
- 5.2 “Bluestone” in this policy refers to the bluish-grey coloured stone used in the construction of kerb and / or gutter in some areas across the city
- 5.3 “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;
- 5.4 “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.
- 5.5 “Gutter” is a formed depression running parallel to a kerb designed to collect rainwater along the street.

## 6. Policy

- 6.1 Where a street which has existing bluestone kerbing requires that bluestone kerbing to be replaced due to damage or end of life, it will be reinstated, or replaced with bluestone kerbing.
- 6.2 When road resurfacing works are undertaken in a street with bluestone kerbing, visible cobblestone gutters shall be retained, and cobblestone gutters which are not visible (ie buried under asphalt road surface) shall be exposed, cleaned and retained, with the exception of:
- 6.2.1 Where the longitudinal grade is 5% or less, or there are visible signs of water ponding; or
- 6.2.2 Where the thickness of asphalt covering the gutter is excessive and once removed would leave an excessive road camber or create vehicle scraping issues; or
- 6.2.3 Where it is found that material sections of the gutter have previously been removed; or
- 6.2.4 Where the area lies outside of an Established Neighbourhood Zone (Historic Area Overlay)
- Where any of the above criteria apply, a dark tinted concrete will be used for the gutter, with the upright bluestone kerbing retained.
- 6.3 When regular concrete kerbing needs to be replaced, it will be replaced with the standard concrete kerbing (not bluestone).
- 6.4 No new bluestone kerbing works will be undertaken on any streets that do not already have bluestone kerbing.
- 6.5 If additional bluestone kerbing is discovered within the City of Burnside, it will be recorded and added to the Asset Management System and will be managed in line with the principles of this policy.
- 6.6 Council acknowledges that the cost for re-kerbing in bluestone is more expensive than regular concrete re-kerbing.

## 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](http://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, Tasmore SA 5065  
Telephone; 8366 4200; Email; [burnside@burnside.sa.gov.au](mailto: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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