

Policy name	Nature Strip Landscaping
Statutory context	Nil
Corporate context	Nil
History	Adopted dd MMM YYYY Reviewed Review Period Every 3 years or if legislation changes

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To manage the use and function of nature strips in the Shire of Moora

POLICY STATEMENT

Nature Strips (or verges) provide many functions including:

- To facilitate pedestrian traffic
- A corridor for utility infrastructure (eg water pipes, communication cables)
- Vehicular (and other) access to buildings from streets/roads (eg driveways)

Nature strips may also offer opportunity for enhancing the presentation of a property or neighbourhood.

Although nature strips are under the ownership/control of the Shire, like virtually all local governments, the Shire of Moora depends on the efforts of property owners and occupants to undertake their maintenance and care. Without this cooperation, either the overall presentation of the shire would be seriously compromised or rate increases beyond the capacity of the community would be inevitable.

On that basis, property owners and occupants are offered the opportunity to undertake nature strip plantings or other changes/enhancements to this area.

Applications for Use of Nature Strips

Any application for use of a nature strip, or part thereof, will be in writing providing sufficient information to allow assessment of the proposal.

Any such application should ensure that the primary purposes of the nature strip (as identified above) will not be compromised.

Permission may be refused, granted or granted with conditions and this will be provided in writing.

Any use of the nature strip will:

- be at the cost of the applicant, including any maintenance and restitution, if required
- mean that any risk or liability arising from the changed use will apply entirely to the applicant and not to the Shire