



# PARKING ON NATURE STRIPS

## 1. PURPOSE

To confirm Council Officer practice in the enforcement of Road Rules Victoria, Section 197(1) for parking of vehicles on the nature strip.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

To promote compliance with the requirements of Road Rules Victoria.

To prevent damage to the community assets in the nature strip.

To improve the appearance of the streetscape.

To facilitate safe and efficient movement of pedestrians and vehicles.

## 3. SCOPE

Road Rules Victoria prohibits vehicles parking on the nature strip unless parking control signs are installed permitting the parking or the local road authority gives permission.

## 4. DEFINITIONS

Nature strip includes any grassed or landscaped area in the road reservation.

## 5. POLICY

Parking on the nature strip is prohibited unless approved by Council or its delegate, or residents located on a major arterial road directly outside their property.

## 6. PROCEDURE

Council Officers will issue Parking Infringement Notices to vehicles parked on the nature strip during routine patrols of the street network, in response to complaints and where there is damage to community assets.

Parking on the nature strip may be approved by the Manager Engineering & Environmental Services where there is no conflict with the objectives of the policy or there are special circumstances that require parking for events or activities.

Areas where vehicles are permanently permitted to park on the nature strip will be constructed and signed to an appropriate standard. The owner or occupier of the abutting property will pay all costs associated with the paving of the nature strip to an appropriate standard and the installation of the relevant parking signs.

Where parking on the nature strip has been formally or informally approved by Council, the owners of the abutting properties will be given twelve months, from the time of notification by Council of the introduction of the policy, to comply with the policy.

## 7. RESPONSIBILITIES

Manager Compliance is responsible for the enforcement of parking controls.

Manager Engineering & Environmental Services is responsible for the approval of the nature strip being paved and the parking signs being installed approving the parking on the nature strip.

## 8. RELATED POLICIES & LEGISLATION

Road Rules Victoria.