



# **LITHGOW CITY COUNCIL**

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**OBJECTIVE:** This policy sets out the responsibilities of Council and acknowledges the efforts of property owners or tenants in relation to the maintenance of nature strips in urban areas to provide a safe, functional and aesthetically pleasing streetscape.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

**Nature strip** is the area of land between a property boundary and the edge of the roadway.

**Centre Median:** This is the area in the centre of the road reserve that is either constructed of concrete or is landscaped with grass and or trees.

**Maintenance:** Maintenance includes, but is not limited to, activities such as mowing, slashing, weed control, and rubbish and waste removal.

### **POLICY:**

1. Council is responsible for the maintenance of the following nature strips:
  - a. Public reserve areas such as parks, gardens, or bushland.
  - b. Council facilities such as public buildings, recreation grounds or swimming pools.
  - c. Central Business Districts
  - d. Vacant blocks where the owner does not or is unable to regularly mow their land.
2. Traditionally, property owners (and tenants) have maintained nature strips adjoining their properties as Council lacks sufficient resources to effectively maintain all of the urban nature strips. Council acknowledges and appreciates the efforts of property owners/tenants for the maintenance of nature strips adjoining their properties. Council understands, however, that elderly and/or disabled owners may require assistance from Council to maintain the nature strip adjacent to their properties.
3. Council will mow and/or maintain centre medians, including those on the Great Western Highway within the 70kph zone.
4. The General Manager may cause to prepare and amend from time to time a Standard Working Procedure detailing service levels in relation to this policy.

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