

Bluestone Laneway and Kerb and Channel Reconstruction Policy

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1. TITLE

Bluestone Laneway and Kerb and Channel Reconstruction Policy

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To recognize the historical significance and contribution to neighborhood character of Council's bluestone laneways, and kerb and channel;
- 2.2 To balance the need for safe access and environmental sustainability;
- 2.3 To provide the basis for bluestone renewals in the city road reserves; and
- 2.4 To provide guidance for site specific constraints and legal compliance.

3. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term	Meaning
Laneways	Identified as "rights-of-way" in Council's Register of Public Roads
Kerb and Channel	A concrete or bluestone structure located at the edge of a road or median strip designed to provide drainage and a barrier to prevent vehicles from leaving the road carriageway.
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (commonwealth)

4. POLICY

4.1 Scope

This policy applies to bluestone reconstruction in laneways, and kerb and channel in road reserves.

The policy does not apply:

- To bluestone assets in council parks, reserves and council owned properties.
- To maintenance works of bluestone assets under the Council Road Management Plan protocols and intervention levels

4.2 Guiding Principles

4.2.1 Bluestone Laneways

When renewing the surface of an old bluestone laneway subject to a Heritage Overlay or Neighbourhood Character Overlay, Council shall renew with bluestone pitchers unless a Town Planning Permit requires otherwise.

When renewing the surface of an old bluestone laneway which is not subject to one of the above overlays Council will reconstruct the surface in bluestone subject to the following:

- Reconstruction of a bluestone laneway that is the only primary pedestrian access to a property will include a continuous smooth accessible path in sawn surface finish bluestones rather than bluestone pitchers, to meet DDA compliance.

- Reconstruction of existing central bluestone pitcher paver areas for drainage will be in a coloured concrete surface for DDA compliance.
- Bluestone laneway sections partially covered over in asphalt surfacing will be reconstructed in bluestone.
- Bluestone pitcher crossing between two sections of concrete/asphalt street footpaths will be reconstructed in coloured concrete/asphalt for DDA compliance of the footpath section.

4.2.2 Bluestone Kerb and Channel

When renewing a bluestone kerb and channel in road reconstructions subject to a Heritage Overlay or Neighbourhood Character Overlay, Council shall renew the kerb and channel with bluestone unless a Town Planning Permit requires otherwise.

Renewal of old bluestone kerb and channel which is not subject to one of the above overlays will be renewed in bluestone subject to the following:

- Where reconstruction of a street including bluestone kerb and channel is required and the section of street between intersections contains 50% or more of bluestone kerb and channel, bluestone kerb and channel is to be constructed for the entire section of the street. Where possible, the bluestones removed are to be re-used and similar shaped bluestones used for other sections.
- In the reconstruction of a street having less than 50% of bluestone kerb and channel between intersections; the bluestone sections will be reconstructed in bluestone and the other sections reconstructed to match existing materials.
- In the reconstruction of a street with bluestone kerb and channel where flat gradients and poor drainage occur, hydraulically efficient concrete channels in combination with bluestone kerbs are to be used.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER COMPATIBILITY

This Policy has been assessed as being compatible with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (Vic).

6. ASSOCIATED INTERNAL DOCUMENTS

- Glen Eira Council and Community Plan 2017-2021
- Glen Eira Planning Scheme
- Integrated Transport Strategy
- Street Tree Strategy
- Bicycle Strategy
- Asset Management Strategy
- Road Management Plan
- Disability Action Plan
- Sustainable Transport Plan

7. EXTERNAL REFERENCES/RESOURCES

- Local Government Act 1989
- Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- Australian Standard AS1428.1
- Road Management Act 2004