



# Nature Strip Policy

The Nature Strip Policy has been drafted in response to feedback from residents who have expressed concern over the aesthetics of nature strip plantings and , utility providers who require access to services below the nature strip and the City’s aim to ensure road reserve safety.

The purpose of the proposed Nature Strip Policy is to ensure safety for street users, streetscape continuity and ease of access to underground services with a surface that can be reinstated simply.

You are invited to take part in this survey by completing an online copy, available at <http://HaveYourSay.ballarat.vic.gov.au> or by completing this hard copy, available at The Phoenix, 25 Armstrong St South, and the Ballarat, Wendouree and Sebastopol Libraries.

### The Intent and Statement of the Nature Strip Policy are as follows :

This Policy acknowledges that well maintained nature strips add to the appearance and presentation of the City and its streetscapes. They can bring economic benefits to businesses and property owners. The City of Ballarat encourages property owners to recognise the value of nature strips and to take pride in maintaining them. Nature strips are an integral part of City of Ballarat urban environment.

Council will not permit alternate nature strip treatments, other than compacted granitic sand in non-heritage overlay areas, subject to prior approval. Nature strips are to be grassed between the property boundary and the kerb as per the Landscape Design Manual section 6.2.

### How important do you think the continuity of streetscapes (nature strips being the same) should be in the following areas :

	Important	Neutral	Not Important
In general residential areas			
In foot pathed streets			
In a Heritage overlay/protected areas			
In native bushland areas			

please turn over....



Would you like to have the option of putting a surface other than grass, such as other plants, artificial grass or rocks, on your nature strip?

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

Would you like to have nature strips with a surface other than grass, such as other plants, artificial grass or rocks, in your street along neighbours nature strips?

- Yes
- No
- No Opinion

Would or do you support veggie verges (vegetable garden on street side of fence) within your street if outside of the heritage overlay?

- Yes
- Yes With Conditions
- No

Your comments on the Nature Strip Policy?

**Thank you for your feedback and opinion.** The results of this survey will be made available on completion via myTownHall online and social media, as well as being delivered straight to your Councillors.



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