Policy W4 – Footpaths / Shared Use Paths

1. Policy Intent

To provide guidance on the standards and locations of shared use paths within the Shire of Murray.

2. Policy Statement

(a) As a general rule all footpaths and/or shared use paths servicing non-commercial areas shall be constructed of in situ concrete or asphalt to associated standards.

(b) Subject to Council's discretion, other materials may be approved for footpaths or shared use paths providing they:

- meet the necessary standard;
- do not contravene the uniformity of surrounding footpaths;
- are completed to a high level of workmanship; and
- meet Council's requirements.

(c) Footpaths shall be constructed to a minimum of 1.5 metre-wide in access streets with a 2-metre-wide path on higher order roads. Where a footpath is placed adjacent to a kerb an additional width of 0.5 m is to be added.

(d) Shared Use Paths for use of both pedestrians and cyclists shall be constructed in accordance with Austroads Standards and the requirements of Regional Bicycle Network Funding Scheme.

(e) All footpaths or shared use paths shall be placed adjacent to the kerb wherever practical and where safety is not an issue and the placement does not conflict with any local law.

Policy Detail		
Responsible Directorate	Infrastructure Services	
Responsible Department	Engineering	
Responsible Officer	Manager Engineering	
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