



POLICY MANUAL

Policy title:	FOOTPATH/CYCLEWAY RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY
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Objective:	The assessment of risk and prioritisation of maintenance works within budget allocations determined by Council.
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1. Introduction

Lismore City Council has recognised that ‘trips and falls’, particularly those associated with Council’s footpath network, form a significant percentage of public liability claims received by Council.

In order to reduce the number of injuries incurred by the public and thus reduce these claims, Council has sought to identify potential hazards.

The Procedure developed for this purpose is derived from the Statewide Mutual’s Best Practice Manual on footpaths, Nature Strips and Medians.

2. Inspection Regime

Council will carry out inspections of its footpath network in accordance with a Procedure authorised by the General Manager. The frequency of inspections will be determined by the volume of pedestrian use; the demographics of pedestrian users and Council resources.

3. Evaluation on Control

The Procedure will detail the method used to evaluate the risk and recommend the appropriate treatment for the identified risk.

4. Budget

A submission will be made by the General Manager to the draft budget based on the results of the footpath inspections.

Council will allocate resources to conduct inspections, assessments and works for the implementation of the policy and procedures within Council’s budget constraints.

5. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed at least on an annual basis in accordance with Council policy. The General Manager will monitor and review the Procedure as required.