

Roadside Pride Policy

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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to obtain an overall outcome for all roadsides on all main routes (and ultimately all roadsides), within the Timaru District, to be that which results in the roadsides being – In Harmony with or Adding to the Attractiveness of our unique local landscapes.

2.0 Background

Roadside Pride was initiated in 1995, with the aim to improve roadside aesthetics throughout the Timaru District. The key issues identified at the time were:

- Pest (noxious) plants on roadsides;
- Advertising, regulatory, and information signs;
- Litter;
- Utility / Network services installation reinstatement requirements;
- Provision for the above and other plantings on / adjacent to roadsides;
- Laybys;
- Roadside mowing;
- A lack of identity for the 'Timaru District', when entering from outside the area;
- Lack of a recurring theme of various township and District entrances, and roadsides, which would contribute to the District's identity.

Since 1995, work has been undertaken to implement multiple policies throughout the District to eliminate / mitigate the identified issues. Many of the policies' provisions are now incorporated into maintenance contracts, which ensure that a consistently higher standard to aspects of roadside maintenance is now being achieved on an on-going basis. Planting has been undertaken at 96 locations throughout the District, in conjunction with improved mowing, litter collection, and controls over signage, the visual amenity has improved considerably

The initial policies were reviewed in 1999, and since then, there have been considerable change to roadside management and maintenance arrangements, Council policy and crown legislation, which impacts on roadside activity, and an increasing awareness of ecological and environmental factors across all spheres of Council's activities. A further review was undertaken in 2013 and this review forms the basis of this policy.

South Canterbury and Timaru District remain areas of high natural aesthetic values, and the contribution of these policies to maintaining or improving those values is significant. The policy also contributes to the Timaru District Council Long Term Plan community outcomes particularly "a strong identity forged and promoted" and "a

healthy and accessible environment.” These policies are captured as policy statements in the one *Roadside Pride Policy*.

3.0 Key Definitions

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| Council | The Timaru District Council or any officer of the Timaru District Council delegated by the Council to take action in relation to any particular law and / or bylaw, or to undertake the duties of a Council Officer under the law / bylaw, and any person appointed especially / generally by the Council to enforce the provisions of this law / bylaw. |
| District | The District within the jurisdiction and under the control of the Timaru District Council |
| ECan | Environmental Canterbury is the Regional Council for Canterbury. It is part of New Zealand’s structure of local government. |
| Ecosystems | An interacting system of living and non-living parts such as sunlight, air, water, minerals, and nutrients. Natural life-supporting systems to absorb the effects of human activities that produce pollution and waste. |
| Main road | A major road for any form of motor transport. |
| NZTA | New Zealand Transport Agency is the New Zealand Crown entity tasked with promoting safe and functional transport by land, including the responsibility for driver and vehicle licensing, and investing rail accidents. |
| Pride | A sense of one’s own proper achievement, association, dignity and / or value. |
| Roadside | This is also known as the road verge or the road shoulder. |
| Treatments | A process or intervention used to improve the situation. |

4.0 Policy

The following are policy statements for the Roadside Pride Policy:

General

1. All maintained roads in the District shall be subjected to the provisions of the *Roadside Pride Policy*.
2. The Council shall use the “*Guidelines for Highway Landscaping*” (NZTA) as the standard for all roads covered by the *Roadside Pride Policy*, defined in Section 5.0 of this policy.
3. The Council shall be consistent with ‘treatments’ applied to all roads covered by the *Roadside Pride Policy*, except for grass mowing, which shall be determined by road hierarchy.

Pest Plants on Roadsides

4. The Council shall control pest plants on all Council roads on an annual basis.
5. The Council shall liaise with NZTA to promote the control of pest plants on State Highways within the District.
6. The Council shall be responsible for ensuring that the appropriate level of control is achieved, until a maintenance level is reached, when the Council’s or another authority’s road works create new pest plant growth.
7. The Council shall control other undesirable plants / weeds, on roadsides, with the cost being met by the service benefiting.

Advertising, Regulatory, and Information Signs

8. The Council shall maintain a register of consented and permitted signs.
9. The Council shall carry out annual monitoring of all signs in all rural areas.
10. The Council shall ensure that all poorly maintained or defunct signs are required to be either upgraded or removed. This is to occur on an on-going basis.
11. The Council shall ensure that all signs that do not relate to the associated property, in the areas covered by the *Roadside Pride Policy*, be required to be removed, unless existing use rights apply or a resource consent has been approved.
12. The Council will administer any District Plan rules or Bylaws relating to signs generally, i.e. situations where signs are permitted and where exemptions can be sought.

Litter

13. The Council shall randomly monitor litter collection compliance on all roads and arrange for a response to “one-off” litter problems within a maximum of five (5) working days.
14. When an unacceptable / poor standard of litter collection / control is observed by a Council officer on roads under the control of NZTA, NZTA is to be advised via the Customer Request Management system for an appropriate response.

Roadside Reinstatement Requirements

15. The Council shall ensure that all reinstatement work following utility installation or road maintenance be left in a smooth tidy condition (where topography allows), and grass be sown where required.
16. The Council shall ensure that new / replacement poles be placed as close as is practicable to the adjoining property boundary.
17. All roadside uses for storage of baleage, farm implements, or others uses shall be subjected to Council approval and requirements.

Provision of Tree Planting / Beautification on Road Reserves

18. Applications for the planting of roadside areas be permitted by the appropriate roading authority and be subjected to special consent and conditions. This shall only be approved if such plantings will have no detrimental affect on roads, road safety, other roadside services, or roading operations.
19. The Council shall place greater emphasis on the special requirements of plantings (particularly private) on or adjacent to roadsides.
20. The Council shall ensure that the effective monitoring of roadside plantings is undertaken and compliance with any special condition is met.

Roadside Plantings: Co-ordinated Approach / Suitable Species

21. The Council shall maintain the concept of extensive rural roadside plantings at selected areas within the District.
22. The Council shall control, co-ordinate, and promote appropriate roadside plantings.
23. The Council shall have appropriate levels of funding for the purchases of trees, shrubs, and materials to ensure implementation and maintenance of rural roadside plantings throughout the District.
24. The Council shall actively encourage the use of "*Using Native Plants in Canterbury*" (ECan) to those seeing special advice and guidance.
25. The Council shall identify, promote, enhance, and maintain specific District roadsides as significant natural habitats and ecosystems (Significant Natural Areas).

District Entrances – Special Attention

26. The Council shall undertake landscaping, mowing, weed control, and other maintenance at all main District entrances in conjunction with the "Welcome" signs.
27. The Council shall use selected native species for planting at the "Welcome" signs at District entrances.
28. The Council shall maintain, and adapt changes in style, where required, for the District entrances' "Welcome" signs.

Township Entrances – Special Attention

29. The Council shall encourage, and accept suggestions from community groups and / or individuals for enhancement opportunities on roadsides within the District, and for their participation in the development and maintenance of these opportunities be utilised, where sites allow.

30. The Council shall maintain existing plantings at all township entrances.
31. The Council shall investigate and prioritise further plantings, where funding allows.
32. The Council shall co-ordinate and consult with local community groups and NZTA in regards to the planting of appropriate species at the townships' identification signs throughout the District.

Lay-bys

33. The Council shall ensure that the provision of facilities at and maintenance of lay-bys are of the appropriate type and / or standard, in line with Grounds Maintenances Contract specifications.
34. The Council shall liaise with NZTA to ensure that rest areas administered by NZTA are maintained at the specified standard.

Roadside Mowing

35. Adjacent landowners are responsible for mowing and keeping their roadsides to be free of weeds and litter.
36. Where any indigenous remnant roadside ecosystems are present, care should be taken to.
37. The Council shall mow when roadside berms on a case by case basis, only on exceptional circumstances.
38. The Council shall maintain roadside mowing levels of service as defined by the Council's "Mowing Schedule".

Performance Measures

39. The Council shall incorporate the Roadside Pride Policy requirements as performance measures into the Council's Annual Plan, Council's Long Term Plan, and Council's relevant Asset Management Plans.
40. The Council shall establish and maintain a register of all roadside tree and shrub plantings that have been funded from the Roadside Pride budget.

5.0 Roads Covered

NATIONAL ROUTE

SH1 - RANGITATA TO PAREORA
SH8 - TIMARU TO CAVE
SH79 - RANGITATA TO SKIPTON BRIDGE

REG ARTERIAL

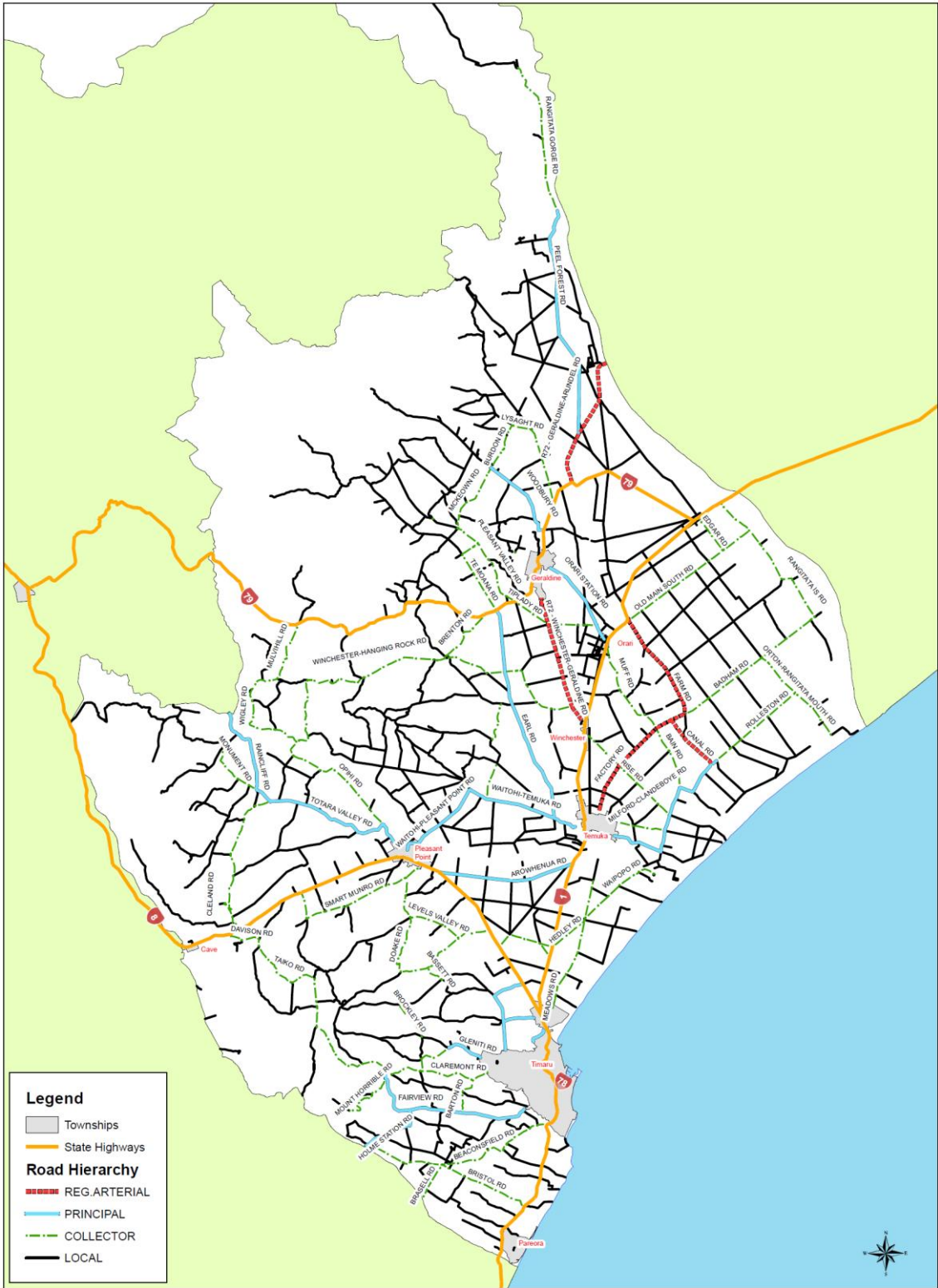
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FACTORY RD
FARM RD
R72 - WINCHESTER-GERALDINE RD
R72 - GERALDINE-ARUNDEL RD

PRINCIPAL

AROWHENUA RD
CARTWRIGHT RD
EARL RD
FAIRVIEW RD
GLENITI RD
HALSTEAD RD
HOLME STATION RD
KELLAND HILL RD
MILFORD-CLANDEBOYE RD
OLD NORTH RD
ORARI STATION RD
PAGES RD
PEEL FOREST RD
RAINCLIFF RD
RANGITATA GORGE RD
ROLLESTON RD
ROSEWILL VALLEY RD
TE NGAWAI RD
TOTARA VALLEY RD
WAITOHI-PLEASANT POINT RD
WAITOHI-TEMUKA RD
WASHDYKE FLAT RD (TU)
WOODBURY RD

COLLECTOR

BADHAM RD
BASSETT RD
BEACONSFIELD RD
BOILING DOWN RD
BRASELL RD
BRENTON RD
BRISTOL RD
BROCKLEY RD
BROSNAN RD
BURDON RD
CLAREMONT RD
CLELAND RD
COACH RD
DAVISON RD
DOAKE RD
EDGAR RD
FALVEY RD
HEDLEY RD
LEVELS PLAIN RD
LEVELS VALLEY RD
LYSAGHT RD
MCKEOWN RD
MEADOWS RD
MONUMENT RD
MOUNT HORRIBLE RD
MUFF RD
MULVIHILL RD
NORTH TOWN BELT
OLD MAIN SOUTH RD
OPIHI RD
ORTON-RANGITATA MOUTH RD
PLEASANT VALLEY RD
PYE RD (GDE)
RANGITATA GORGE RD
RANGITATA IS RD
RISE RD
ROLLESTON RD
ROLLING RIDGES RD
ROSEBROOK RD
SCHOOL RD
SEADOWN RD
SEVEN SISTERS RD
SMART MUNRO RD
SUTHERLANDS RD
TAIKO RD
TE MOANA RD
TIPLADY RD
TRIPP SETTLEMENT RD
WAIPOPO RD
WIGLEY RD
WINCHESTER-HANGING ROCK RD



Road Hierarchy 2013

6.0 Delegations, References and Revision History

6.1 Delegations - Identify here any delegations related to the policy for it to be operative or required as a result of the policy

6.2 Related Documents - Include here reference to any documents related to the policy (e.g. operating guidelines, procedures)

6.3 Revision History – Summary of the development and review of the policy

6.1 Delegations

| Delegation | Delegations Register Reference |
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| The Council's Group Managers are accountable for the implementation of policy statement designated to units within their Group. | |
| The Council shall undertake a five (5) yearly review of this policy, which will ensure this policy is relevant to the needs and requirements of the District, and adequate funding obtained. | |

6.2 References

| Title | Document Reference |
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| Roadside Pride Policy Review | Doc # 820384, F2572 |
| Roadside Beautification Strategies | Doc # 815044, F3353 |
| Roadside Beautification Strategies Supplementary Report March 1995 | Doc # 815030, F3353 |
| Roadside Beautification Policy Statements (As Reviewed May 1999) | Doc # 68682, F2572 |
| Roadside Beautification Policy Statements (As Reviewed November 1998) | Doc # 63374 |
| Roadside Pride Rooding Hierarchy Map and List | Doc # 828691, F2753 |
| Guidelines for Highway Landscaping – NZTA – December 2006 | http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/guidelines-highway-landscaping/highway-landscaping.html |
| Using Native Plants in Canterbury – ECan – January 2005 | http://ecan.govt.nz/publications/General/UsingNativesCanterburyE0472.pdf |
| District Services Committee Report | Doc # 838140, F446 |
| District Services Committee Minutes – 17 September 2013 | Doc # 842138, F448 |
| Council Minutes – 08 October 2013 | Doc # 844629, F428 |
| Council Referral – 17 October 2013 | Doc # 846890, F425 |

6.3 Revision History

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