

PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDELINE

The City of Albany receives a large volume of requests from the public for roads to be graded, renewed or upgraded (including sealing of a road).

This guideline is intended to provide answers to commonly asked questions regarding how the City of Albany manages its road assets.



Maintenance of Roads

Routine maintenance is the regular ongoing work that is necessary to keep roads operational and to prevent rapid deterioration.

Examples: Grading a gravel road or pothole patching on sealed roads.

Grading of Roads

The City receives the majority of requests for grading of its gravel road network in autumn, especially if the summer has been particularly warm and dry.

Despite numerous requests through late summer/early autumn, the City must be careful not to over grade roads when it is dry as this reduces the life of the gravel material.

The City has a gravel road grading schedule, with roads being graded from 2-6 times per year, depending on the volume of traffic on the road.

Information on roads to be graded is available through the monthly Community Information Page in the local newspapers or you can contact us via the details below.

Road Renewal

Renewing a road is when the City restores or rehabilitates an existing road to its original service potential.

The aim of renewal is to restore the road effectively at a lower cost than what it would cost to replace it.

Work over and above restoring a road to its original condition is an upgrade/ expansion or new works expenditure.



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New Roads or Road Upgrading

New works are those works that create a new road that did not previously exist, or works which upgrade or improve an existing road beyond its existing capacity. This may result from growth, social or environmental needs.

The City uses the following criteria to prioritise the upgrading of its roads:

- How important is the road? The City has defined its road network using a hierarchy that varies from major dual carriage-ways at urban level to minor access roads.
- Is the road part of a tourist route?
- Is the road a school bus route?
- Is the road used as part of a heavy haulage route?
- What is the condition of the road?
- How many vehicles travel on the road per day?
- What type of vehicles travel on this road and how often?

In order to ensure the City's assets are managed properly, the findings of these investigations are used to prioritise capital works projects for inclusion in the Long Term Financial Plans.

The Long Term Financial Plan outlines:

- What new infrastructure is required and when?
- What infrastructure requires upgrading, and when?

Whilst the City would like to satisfy all requests to seal or upgrade roads, these works must be prioritised for the benefit of the majority of ratepayers in the most cost effective way.

