

The City of Stirling's Rights of Way Management Strategy (Strategy) was adopted by Council on 10 November 2009. The Strategy was developed to provide a framework for the City's approach to the management of private rights of way and dedicated public laneways that have potential to be used as alternative access to abutting developments.

The Strategy envisions that all private rights of way with potential for greater public use be upgraded and brought under the City's management as part of its functional road network.

There are approximately 400 rights of way and dedicated laneways within the City of Stirling, comprising nearly 60km in length. At the commencement of the Strategy, approximately 150 of these rights of way and laneways were already under the City's care and control as a result of previous ad-hoc actions by the City.

Under the Strategy, rights of way and dedicated laneways that have been designated as Category 1, 2 and 3 will be progressively converted to public street status (if they are in private ownership) and be sealed, drained and lit.

Rights of way designated as Category 4 and 5, which have been determined to be lacking in strategic value or have special constraints with reduced functionality, would be converted into Crown rights of way for management by the City as unsealed or partially sealed lanes. This would enable appropriate management until opportunities arise for their closure and extinguishment, or removal of the particular constraints affecting their functionality.

Properties adjacent to Categories 1, 2 and 3 rights of way and laneways are located within the Development Contribution Area for Rights of Way Improvement Works (DCA 5) in Local Planning Scheme No. 3. Owners of these properties may be liable to contribute financially towards the cost of the laneway sealing, drainage and lighting infrastructure works when they subdivide, develop or undertake major modifications to an existing development on their land.



Figure 1. Right of way shown before works



Figure 2. Right of way shown after works

More information is available in the Rights of Way Management Strategy section of the City's Planning strategies page at www.stirling.wa.gov.au .