



# Coorong District Council Information Guide

## Regulatory Services

### Safe Parking in Townships

#### Introduction

Council's General Inspector provides a valuable job in monitoring parking and enforcing the Australian Road Rules for the Purpose of public safety and community benefit, ensuring also that Council's infrastructure is protected.

#### Why do we need parking to be monitored?

Parking regulations assist in keeping the Council accessible for all motorists and pedestrians. They assist in ensuring:

- Better use of street parking.
- Improved traffic flow.
- Safer parking conditions.
- Areas for passenger safety pickup and set down areas.
- Pedestrian Safety.

Council's General Inspector contributes and monitors the following aspects of parking within townships:

- Roads are kept safe from illegally parked cars.
- Emergency vehicles such as ambulances, police can get to their destination without time delays and safe lives and property.
- Pedestrians can walk safely on our streets without vehicles parked on footpaths.
- Disabled persons can park with ease.
- Removal of abandoned/stolen vehicles from roadways.
- Road safety at special events.
- Parking turnover at busy locations.
- Residents are able to get in and out of their driveways.
- Children are safe around schools.
- Providing a safer community for all.

#### Can I park on the footpath?

Parking on footways, verges or nature strips is an offence and enforcement action can be undertaken on the owners of the offending vehicles.

A motor vehicle is not allowed to park on any of these areas as they have been set aside for safe pedestrian use only and often this causes damage to the infrastructure, underground services and the vegetation in the area as well. The entire areas between the gutter and the property alignment is Council property and cannot be used to park vehicles.

Council's General Inspector monitors parking and this includes unlawful parking on these areas. Providing safe passageway of users and also Emergency Service access is paramount.

#### Disabled Parking Zones

Disabled parking zones are set aside for disabled persons only and any vehicle using this zone must display a current disability permit. It is vitally important to ensure that a valid permit is clearly displayed for the Officer to see. Permits have the expiry date covered or are unreadable will attract a fine. There have been cases where able bodies drivers park in these locations.

#### Truck and Heavy Vehicle Parking

Each year Council receives a number of complaints from residents who are concerned about the parking of a heavy vehicle in residential areas. Generally people are worried by:

- The visual impact of the parked vehicle.
- Noise associated with leaving and entering the property, especially early in the morning and late at night.
- Frequency of the vehicle leaving or returning to the property.
- Impact of associated activities, like washing, mechanical repairs and maintenance, storage of materials etc.
- Parking of large vehicles on roadways and the manner in which they are reversed into or out of driveways.

#### What is a heavy vehicle?

A large vehicle that weighs more than 3 tonne tare (3000kg) must not be parked in the township unless approval is sought from Council. Vehicles which would exceed this weight would include vans, buses, trucks, prime movers, earth moving equipment and any associated trailers. The most appropriate place for all these vehicles to be parked is within industrial or commercial areas.

Under the Australian Road Rules 1999, vehicles over 7.5 metres in length (including a trailer attached) or over 4.5 tonne can only be parked on a road in a build up area for a maximum of 1 hour.

**For further information on Parking Controls within the Council area please contact Council's General Inspector on 1300 785 277.**

*The information contained within this Information Guide is intended as a general guide only and community members are encouraged to seek advice or refer any questions to The Coorong District Council's General Inspector if necessary.*