



The Southern Grampians Shire Council has recently made a new local law regulating advertising signs, furniture and goods on Council footpaths.

The new law is designed to ensure easy access to businesses for all customers. Good Access is Good Business.

The Shire's primary aim is to have a consistent approach to items placed on footpaths. This allows all pedestrians, including those with vision impairment, using a mobility aide or parents using prams to use the footpath safely and confidently. The additional aim of the local law is to support our many great businesses that use the footpaths in their business operations.

Good Access is Good Business and the local law will enable businesses to showcase their shop frontage to customers. Complying with the local law will allow customers to safely and confidently use Council footpaths and enter business premises. It will also help Council and shop owners address requirements applying under Federal and State legislation about appropriate disability access. The permit process will also help meet insurance requirements. The Shire is confident the new local law strikes a good balance that further enhances the townships within the Southern Grampians Shire as the place for doing business.

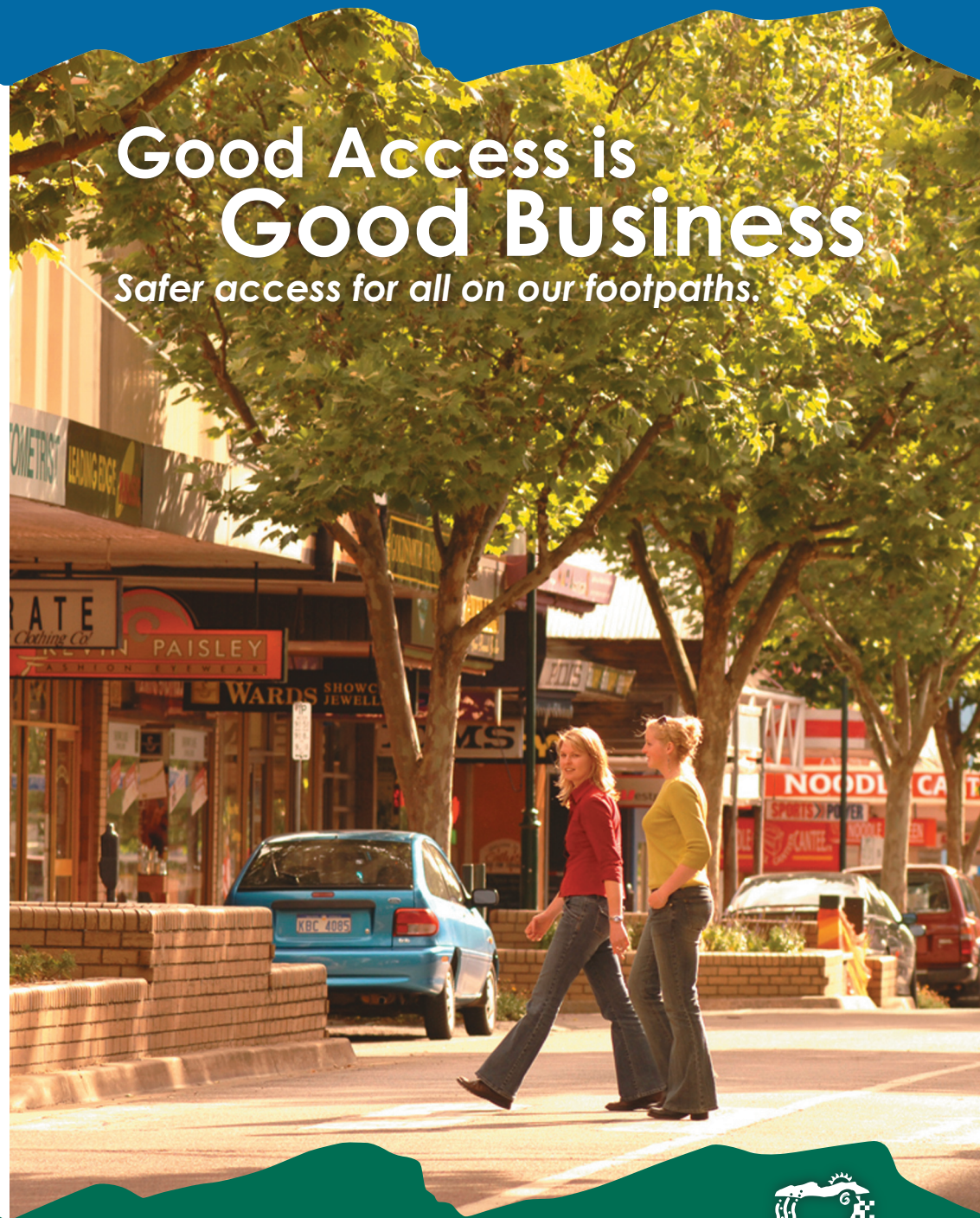
Permits

Permits are required for placing any items within the trading zone and must be renewed annually. Application fees apply to these permits. Please contact Council for more information. Each application for a permit to use the footpath will be considered on an individual basis. Conditions apply to the various types of furniture, signs or goods to be displayed. Details relating to conditions together with what is taken into consideration in deciding whether to grant a permit are found on the Council website or a written copy can be obtained from:

Southern Grampians Shire Council
111 Brown Street
Hamilton
Victoria 3300

Good Access is Good Business

Safer access for all on our footpaths.





The new local law prescribes the arrangements for placing street furniture and other signage on Council footpaths throughout the Shire. A permit is required for placing items on footpaths.

For the purpose of the Community Local Law a footpath is divided into three zones:

Pedestrian Zone

The purpose of the Pedestrian Zone is to ensure that there is safe and clear access on the footpath and to premises abutting the footpath for all users of the footpath.

There is to be a pedestrian clearway along the building line having a minimum width of 1.6 metres and 2 metres high to allow for a "continuous accessible path of travel". No items of furniture including signs, planters, raised door mats and umbrellas are permitted in this zone.

Trading Zone

The purpose of the Trading Zone is to provide a designated area on the footpath where traders can use the space as an outdoor eating facility, display goods for sale or place advertising signs.

The Trading Zone is the available space between the Pedestrian Zone and the Kerb Zone. The width remaining for the purposes of the Trading Zone after the Pedestrian Zone and Kerb Zone have been taken into consideration will vary depending on width of footpath. All permitted street furniture must be retained in this zone. Street furniture is not to occupy a length of more than 50% of shop frontage to allow access from the Kerb Zone to the Pedestrian Zone.

Kerb Zone

The Kerb Zone is the area between the gutter and the Trading Zone and is designed to allow safe and reasonable access for pedestrians from their vehicles and the road.

The following are the desirable minimum distances:

- > 0.7m when adjacent to parallel parking
- > 1m is required adjacent to loading zones
- > 0.7m is required adjacent "No Stopping" zones
- > 1m adjacent to angle parking
- > 1m adjacent to an accessible permit parking space

