

Footpath dining

Design guide for operators

Summary

Footpath dining on Redlands Coast provides an opportunity for patrons to enjoy the outdoors while frequenting their favorite food business.

It creates a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere and space for family and friends to gather and soak up the ambience of a precinct. It can also create a more vibrant and livelier streetscape, which can make the area more attractive to tourists and other visitors.

To enhance the local experience through footpath dining, it is important to ensure that it is done in a way that is safe and accessible for everyone. This includes making sure that there is adequate space for pedestrians to walk and that the footpath dining area does not pose a hazard to anyone.

It is also important to minimise adverse impacts of amenity and maintain access to footpath assets and infrastructure.

Anyone intending to place furniture onto Council's footpaths for footpath dining, must make an application to Council seeking approval in accordance with [Subordinate Local Law No. 1.2 \(Commercial Use of Local Government Controlled Areas and Roads\) 2015](#).

About this guide

This guide is for food businesses that are proposing to place furniture on a Council footpath (adjacent to the road) to allow dining within the footpath frontage of their food premises.

It aims to provide operators with the minimum requirements to comply with Council's guideline and the [Subordinate Local Law No. 1.2 \(Commercial Use of Local Government Controlled Areas and Roads\) 2015](#).

There are important location and layout considerations when assessing your footpath dining proposal for approval. You must meet the minimum requirements detailed in this guide for Council to consider your footpath dining application. Contact Council on (07) 3829 8999 for further information.

Other relevant approvals

Additional approvals from other Council areas may also be required. For example, you may require planning approval for the use, or building approval if your proposal includes any building works or permanent structures.

It's also important if anchoring or fixing anything into Council's footpath or infrastructure that you contact Council prior to starting construction to reduce the possibilities of expensive mistakes and avoid potential breaches of Council's Local Laws.

Contact Council for more information on phone (07) 3829 8999.

Application processes and plan details

Whether transferring an existing footpath dining approval or applying to start using Council's public footpath for dining, visit Council's website (redland.qld.gov.au) for the online application form and details required on plans.

Documents that must accompany your application:

- a plan of the site, detailing the location of the proposed footpath dining area, the site features (for example street lighting, bins, existing services), site dimensions, road and streetscape elements and proximity to adjoining buildings.
- photographs or detailed drawings of chairs, tables, screens, bollards, umbrellas, and other furniture proposed for the footpath dining area.
- a copy of a current public liability insurance policy of not less than \$20,000,000 held by the applicant that covers footpath dining activity.

Minimum requirements

The following minimum requirements must be met for your footpath dining application to be considered by Council.

Footpath dining must:

- allow safe and unobstructed access to emergency access ways and adjoining sites
- be separated by bollards or other similar roadside protective measures when located next to a vehicular carriageway
- be located to a specific area on the footpath that is immediately adjacent to the associated food business
- maintain access to services such as traffic signal boxes and emergency services infrastructure
- have a 3.5 metre minimum useable width (including two metre pedestrian clearance) after allowing for minimum clearances- *see Diagram 1*
- have a 2 metre minimum overhead clearance for pedestrian access, including where umbrellas or fixed screens are used- *see Diagram 2*
- have a minimum 2-metre-wide pedestrian corridor through the footpath dining areas, which is free from all obstructions, is the most direct route along footpath- *see Diagram 2*
- allow a 1.2-metre-wide path from disabled car parking spaces to the pedestrian corridor
- allow public access to Council-owned street furniture including seats, bins, information signs and drinking fountains. Generally, footpath dining should be 1.5 metres from these devices- *see Diagram 3*
- be 900 millimetres from kerb edges where there are no designated car parking bays within the road carriageway and be separated from road carriageway by bollards or other similar roadside protective measures- *see Diagram 1*
- be 1.5 metres from the kerb edges where there are parallel and angled car parking spaces- *see Diagram 4*
- be a minimum of three (3) metres from any water's edge
- not be sited over tactile paving or within two (2) metres of access ramps or handrails.

- not be located near taxi ranks or bus stops
- not be located near designated loading, service vehicle parking or standing areas
- not inhibit the use of, or access to, the existing street activities and structures.

Footpath dining furniture (fixtures, fittings, and equipment) must:

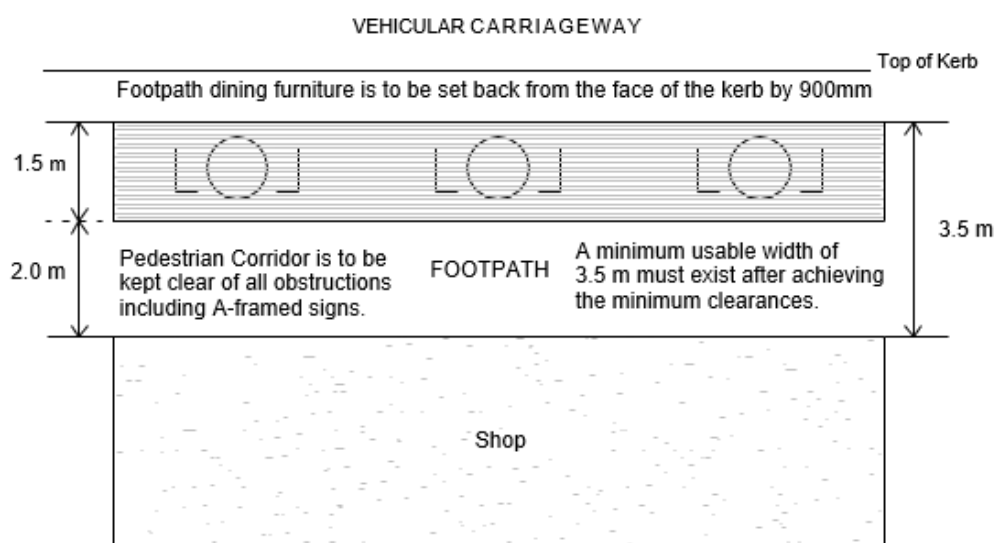
- be durable, weather resistant, easy to clean, safe to use, and structurally sound
- be removed when the business is not trading
- be removable unless otherwise approved (Council's Engineering Team needs to be consulted prior to fixing anything into the footpath)
- not contain any parts that may be a potential hazard to patrons or pedestrians and secured against wind loads
- not include BBQ or open braziers.

Other things Council will consider:

- overhanging outside the approved footpath dining area- for example umbrellas
- obstructing convenient access to utility infrastructure
- vehicle access ways across the footpath
- restricting or interfering with current street lighting.

Diagrams

Diagram 1 - Footpath dining layout



Note: the above minimum requirements may be decreased on merit where the requirements of this guideline cannot reasonably be achieved to the Local Government's satisfaction.

Diagram 2- Vertical clearance

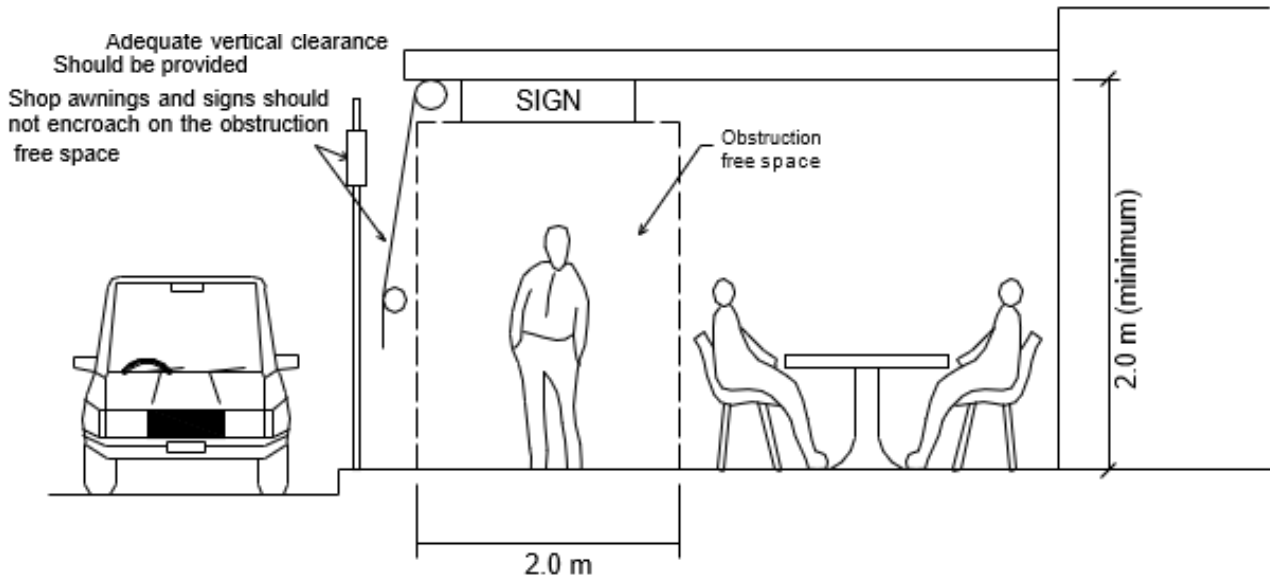


Diagram 3- Pedestrian corridor

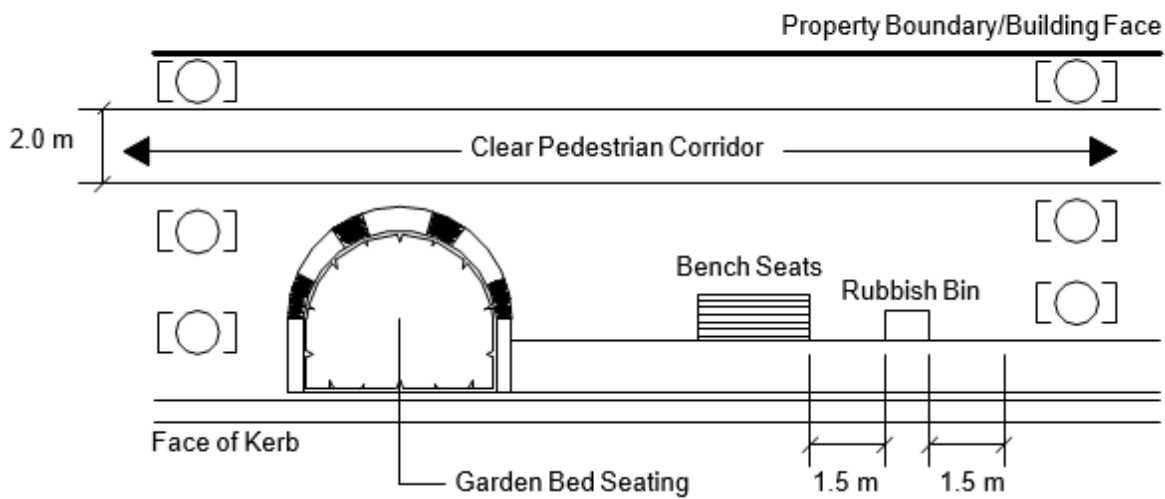


Diagram 4 - Setbacks from carparking

