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Council issues permit reminder

Towong Shire Council is reminding residents that completing a project in a road reserve requires a Council permit.

A road reserve includes the drivable road, kerb, nature strip, footpath and roadside reserves that are typically adjacent to private property.

Residents wanting to build a driveway or lay piping in a road reserve first require a Council permit.

"The permit process makes sure that any works conducted within these road reserves meet design compliance and OH&S requirements," Cr Wortmann said.

"Common projects people might deliver on a road reserve include constructing a driveway, laying water pipes or works to shop front verandahs and tree removal. Each of those first require Council permission."

There have been five reported cases of works being carried out on a road reserve without a permit in Towong Shire in the past year.

"We don't believe there was anything malicious in their intent, sometimes people just aren't aware of the requirements to obtain a permit," Cr Wortmann added.

Permit fees are set by State Legislation and the current permit fee is \$83.60. To obtain a permit to work in a road reserve visit www.towong.vic.gov.au or call Council on 6071 5100.

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