



What you **need** to **know** about...

Structures & Whitebait Hut in the Road Margin

maintaining our roads

There are approximately 5000 km of roads within the Southland District Council network: 2000 km sealed, 3000 km unsealed, including over 960 bridges, with 27 townships & a growing population (28,440 as per 2006 Census) who use these roads.

With an annual Roading Budget of over \$23M it is our aim to keep the roads maintained to an acceptable standard and are always looking at ways to improve the network as an asset for the community while keeping to an ever tightening budget.

In an effort to accommodate adjacent landowners the Council allows the use of road margins and road reserve for various reasons. However Council also has a public responsibility to ensure a safe roadway for all road users and a requirement to maintain and manage its roading resources.

Structures in the Road Margin

As part of the Council's Clear Zone Standard placement of structures on the road margin is limited to prevent damage to the road and damage or injury to road users.

- The following structures are allowed subject to compliance with the conditions of the Roading Policy. All structures and costs are the responsibility of the applicant, not the Council.
 - o School Bus Shelters - shall be constructed of an approved material, be relocatable, and placed as far back as practical.
 - o Mail Boxes - shall be placed 1m (minimum) behind back of water table, collapsible if struck by a vehicle, and does not restrict flow of water table.
- Loading/Unloading facilities for machinery or stock are not permitted in the road margin.
- All non-complying structures shall require a permit and include details of type of structure, proposed location and building materials.



Whitebait Huts

Structures (Whitebait Huts) may be erected on road margins to provide shelter during whitebaiting. Owners of huts do not own the land or have any legal rights of occupation to the land upon which the huts are located.

- No new huts are allowed on or adjacent to roads if, in the opinion of the Council, their location will create traffic safety issues.
- Prior to a new hut being constructed on any road a formal application must be sent to the Council's Property Manager. *Full details on construction requirements are available from our office.*
- Unforeseen circumstances may mean that it is no longer appropriate for a whitebait hut to be erected and the owner would be notified and asked to remove it.

Council acknowledges that there is numerous existing whitebait huts located on unformed and formed roads throughout the District. While Council has no immediate intention to take any action on these structures owners should be aware that they do not have any legal rights to the land and that no alterations are to be made to existing huts without Council approval.

**Contact our Customer Services
on 0800 732 732 if you have a concern about the
state of any of our roads, sealed or unsealed,
or if you come across a mess.**



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