

Tourist and Community Facility (Fingerboard) Signs

FACT SHEET

This factsheet provides information on Council's management of Tourist and Community Facility (Fingerboard) Signs.

Preamble

Fingerboard signs are blue or brown background signs with white lettering usually located with street name signs directing motorists and pedestrians to publicly available facilities.

What types of facilities can have fingerboard signs?

The types of facilities that may be approved for fingerboard signs include:

- Not-for-profit organisations such as churches, hospitals, post offices, government offices, botanic gardens, sporting facilities and grounds and clubs (RSL)
- Commercial operations such as caravan parks, B&B's, shopping centres and corner stores
- Tourist destinations such as zoos, theme parks and terminals.

How many fingerboard signs can a facility have?

Council allows a maximum of two (2) fingerboard signs per facility and a maximum of three (3) fingerboard signs per intersection. Council designs, supplies and installs all fingerboard signs to ensure proliferation of signs does not occur rendering both facility and street signs confusing and ineffective to passing motorists.

Is there a cost for fingerboard signs?

Payment of a prescribed fee is required except where a fee and charge waiver or reduction is granted by Council. Refer to Council's website for the latest fees and the policy on fee waiver or reduction which may be provided to certain facilities.

What can be written on fingerboard signs?

The sign can contain the name of the facility and a chevron pointing horizontally in the general direction of

the facility. A symbol which will assist in identifying the type of facility or service may be permitted on the sign however, logos advertising the facilities names or products are not permitted (see Figure 1 below).

How can a facility arrange to have fingerboard signs installed?

The Policy, application form and guidelines to apply for fingerboard signs, including eligibility criteria, are available on Council's webpage.

Specifications for fingerboard sign design, location and installation

Fingerboard signs are designed, located and installed by Council in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) - Part 5 "Street Name and Community Facility Names Signs" (AS 1742.5 – 2017).

Any fingerboard sign identified by Council which has not been approved or installed by Council will be removed and the facility notified of the sign's removal.

Maintenance and changes to signs

Maintenance of signs is undertaken by Council on an as needed basis. Should a facility change location or cease to operate, Council is to be notified and the signs will be removed. A new application will be required should a facility request fingerboard signs to be installed in alternate locations.



Figure 1 – Example of signs

Need further information

For further information, please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 79 49 29.