

Councillor Question Time

Question from Cr Pearl

In relation to the maintenance of gutters on historical awnings particularly on Clarendon Street and Bay Street. There's some trees growing out of some of them in Bay Street, all be it, Council has a green strategy, we weren't intending to have grass and trees growing out of gutters on streets. Who is responsible for cleaning those gutters and ensuring they are clear of litter and tree debris? And what can Council do to ensure that this takes place?

Response

Firstly, it is the property owners responsibility to maintain their land and/or building. It is the responsibility of the owners of the building to keep the gutters clean and maintained. Council's Local Laws officer can investigate this matter and utilise Local Law No 1 Clause 57 Dangerous or unsightly land, which requires an owner or occupier of land to ensure that the land is not kept in a manner which is dangerous or unsightly. When determining whether land is dangerous or unsightly, an authorised officer will consider factors including sub clause (d) which relevantly provides that, the appearance of the land is one of neglect and is out of character with other land in the vicinity.

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