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AWNINGS POLICY

This policy relates to the key focus area of *settlement and the environment* and applies to the consideration of all applications for awnings.

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Policy basis

The Municipal Strategic Statement (Clause 21.02-2) and *The Footpath Trading and Awnings Policy* (reference document) supports the erection of awnings in association with uses which contribute to the viability and vibrancy of commercial centres, provided they are in character with the streetscape and maintain adequate levels of visibility and accessibility.

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Objectives

- To ensure that horizontal awnings/verandahs maintain an appropriate height and align with others within the streetscape.
- To support well designed, partial drop down awnings, particularly in association with fresh food outlets.
- To support well designed, full length, drop down, transparent awnings in association with food and drink premises and entertainment uses, provided they are in character with the streetscape and maintain an adequate level of visibility and accessibility.
- To ensure that the location, design and materials of awnings are in character with the building and the streetscape.
- To ensure that drop down awnings do not dominate a streetscape or impede visibility or accessibility along footpaths and to and from roads.
- Ensure heritage places are protected from drop down awnings, especially where intact shopfronts exist and the heritage streetscape is not characterised by awnings.

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It is policy that:

Horizontal awnings are encouraged where they meet the following requirements:

- Any signage on the awning is located on the fascia of the awning and is in keeping with the character of the area.
- The awning has a minimum clearance of 2.7 metres above the footpath and aligns with others in the street.
- The awning will maintain a minimum horizontal clearance of 0.75 metres from the street kerb.

Partial drop down awnings will be supported provided the applicant can demonstrate:

- The awning will maintain a clearance of at least 2.2 metres above the footpath.
- The awning will not form a continuous row of awnings.
- The only signage on the awning is small business identification sign or logo no greater than 1.5 square metres in total, which is in keeping with the character of signage within the streetscape.

Full length drop down awnings will be supported provided the applicant can demonstrate:

- The awning will not form a continuous row of awnings and will not dominate a streetscape.
- The awning is transparent of durable material, with the exception of a 1 metre high solid area at the bottom of the awning.

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- The awning will maintain a minimum horizontal clearance 0.75 metres from the kerb at the highest point and a minimum horizontal clearance of 0.3 metres from the street kerb at the lowest point where it is attached to a footpath trading barrier or sits on the footpath.
- The awning maintains a gap of 0.5 metres from each side of the boundary and maintains a 1 metre gap for every 10 metres to the frontage to allow for access to the street.
- No side wings are attached to the awning.
- The awning is for premises occupied by food and drink or entertainment uses or fresh food/flower outlets at street level.
- The awning will not detract from pedestrian safety, the safety and efficiency of traffic movements or the operation of public transport services and will not prevent reasonable access for the loading or unloading of goods.
- There is no signage.

In Heritage Overlay areas:

- The erection of partial drop down awnings or full length drop down awnings on graded heritage buildings is discouraged, especially where the building has an intact shop front and is located within a heritage streetscape which is not characterised by drop down awnings.
- Where evidence of an early street verandah/canopy exists, its reinstatement is encouraged.