

A driveway crossover is part of the property owner’s driveway providing access to private property (urban or rural) from the road carriageway to the property boundary. This area where a driveway crossover is located is referred to as the road reserve/road verge or nature strip.

Driveway crossovers can also be known as vehicle crossings, crossovers or driveways.

Responsibility and Requirements

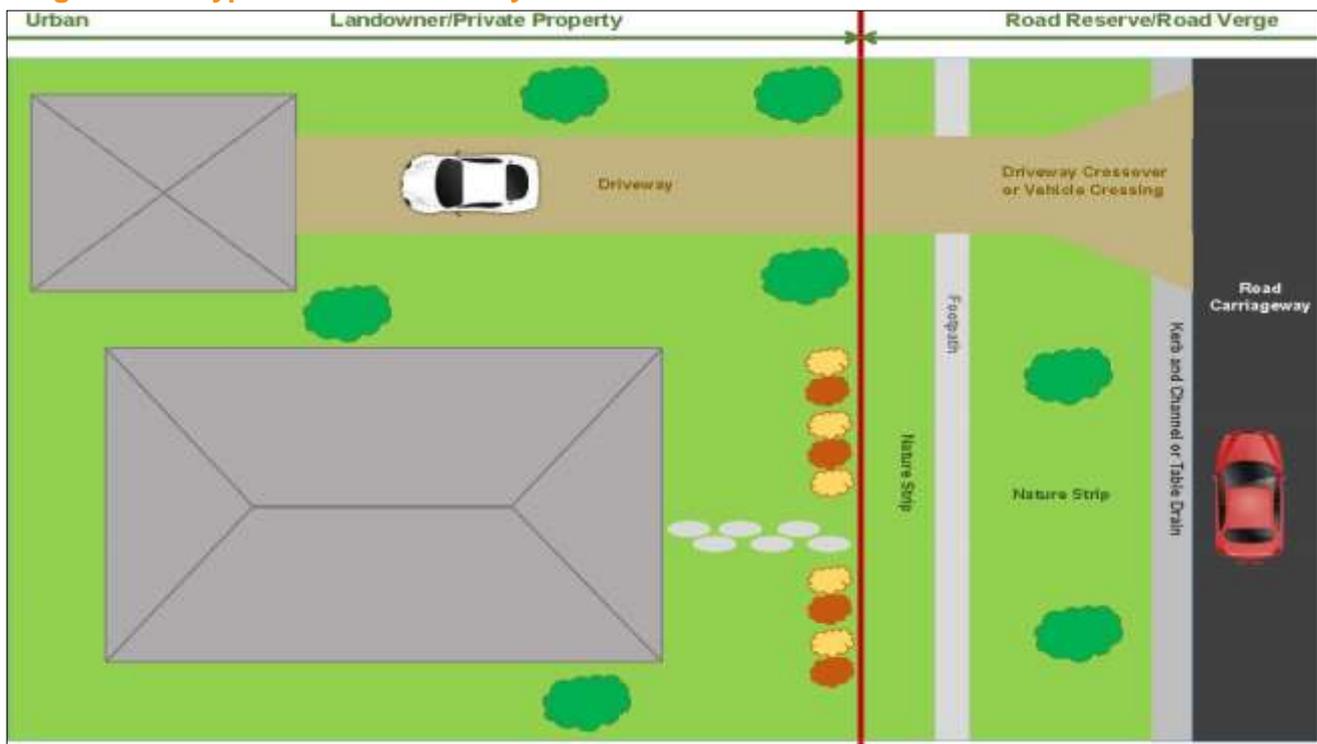
Driveway crossovers are the responsibility of the landowner and are constructed, maintained, altered and repaired at the landowner’s expense. This responsibility encompasses not only where the driveway crosses the kerb and channel, but any footpaths, water courses, drains, drainage pipes or easements. Although driveway crossovers are constructed on Council controlled land (i.e. the road reserve), landowners are responsible for ensuring that driveway crossings are maintained in a safe condition. If any issues are identified by Council the Landowner is required to rectify the issue within a specified time frame, at their expense. If the landowner doesn’t meet this requirement, Council will undertake the works, with the costs being invoiced to and payable by the landowner. Council may also close a driveway crossover if it is deemed a risk until it is repaired.

The NSW Roads Act (1993) requires Council consent be obtained for works within the road reserve, to ensure it complies with Australian Standards and Council policies. Council must ensure new driveways, alterations or maintenance work activities are safe for both vehicles and pedestrians, do not conflict with existing infrastructure such as signs, poles and street trees, adequately manage stormwater and do not create any hazard on the Council footway or verge area.

The landowner must submit a Road Opening Permit Application before undertaking any works within the road reserve, rural or urban. A Road Opening Permit Application can be obtained from Council’s website. www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au

There are different types of driveway crossovers for rural and urban areas.

Diagram of a Typical Urban Driveway Crossover

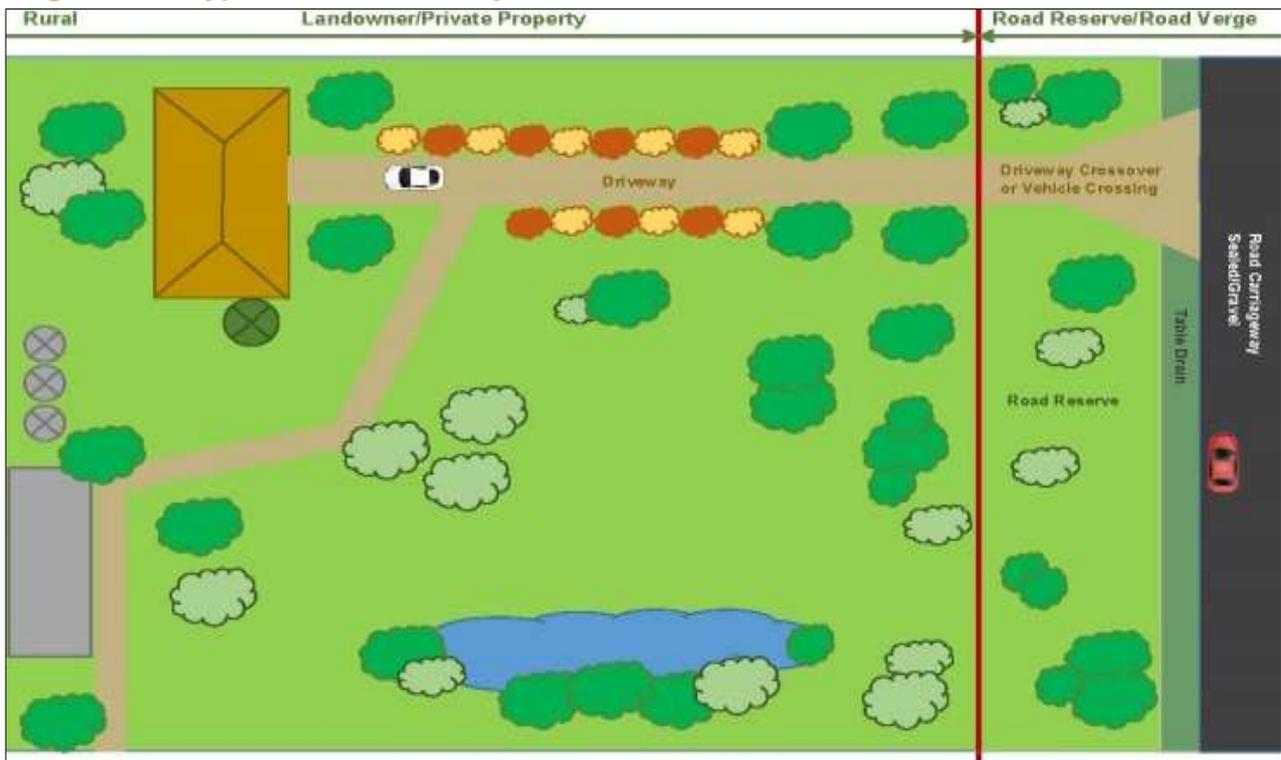


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Typical
Urban Driveway
Crossover

Diagram of a Typical Rural Driveway Crossover



Rural is outside the town/village boundaries, where roads are constructed without kerb and channel and there is likely to be a table drain. Below are two types of driveway crossovers used in rural areas.



Typical
Winged
Headwall
and Pipe
Used on
Rural
Roads



Typical
Mountable
Headwall
and Pipe
Used on
Main and
Regional
Roads

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