



5.01 WEATHER RELATED ROAD CLOSURES

Distribution: Elected Members, All Employees, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

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Purpose

To restrict the winter use of unsealed roads by certain vehicles to preserve the Shire's asset.

Scope

Elected Members, All Employees, Contractors, Visitors, Volunteers

Standard

Unless otherwise stated, Council shall practice its rights and obligations to partially or wholly close, and subsequently re-open, any road under its responsibility in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995, and the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

Specifically, Council may close unsealed roads to all vehicles greater than 3.5 tonnes gross when conditions arise where damage to the structure and or surface of the road is likely to occur. This would usually occur in winter after grading and when 15mm or more of rain is forecast.

Rain events greater than 15mm may require unsealed roads to be closed until road conditions are suitable, as determined by the Chief Executive Officer under Delegated Authority.

Notifications of weather-related road closures will be made to adjoining shires, and notices will be posted at the Shire Administration Offices, the notice board of the Goomalling Community Resource Centre and published in the next edition of the Goomalling Endeavour. (As per Notice of Road Closure proformas)

Restricted Access Vehicle permit holders with current Letters of Approval from the Shire, local carriers and any other interested parties will be notified of weather-related road closures by SMS text message and/or fax and/or email. Notification will be sent to media outlets.



Where Council is required to issue local public notice, the issue of local public notice shall be in accordance with Section 1.7 of the Local Government Act. Where a road closure inadvertently exceeds a period of twenty-eight (28) days, the Council shall meet its obligations under S1.7 & 3.50(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and S4, Part 2 of the Local Government (Function and General) Regulations 1996.

Roles and Responsibilities

Chief Executive Officer

Ensure the policy is adhered to.

Works Manager

Ensure that the policy is adhered to.

Employees/Contractors/Visitors/Volunteers

Legislation

*Local Government Act 1995, Part 1 – Introductory matters,
Section 1.7; Part 3 – Functions of Local Governments, Division 1 – General,
Subdivision 5 – Certain Provisions about Thoroughfares,
Section 3.50; Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Part 2
– Thoroughfares.*

Resource Documents

Shire of Goomalling Community Plan

Local Law

Nil

Delegation

Not Applicable