

Policy: UNSEALED RURAL ROADS

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Service: ROADS

Responsible Officer: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

1. OBJECTIVE

To provide guidelines for the management of unsealed rural roads.

2. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL ROADS

Council will maintain its network of unsealed roads in accordance with the adopted "Roads Register" and road hierarchy subject to budgetary requirements.

The hierarchical model will be developed using objective criteria which determine the overall importance of each road.

The criteria used to determine the hierarchy are:

- Total traffic volume,
- The number of heavy vehicles using the road,
- Whether the road is a school bus route,
- Whether the road leads to a tourist destination.

Using this criteria and measurable data, the relative "importance" of a road is readily established. This system provides an objective 'ranking' of roads throughout the Local Government Area.

The routine maintenance grading program for unsealed roads will be linked to the hierarchy score as follows:

Category 1	4 maintenance grades per year
Category 2	3 maintenance grades per year
Category 3	2 maintenance grades per year
Category 4	1 maintenance grade per year
Category 5	1 maintenance grade every 2 years

3. NON- MAINTAINED ROADS

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The following categories of roads will not be maintained by Council:

- Council roads not listed in the "Roads Register"
- Crown Roads
- Private Roads
- Rights-of-Carriageways
- Community Title Roads
- Unspecified classifications (eg private access roads, bush fire trails)

Council may undertake works on any of the above roads on request subject to the full cost of the work being met by the users/residents.

NOTE: Council Roads and Crown Roads are the only categories classified as Public Roads

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4. MAINTENANCE "TAKE-OVER"

Council recognises that increased settlement in some areas is likely to contribute to an increase in traffic volumes on particular roads.

Council will give to consideration to taking over the maintenance of any public road where traffic volumes exceed 50 vehicles per day.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO NON-MAINTAINED PUBLIC ROADS

Council may provide funding for maintenance of unsealed *public roads* on the following basis:

- The funds available for this service being identified annually in the Management Plan
- A maximum of 50% of the cost of the work being met by Council
- Funds being available on a "first-in" basis
- A maximum of 20% of the available Council funds being made available for any one project in any financial year unless the total sum of applications received is less than the available funds.

6. SEALING OF UNSEALED ROADS

Council may provide funding for the upgrade of its unsealed road network where sufficient funds are available. Where funding for upgrade works is provided, roads will be considered on a priority basis in accordance with Councils adopted "Unsealed Roads Priority List".

The Unsealed Roads Priority List will be based on a number of objective criteria including:

- Traffic volumes
- Bus routes
- Number of residences
- Links to existing sealed road network
- Road width
- Accident history

The priority system allows an objective comparison of the various road segments and a transparent methodology for allocation of available funding.

7. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS/LEGISLATION

Previously known as Policy R.06.

HISTORY

<i>Minute No</i>	<i>Date of Issue</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Checked by</i>
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