



## HEAVY HAULAGE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Section 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995

#### Committee Brief

*The duties of the committee shall be to:*

- *Advise the Council relating to heavy haulage movement within the Shire of Plantagenet; and*
- *Make recommendations to the Council relating to the use of local roads by classes of heavy vehicles.*

Ordinary meeting of the Heavy Haulage Committee  
held in the Committee Room,  
Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324  
9.00am Tuesday 14 February 2017

Rob Stewart  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

#### Committee Members

*Cr B Bell, Cr J Oldfield and Cr M O'Dea (Resolution No. 227/15) and Cr J Moir (Resolution No. 170/16),*

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**Chairperson: Cr J Oldfield**

**Deputy Chairperson: Cr B Bell**

**Membership: Quorum (2)**

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| Cr B Bell     | Council Representative |
| Cr J Oldfield | Council Representative |
| Cr M O'Dea    | Council Representative |
| Cr J Moir     | Council Representative |

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

At 9.05am Cr Oldfield declared the meeting open.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE**Attendance

|               |                        |
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| Cr J Oldfield | Council Representative |
| Cr M O'Dea    | Council Representative |
| Cr J Moir     | Council Representative |

Staff

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Mr D Le Cerf    | Manager Works and Services                        |
| Ms A Chadbourne | Senior Administration Officer, Works and Services |

Apologies

|           |                        |
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| Cr B Bell | Council Representative |
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**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Cr J Moir, Seconded Cr M O'Dea;**

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Heavy Haulage Committee, held on 8 November 2016 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Part 5 Division 6 Local Government Act 1995

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

### **5.1 ADOPTION OF NEW COUNCIL POLICY - HEAVY VEHICLE ACCESS**

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>File Ref:</b>              | <b>N40452</b>  |
| <b>Responsible Officer:</b>   | <b>Dominic Le Cerf<br/>Manager Works and Services</b>                                  |
| <b>Author:</b>                | <b>Amy Chadbourne<br/>Senior Administration/Project Officer Works<br/>and Services</b> |
| <b>Proposed Meeting Date:</b> | <b>28 March 2017</b>   |

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#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to recommend the adoption of Policy I/R/17 Roads - Heavy Vehicle Access Policy.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On 15 March 2016 a workshop was held with the Council to discuss the draft Policy I/R/17 Roads – Road and Heavy Vehicle Policy. Feedback indicated the draft policy needed to be revised further.

On 8 November 2016, a Heavy Haulage Committee Meeting was held and discussion took place on the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network and the new Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) and application to Shire roads, in particular some roads within the Mount Barker townsite.

On 14 February 2017, another Heavy Haulage Committee Meeting was held and the draft Policy I/R/17 Roads – Heavy Vehicle Access was presented for approval.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Land Administration Act 1997 Section 55 – ‘Property in and management etc of roads’

Local Government Act 1995 Section 3.53 (2) – ‘Control of certain unvested facilities’

Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012

Road Traffic (Vehicle) Regulations 2014

#### **EXTERNAL CONSULTATION**

Consultation has occurred with representatives from Main Roads and its Heavy Vehicles Operations section.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications for this report, however, it should be noted that increased heavy vehicle use of Shire roads may result in additional budgeting requirements for road maintenance and renewal.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This draft policy is presented to the Council as part of its policy development.

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

The Shire of Plantagenet Strategic Community Plan 2013-2023 provides at Outcome 2.4 (Safe and reliable transport infrastructure) the following Strategy:

Strategy 2.4.1:

*'Maintain and further develop roads and pathways at appropriate standards.'*

And further at Strategy 2.4.4:

*'Investigate and respond to road safety and traffic issues throughout the District.'*

The Shire of Plantagenet Corporate Business Plan 2016/2017 – 2020/2021 includes Action 2.4.1.6:

*'Construct and maintain Shire roads and associated infrastructure to the standard adopted by the Council and in accordance with requirements of State agencies.'*

And further at Action 2.4.4.3

*'Effectively communicate with external agencies as required.'*

Accordingly, the recommended outcome for this report aligns with the Strategic Community Plan.

## **OFFICER COMMENT**

The adoption of this policy has been recommended by the Heavy Haulage Committee to provide clear guidelines to heavy vehicle users of Shire of Plantagenet managed roads using the RAV and AMMS Network systems.

The intention of the policy is to balance road safety, transport efficiency for economic benefits to both local business and the Shire, community amenity and preservation of the Council's assets.

It is recommended that the policy be adopted.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

Moved Cr Moir, Seconded Cr O'Dea;

That the new Policy I/R/17 Roads – Road and Heavy Vehicle Policy:

**OBJECTIVE**

To provide clear guidelines to the Council, its staff and heavy vehicle transport operators for Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network requests and access to roads under the care, control and management of the Shire of Plantagenet.

The Council wishes to balance road safety, transport efficiency for Shire economic benefits, community amenity and preservation of the road asset.

The Policy supports 'as of right' vehicles or approved RAV routes, except where roads are closed for safety reasons.

**POLICY****1. Scope**

This Policy applies to any heavy vehicle transport operator using Restricted Access Vehicles (RAV) on roads managed by the Council.

**2. Legislation**

The *Road Traffic Act 1974* and the *Road Traffic (Vehicle) Regulations 2014* govern the use of heavy vehicles on roads within Western Australia and define items such as compliance notices, exemptions, permits and notices for heavy restricted access vehicles. These regulations also contain provisions for mass and loading, load restraints, vehicle modifications and vehicle maintenance

The *Land Administration Act 1997* Section 55 and *Local Government Act 1995* Section 3.53(2) gives the Shire of Plantagenet management responsibility for roads within its boundaries.

**3. Definitions****3.1 Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network**

The RAV Network is a list of roads which have been assessed and classified by MRWA according to the type and size of heavy vehicle that may access them. It is administered by the Heavy Vehicles Section (HVS) of Main Roads WA (MRWA).

**3.2 Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) Network**

The AMMS scheme allows for three (3) concessional mass tiers that are available to approved heavy vehicle transport operators with appropriate loading control methods. This scheme uses a network approach similar to the existing RAV Network.

Both the RAV and AMMS Networks are published in the form of road tables and a visual Mapping Tool is available on the MRWA website.

#### 4. Request to Access Roads

- a) **RAV Classified Roads** - If required, heavy vehicle transport operators may request use of a classified road on the RAV Network by applying to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for approval.
- b) **Unclassified Roads** - If the road is not classified on the RAV Network then the applicant will first need to apply to MRWA (HVS). Upon receipt from MRWA (HVS), the Shire of Plantagenet will assess the request in accordance with MRWA approved guidelines and if supported, a submission will be made to MRWA (HVS) for their consideration.
- c) **AMMS Network** - Heavy Vehicle transport operators may apply for a road already classified on the RAV Network to be approved for an AMMS Network level by applying to MRWA (HVS). Upon receipt from MRWA (HVS) the Shire of Plantagenet will assess the request in accordance with MRWA approved guidelines. If supported, a submission will be made to MRWA (HVS) for their consideration
- c) **Should the road access request be declined, the Shire of Plantagenet will inform MRWA (HVS) who will advise the applicant.**
- d) **Depending on the need for access, a RAV access request may be supported if the heavy vehicle transport operator accepts responsibility to carry out any road upgrades or vegetation pruning necessary to qualify the road for the RAV network level requested.**

#### 4. RAV Road Reclassification

The Shire may withdraw support for an approved route at any time if:

- (i) The route is deemed unsafe for RAV use;
- (ii) The route is deemed unsuitable for RAV use; or
- (iii) The heavy vehicle transport operator has breached approval conditions.'

be endorsed.

#### AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Moir, Seconded Cr O'Dea;

That the following amendments be made:

1. In the section titled 'Objective', reference to Main Roads WA be made for a definition of an 'as of right' vehicle;



2. In section 4(b) reference be made to the ability of the Shire to add conditions to a road approved for RAV vehicles;
3. In section 4(e), the term 'heavy vehicle transport operator' be changed to 'applicant'; and
4. The numbering in the policy be changed to ensure it is sequential.

**CARRIED**

## **COMMITTEE DECISION**

That it be a recommendation to the Council that the Policy I/R/17 Roads – Road and Heavy Vehicle Policy:

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The Council wishes to balance road safety, transport efficiency for Shire economic benefits, community amenity and preservation of the road asset.

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**CARRIED**

## 5.2 REVIEW OF SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET TOWNSITE ROADS

The Committee discussed current RAV rating for heavy vehicles within the townsites. See Attachment One.

### Mount Barker

No changes to be made to townsite road RAV ratings.

The meeting noted the decision made at the Council Meeting of 31 January 2017 where Lowood Road from Albany Highway to McDonald Avenue, McDonald Avenue from Lowood Road to M armion Street and Taylor Road from Bourke Street to Langton Road are to be removed from the RAV Network.

At the same Council meeting it was resolved that a request be made to Main Roads WA for Bourke Street to be added to the RAV 5 Network.

### Kendenup

No changes to be made to townsite road RAV ratings.

### Rocky Gully

No changes to be made to townsite road RAV ratings.

### Narrikup

The meeting focused on the current RAV classification for a section of Hannan Way within the townsite. The section which runs from the intersection of Narrikup Road to the Beech Road intersection was used previously to cart fuel to the Narrikup Store. With the closure of the store this route is no longer required.

**Moved Cr Moir, Seconded Cr O'Dea;**

**That it be a recommendation to the Council that the section of Hannan Way from the intersection of Narrikup Road to the intersection of Beech Road be removed from the RAV Network.**

**CARRIED**

## 6 GENERAL BUSINESS / MATTERS ARISING

### 6.1 RAIL CROSSING AT CARBARUP ROAD

The meeting discussed the railway crossing at Carbarup Road which RAV vehicles are currently not permitted to cross. Conflicting reports from Main Roads have resulted in some confusion over the requirements needed to upgrade the crossing to allow RAV access.

After some discussion it was agreed further investigation should take place into the upgrades necessary to ensure the railway crossing can be made accessible

to heavy vehicles as the route acted as a shortcut from Albany Highway to Woogenellup Road (both classified as RAV 7).

**Moved Cr O’Dea, Seconded Cr Moir;**

**That Mr Le Cerf be requested to research the upgrades required for the Carbarup Road railway crossing to be accessible for heavy vehicles up to RAV 5, including if necessary a Road Safety Audit and to present his findings at the next Heavy Haulage Committee meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**7 NEXT MEETING**

Date to be determined.

**8 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

At 11.00am Cr Oldfield declared the meeting closed.

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Presiding Member

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Date

**ATTACHMENT ONE**

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