

Council

NEW POLICY – KEEPING OF DOGS

RS/AC/1 – Keeping of Dogs Policy

Meeting Date: 23 May 2017

Number of Pages : 2

POLICY NO:RS/AC//1

FORMER POLICY NO:

KEEPING OF DOGS WITHIN TOWNSITES

DIVISION	BUSINESS UNIT	RESPONSIBILITY AREA
Works and Services	Regulatory Services	Animal Control

OBJECTIVE

To provide clear criteria against which applications to keep more than two dogs on property within a townsite will be considered.

POLICY

1. Scope

This policy relates to applications from residents who wish to keep more than two dogs at a property located in the townsites of Mount Barker, Kendenup, Rocky Gully and Narrikup.

2. Legislation

Dog Act 1976

Shire of Plantagenet Dogs Local Law 2008

3. Application of Policy

3.1 The Chief Executive Officer may approve applications for permission to keep more than two dogs at a property within a townsite under the following circumstances:

- a) All dog registration requirements are satisfied;
- b) The dogs are not used for breeding purposes;
- c) The dogs are not of a restricted breed or declared a dangerous dog;
- d) There is no history or current incidence of dog nuisance, wandering or control that is likely to impact on the surrounding community; and
- e) All abutting neighbours have provided written consent or have no substantiated reasons for refusal.

3.2 Consideration will also be given to:

- a) Fence height and stability;
- b) Proximity of neighbours;
- c) Location and housing arrangements of dogs; and
- d) Faecal disposal.

3.3 Approval may be withdrawn at any time if the Shire receives a complaint regarding the dogs at the property, or if any conditions of the permit have been contravened.

ADOPTED: 20 JUNE 2017

LAST REVIEWED:

Council

POLICY REVIEW

Policy RS-TRC-1 - Road Closures - Temporary - Wet
Weather

Meeting Date: 23 May 2017

Number of Pages : 2

POLICY NO:RS/TRC/1

FORMER POLICY NO:

ROAD CLOSURE (TEMPORARY) – WET WEATHER

DIVISION	BUSINESS UNIT	RESPONSIBILITY AREA
Works and Services	Regulatory Services	Temporary Road Closures

OBJECTIVE

To provide guidelines for the closure of affected Shire roads due to inclement or persistent wet weather, to vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass of 4.5 tonnes or greater.

POLICY

1. *Scope*

Section 3.50(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 provides for a local government to close any road it manages, wholly or partially, for a period not exceeding four weeks.

The Road Traffic Code 2000 defines a heavy vehicle as a vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Mass of more than 4.5 tonnes.

2. *Legislation*

Local Government Act 1995

Road Traffic Code 2000

3. *Application of Policy*

3.1 If, in the opinion of the Manager Works and Services, there is a risk of damage to Shire road infrastructure due to inclement or persistent wet weather, the Chief Executive Officer may close roads for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass of 4.5 tonnes or greater.

3.2 ~~Exemptions may include~~ *The Chief Executive Officer may exempt certain vehicles that require access, which may include:*

- a) Local traffic that is proceeding to a place of garaging;
- b) Other vehicles that require access on the road, such as school buses or emergency services vehicles; and
- c) Access relating to perishable goods or animal welfare.

3.3 *In the event of a temporary road closure, an information bulletin will be provided to affected parties via text message and/or email. Information will also be communicated via local radio and on the Shire of Plantagenet website.*

3.4 This policy does not apply during flood or emergency situations where roads may be closed to all vehicles for public safety or other reasons.

ADOPTED: 3 FEBRUARY 2015

LAST REVIEWED: 20 JUNE 2017

Council

POLICY REVIEW

Policy I/R/6 - Roads - Log Haul Requirements

Meeting Date: 20 June 2017

Number of Pages : 3

ROADS – LOG HAUL REQUIREMENTS

DIVISION	BUSINESS UNIT	RESPONSIBILITY AREA
Works and Services	Infrastructure	Roads

OBJECTIVE

To provide clear guidelines to the Council, its staff, and plantation companies regarding log/woodchip haulage on roads within the Shire of Plantagenet.

POLICY

1. Scope

This policy applies to plantation companies who wish to use roads under the care, control and management of the Shire of Plantagenet for the purposes of transporting logs/woodchips from plantations.

2. *Legislation*

Road Traffic Code 2000

3. Application of Policy

The Council will provide letters of support when requested by plantation companies for their application to Main Roads WA for permits for log/woodchip haulage on roads within the Shire of Plantagenet.

Plantation companies may request use of a classified road on the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network by applying to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for approval. If the desired route includes an unclassified road, an application must be made by the plantation company to Main Roads WA (Heavy Vehicles Section). For further information on heavy vehicle access to roads within the Shire, refer to Policy I/R/17 Roads – Heavy Vehicle Access.

Approvals will be for a duration of three months and may be extended upon request by the plantation company. The Manager Works and Services must be satisfied with the proposed haulage route(s) and the following conditions are to be adhered to *by the plantation company*:

- Neighbouring properties to access routes should be notified of the commencement date and anticipated duration, at least one week prior to the commencement of harvest;
- School bus operators are to be notified of the commencement date and the anticipated duration, at least one week prior to the commencement of harvest;
- Speeds are to be limited to 60km/h on unsealed roads and 80km/h on sealed roads without pavement markings and 90km/h on sealed roads with pavement markings or 10km/h lower than the posted speed limit on roads under 80km/h or whichever is the lesser;

If no maximum speed is specified as a condition of use of the applicable road, speeds are to be limited to a maximum of:

- *100km/hr (as per the Road Traffic Code 2000), or;*

- *The posted speed limit,*

whichever is the lesser.

- d) Suitable sign posting for traffic in accordance with Australian Standard AS1742.3-2009, with signs identifying truck movements is to be placed at the entrance and exit of the property;
- e) All owner/operators *vehicles* must adhere to any road closure as specified in Section 3.50 of the Local Government Act 1995 and refrain from driving heavy vehicles on roads affected by wet weather conditions *prescribed by the Council due to inclement or persistent wet weather.*
- f) Cartage through townsites is to be limited to 12 hours daily between the hours of 6.00am and 6.00pm;
- g) All gravel roads covered under the letter of approval are to be graded by the ~~tree farm company~~ *relevant plantation company* during haulage as required *when requested by the Council;*
- h) The Council is to be advised of any seal failures on bitumen roads within 24 hours so that repairs can be carried out;
- i) Cartage must cease on Christmas Day and New Year's Day; and
- j) Post haulage inspections ~~are to be carried out on roads listed in the letter of approval, as advised by the Manager Works and Services~~ *of roads listed in the letter of approval will be carried out by Shire of Plantagenet staff.* Roads are to be reinstated to pre-haulage condition, ~~by the plantation companies, at the completion of harvest.~~ *If required, works to reinstate roads to pre-haulage condition are to be undertaken by the plantation companies.*

The Council reserves the right to revoke support if any of the above conditions are not adhered to, or road condition/user safety is in question.

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 2007

LAST REVIEWED: 20 JUNE 2017

Council

POLICY REVIEW

I/RR/5 – Rural Road Reserve Vegetation
Management – Trees Across Fences and Boundaries

Meeting Date: 23 May 2017

Number of Pages : 2

POLICY No: I/RR/5

FORMER POLICY NO:

**RURAL ROAD RESERVE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT – TREES ACROSS
FENCES AND BOUNDARIES POLICY**

DIVISION	BUSINESS UNIT	RESPONSIBILITY AREA
Works and Services	Infrastructure	Roads and Reserves

OBJECTIVE

To provide guidelines for property owners that have been affected by a tree or branch from rural road reserves, falling into their property.

POLICY

1. Scope

Where trees and/or branches fall from rural road reserves onto fences and/or into properties, fence reinstatement is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner as, pursuant to the Dividing Fences Act 1961, the Shire is not classified as an owner for the purposes of the Act.

2. Legislation

Dividing Fences Act 1961

Dividing Fences Regulations 1971

3. Application of Policy

3.1 The property owner is responsible for removing and disposing of the fallen tree within their property.

3.2 The tree debris remaining on the rural road reserve may be retained as roadside vegetation to provide habitat for wildlife, unless otherwise determined by the Manager Works and Services.

3.3 Repair of damage to crossovers or private assets, caused by trees falling from a road reserve, is the responsibility of the property owner.

ADOPTED: 3 FEBRUARY 2015

LAST REVIEWED: 20 JUNE 2017