



AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

**Monday, 1 July 2019
at 5.30pm**



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Item 1 Opening of Meeting

The President to declare the meeting open.

Item 2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Dignitaries

The President acknowledges the traditional custodians, the Yamatji people, and recognises the contribution of Yamatji elders past, present and future, in working together for the future of Morawa.

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Item 3 Recording of Attendance**3.1 Attendance****Council**

President Karen Chappel
Deputy President Dean Carslake
Councillor Darren Agar
Councillor Jane Coaker
Councillor Debbie Collins
Councillor Shirley Katona
Councillor Ken Stokes

Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Chris Linnell
Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services	Jenny Goodbourn
Principal Works Supervisor	Paul Buist
Economic Development Manager	Ellie Cuthbert
Executive Assistant to CEO	Sandy Adams

Members of the Public**3.2 Attendance by Telephone / Instantaneous Communications****3.3 Apologies****3.4 Disclosure of Interests**

Item 4 Public Question Time

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Members of the public are also reminded that in accordance with section 6.17(4) of the Shire of Morawa Meeting Procedures Local Law 2012 mobile telephones must be switched off and not used during the meeting.'

4.1 Public Question Time**4.2 Public Statement Time****4.3 Petitions/Deputations/Presentations/Submissions****Item 5 Declarations of All Members to have Given Due Consideration to All Matters Contained in the Business Paper before the Meeting**

The Elected Members to declare that they have given due consideration to all matters contained in the agenda.

Item 6 Report of Chief Executive Officer**6.1 Road Closure Policy**

Author: Chief Executive Officer

Authorising Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: The Author and Authorising Officer declare that they do not have any conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to adopt the Shire of Morawa Road Closure Policy 7.9 as provided in Attachment 1.

SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

PURPOSE

For Council to consider a policy to close roads following heavy weather.

DETAIL

There has been significant feedback regarding the general state of unsealed roads in the Shire of Morawa. Subsequently, the Shire has experienced heavy rainfall substantially deteriorating the surface of unsealed roads further.

Although, the Shire has a program to grade all roads annually, roads used at a higher rate during harvest being graded several times, the RAV network grades for trucks are increasingly higher, in turn deteriorating the roads at a much quicker rate.

Section 3.50 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995 provides for a local government to close any road under its management, the whole road or part, for a period not exceeding four weeks.

Currently the Shire has no specific policy to close roads during and following extreme weather, ie rain.

This policy would be one element considered in the review of how the Shire manages road maintenance. Further review of our road maintenance program will be undertaken to support this new policy.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

High significance – the conditions of Shire roads is a priority for rural ratepayers who make up a high portion of farming properties within the Shire.

CONSULTATION

High level of feedback through social media on the standard of Shire unsealed roads.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Act 1995 S3.50 (1)

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

This policy could assist with savings in budget by mitigating damage when our gravel roads are at their most vulnerable.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

This policy can assist in reducing the risk of incidents on and to the roads.

CONCLUSION

That Council consider and adopt a Road Closure Policy as per the Officer Recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – 6.1a 7.9 Draft Road Closure Policy

Attachment 1 – 6.1a

7.9 ROAD CLOSURE POLICY - DRAFT

Objective

To provide Executive Staff the ability to close roads due to wet weather.

Policy Statement

If, the Principal Works Supervisor deem 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.

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

Exemptions may include:

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

All avenues of advertising the road closure will be considered, including social media, Shire website and the integrated messaging system.

	DATE	RESOLUTION
ADOPTED OCM		

Item 7 Closure

7.1 Date of Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday, 18 July 2019 commencing at 5.30pm.

7.2 Closure

There being no further business, the President to declare the meeting closed.