

Review of Road Management Plan 2021

In accordance with regulation 9 of the *Road Management (General) Regulations 2016*, Council has undertaken a review of the Road Management Plan (RMP) and has prepared this written report.

The review of the RMP considered the standards in relation to, and the priorities to be given to, the inspection, maintenance, and repair of the roads and classes of road to which the plan applies and consider whether these were appropriate.

Roles and Responsibilities

The RMP must be reasonable, and compliance with the RMP must be achievable. When creating or reviewing the RMP, Council is entitled to consider affordability, available resources and risk management. The service levels and maintenance standards set out in the RMP are expected to meet road users' needs and the community's reasonable expectations of day to day maintenance.

Council's Manager Asset Maintenance led this review of the Road Management Plan Key internal stakeholders met on the 29 April 2021 and collectively reviewed the 2017 Road Management Plan. An updated draft document was then shared for review by the following Council officers:

- Director Assets
- Manager Asset Maintenance
- Asset Management Coordinator
- Engineering Coordinator
- Civil Works Coordinator
- Technical Officer

Register of Public Roads

Council's Register of Public Roads provides details of each of the public roads that Council is responsible for. These details include:

- Road name and locality
- Date on which the road became a public road (if declared after 1st July 2004)
- Road classification
- Management arrangements with other road authorities

The term 'public road' (in the context of Council's Register of Public Roads) applies to municipal roads that are reasonably required for general public use as outlined by the *Road Management Act 2004*.

There are many roads that appear on title, which do not have physical roads constructed, or have poorly constructed roads. These roads, in many cases, will not be included on the register because they are not deemed generally required for public use. While such roads are available for use by the public, they are not "public roads" as defined by the *Road Management Act 2004* and hence, are not included in Council's Register of Public Roads.

Council's Register of Public Roads is scheduled to be reviewed during the 2021/22 financial year. This review will provide an updated list of roads recommending any shift within the road hierarchy identifying material, financial or resource implications to Council.

Where any proposed updates to the Register of Public Roads triggers an update to the Road Management Plan that impact on the determination of a standard of construction, inspection, maintenance or repair, Council will follow the requirements in regulation 10 and 11 of the RM Regulations, and if required, bring an amended RMP back to Council for public consideration.

Conclusion

In accordance with regulation 9 of the *Road Management (General) Regulations 2016*, Council has undertaken a review of the Road Management Plan (RMP) and has prepared this written report.

Through this review, Council has determined that it will not amend its RMP. The document has been updated to Council's current branding for documents and includes minor administrative updates, but the standards of construction, inspection, maintenance or repair have not been altered.

Council must give public notice in the Victorian Government Gazette (Gazette) and a locally circulating newspaper and make this written report available to the public. Following this Council meeting, the written report will be made available on Council's website www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au, and advertised in the Gazette and Myrtleford Times / Alpine Observer.

Approval

This review of Council's Road Management Plan has been undertaken in accordance with the *Road Management Act 2004* and the *Road Management (General) Regulations 2016*.

Will Jeremy, Director Assets

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