

# Kyogle Council

## Road Network Risk Management Policy

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## OBJECTIVE

1. To provide a systematic method of identification, evaluation and prioritisation of maintenance works on Council's road network that will assist Council's decision-making process in its annual budget formulation.
2. To establish procedures that provide a simple, systematic and readily usable risk management approach to the maintenance of public roads and road related infrastructure and to determine road maintenance methods within road reserves under the care and control of Council.

## BACKGROUND

Due to financial constraints Council needs to consider its resource limits in order to allocate sufficient funds to allow maintenance of its Road Network.

In order to minimise the potential hazards to road users, Council has developed a risk management approach to maintenance of Council's road network.

Council has recognised that potential hazards to road users, resulting in public liability claims or injuries, place a significant burden on the community. Council believes it should endeavour to manage the road network to assist in minimising these potential hazards.

## SCOPE

This Policy covers all maintenance and capital works on roads and road related infrastructure including, but not limited to, road pavements, road surfaces, bridges, causeways, footpaths, kerb and guttering, stormwater drainage, signs, safety barriers and any other physical item that has a foreseeable impact on the safety and amenity of road users within the road reserves under the care and control of Council.

## POLICY

This policy, together with the operational matters covered in the associated Management Plan, provides the guidelines for identifying the location, nature, inspection frequency, treatment options and repair priorities of potential hazards to users of the Road Network. The implementation of this policy aims to minimise public liability exposure and provide a best value service to the community in relation to provision of road infrastructure services.

## BUDGETING

Council will assess in formulating its annual road budget (in the context of its overall budget), the appropriate allocation of funding to maintenance works in such a way as to generally achieve the best possible long-term overall condition of the road network.

Council will allocate human and financial resources in order to conduct inspections and assessments for the implementation of this Policy and Management Plan within Council's budget constraints.

## RELATED DOCUMENTS

Refer to the Kyogle Council Road Network Management Plan which details related documents and the processes and procedures that need to be followed to ensure the principles of this Policy are adhered to.

Refer to the associated Integrated Planning and Reporting documents adopted by Council including the Asset Management Plans for Roads and Bridges, the Asset Management Strategy, Core Infrastructure Risk Management Plan, and Long Term Financial Plan.

## DURATION AND REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed periodically as required.

