COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

CODE FOR
THE TEMPORARY
CLOSURE OF ROADS

File: P5-19
Adopted:
1. **AIMS OF THE CODE**

(a) To establish guidelines for staff and ratepayers involved with the reporting and temporary closure of Council’s roads.

(b) To detail the process of communication in ascertaining whether or not a road should be closed.

(c) To detail the advertising and advising process of temporary road closures.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

‘Council’ - means Cobar Shire Council.

‘RTA’ - means NSW Roads & Traffic Authority.

‘Media’ - means radio, newspapers, etc.

‘Other Authorities’ - means other local bodies which include neighboring Councils, Local Police, Library, Post Office, State Emergency Service, Tourist Information Centre.

‘State Roads’ - means roads classified by the Roads & Traffic Authority under the Roads Act 1993 as State Roads under Council control being:
- State Highway 8 (Barrier Highway)
- Main Road 421 (Bourke Road)
- Main Roads 61 and 410 (Hillston Road)
- Part Main Road 407 from Barrier Highway to Bourke Road.

‘Regional Roads’ - means roads classified by the Roads & Traffic Authority under the Roads Act 1993 as Regional Roads under Council control being:
- Main Road 61 (Nymagee Road)
- Main Road 68 (Darling River Road)
- Main Road 228 (Hermidale Road)
- Main Road 407 (Louth Road)
- Main Road 411 (Mt Hope - Euabalong Road), Main Road 416 (Cobar - Belarabon Road)
- Main Road 419 (Gilgunnia to Nymagee Road)
- Main Road 423 (Euabalong - Murrin Bridge Road)
- Regional Road 7518 (Barnato - Tilpa Road)
- Regional Road 7521 (Euabalong West - Gunnebang Road)
- Regional Road 7522 (Belarabon - Ivanhoe Road)

‘Local Roads’ - means all other roads under Council control not designated as State or Regional roads.

‘Heavy Vehicles’ - vehicles having a GVM greater than 3 tonnes.
‘Light Vehicles’ - vehicles having a GVM less than 3 tonnes.

‘Road Closure’ - means the temporary closure of all or part of the road network within the Shire of Cobar due to wet weather, traffic hazards or road damage from natural or Un-natural occurrences.

‘Road Closure File’ - means file R5-7 kept in the Records Section and includes the following:-
- Copy of this Code
- Current road closure reports
- Previous road closure reports
- Road closure reports from other authorities and Councils.

‘Event’ - means occurrences other than those described under ‘Road Closure’.

‘Clause 115, Roads Act 1993’: Roads authority may regulate traffic in connection with road work etc.

115. (1) A roads authority may regulate traffic on a public road by means of barriers or by means of notices conspicuously displayed on or adjacent to the public road.

(2) The power conferred by this section may be exercised by the RTA for any purpose but may not be exercised by any other roads authority otherwise than:
(a) for the purpose of enabling the roads authority to exercise its functions under this Act with respect to the carrying out of road work or other work on a public road; or
(b) for the purpose of protecting a public road from serious damage by vehicles or animals as a result of wet weather; or
(c) for the purpose of protecting earth roads from damage caused by vehicles or animals as a result of wet weather; or
(d) for the purpose of protecting members of the public from any hazards on the public road; or
(e) for the purpose of protecting vehicles and other property on the public road from damage; or
(f) for the purpose of enabling a public road to be used for an activity in respect of which a permit is in force under Division 4 of Part 9; or
(g) for a purpose for which the roads authority is authorised or required, by or under this or any other Act or law, to regulate traffic.
(3) A roads authority may not restrict the passage of heavy vehicles or animals along the roadway of an earth road unless clear side tracks have been provided for their passage.

(4) A person:
(a) must not, in willful contravention of any such notice or in willful disregard of any such barrier, pass along, or cause any vehicle or animal to pass along, a length of public road; and
(b) must not damage, remove or otherwise interfere with a notice or barrier erected for the purposes of this section.
Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

(5) It is the duty of a roads authority by which a notice or barrier has been erected under this section to remove the notice or barrier if there is no longer any need to regulate traffic for the purpose for which the notice or barrier was erected.

‘Incident’ - means chemical or fuel spill on the road network within Cobar Shire.

‘Motor Vehicle Accident’ - means a collision or roll over involving one or more motor vehicle, including collision with animals, within the road network of Cobar Shire.

‘Street Procession’ or ‘Rally’ - means street marches due to Anzac Day, Mardi Gras or car rallies.

‘Clause 144, Roads Act 1993’:
144. (1) A roads authority may grant a permit to any person to conduct a road event on a public road.

(2) A permit may not be granted with respect to a classified road except with the consent of the RTA.

(3) A permit may not be granted with respect to an activity for which an approval is required under section 4B of the Traffic Act 1909 unless such an approval is in force.
3. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

*Director of Engineering Services*

Responsible for managing the department and holds delegated authority as Council’s representative to close roads in accordance to Clause 115 of the Roads Act 1993.

*Engineer*

Responsible for the day to day operations of plant, labour and material resources. Coordination of road inspections and closures. This position may include, but not limited to, Operations Manager, Operations Engineer, Works Manager as employed by Cobar Shire Council.

*Overseer*

Responsible for the direct supervision of field staff at supervisor level and carrying out road inspections.

*Local Patrolman*

Responsible primarily for the inspection and maintenance of the State Highways.

*Engineering Staff*

Members of the Engineering Services staff.
APPENDIX A

COUNCIL’S CONTACT LIST
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Cobar Shire Council

Business Hours: ................................................................. 8am – 4pm
Phone: ................................................................. (02) 6836 5888
Fax: ................................................................. (02) 6836 5889
Email: ................................................................. mail@cobar.nsw.gov.au

Euahalong Depot

Business Hours: ................................................................. 7.30am – 4pm
Phone: ................................................................. (02) 6896 6600
Fax: ................................................................. (02) 6896 6653

Director of Engineering Services – Mr Andrew Bruggy

Phone: ................................................................. (02) 6836 5888
Mobile: ................................................................. 0418 459 651

Rural Overseer – Mr Bill Jeffrey

Mobile: ................................................................. 0428 633 695
Satellite Phone: ................................................................. 0404 850 200

Rural Overseer – Mr John Cain

Mobile: ................................................................. 0428 951 875
Satellite Phone: ................................................................. 0404 000 780

Civic Works Supervisor – Maurice Bell

Phone: ................................................................. (02) 6836 5888
Mobile: ................................................................. 0429 884 310

NOTE: During business hours, all calls should be directed through Council’s Administration Department on (02) 6836 5888.
APPENDIX B

ROAD CONDITION REPORT
ROAD CONDITION REPORT


FROM: Cobar Shire Council

CONTACT: Council’s Engineering Department

NUMBER OF PAGES: One

DATE:

TIME:

NEXT UPDATE:

COMMENTS:

ALL UNSEALED ROADS IN THE COBAR SHIRE ARE CLOSED
# COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL

## ROAD CONDITION REPORT

**DATE:**

**TIME:**

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APPENDIX C

MAP OF COBAR SHIRE
(MAP TO BE PROVIDED IN NEXT DRAFT)
# TABLE 1.0

## RELEVANT AGENCIES – CONTACT LIST

### Bogan Shire Council

Phone: ................................................................. (02) 6831 1100  
Fax: ........................................................................ (02) 6831 1111  
Email: ............................................................... admin@boganshire.com  
Contact: ............................................................... Paul Walsh

### Bourke Shire Council

Phone: ................................................................. (02) 6872 2055  
Fax: ........................................................................ (02) 6872 3030  
Email: ............................................................... bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au  
Contact: ............................................................... Billy Buckman

### Carrathool Shire Council

Phone: ................................................................. (02) 6965 1306  
Fax: ........................................................................ (02) 6965 1379  
Email: ............................................................... council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au  
Contact: ............................................................... Valli Old

### Central Darling Shire Council

Phone: ................................................................. (08) 8083 8900  
Fax: ........................................................................ (08) 8091 5994  
Email: ............................................................... council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au  
Contact: ............................................................... Russell Bow

### Lachlan Shire Council

Phone: ................................................................. (02) 6895 4444  
Fax: ........................................................................ (02) 6895 3478  
Email: ............................................................... council@lachlan.nsw.gov.au  
Contact: ............................................................... Anita Winders

### Police

Nymagee ............................................................... (02) 6837 3851  
Bourke ................................................................. (02) 6870 0899  
Cobar ................................................................. (02) 6836 2004  
Wilcannia ............................................................. (08) 8083 8099  
Nyangang ............................................................. (02) 6831 1399  
Dubbo ................................................................. (02) 6881 3299  
Lake Cargelligo ...................................................... (02) 6898 1000  
Hillston ............................................................... (02) 6967 2544  
Broken Hill .......................................................... (08) 8087 0299
State Emergency Services

Cobar: ................................................................. (02) 6836 4983
Bourke: ............................................................... (02) 6872 1444
Wilcannia: ........................................................... (08) 8091 5880
Nyngan: ............................................................... (02) 6832 2026
Hillston: ............................................................... (02) 6967 2605
Lake Cargelligo: .................................................... (02) 6898 1540

Tilpa Hotel: .......................................................... (02) 6837 3928
Shindy’s Inn - Louth: ............................................. (02) 6874 7422
Royal Hotel - Euabalong: ....................................... (02) 6896 6605
Royal Hotel - Mount Hope: .................................... (02) 6897 7984
FIGURE 1.0
FLOW CHART FOR COUNCIL’S GRAVEL ROAD NETWORK

Rainfall

Yes

Contact list as per 2.0 table

No

Heavy vehicle closure (> 3.0T)

No

Yes

Monitor rainfall

All traffic road closure

DES approval

Close road

Erect appropriate warning signs if possible

Notify agencies

Monitor conditions

Reopen road to traffic

Remove signage as required

Notify agencies

Notify agencies

Light traffic only

Change signs as requested

Monitor
## LIST OF NAMES/PROPERTIES FOR ROAD REPORTS

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<td>MR419, SR16 &amp; SR19. To contact MR61, MR228, SR15, SR33</td>
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<td>Terry Dunne</td>
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