

# **ROADS OPENING POLICY**

Effective as of 1 July 2005

## ***POLICY STATEMENT***

Council's Roads Opening Policy and Procedures aims to provide guidelines on Council's requirements regarding planning and reinstatement of road openings taking place within the Shire of Corowa in order for Council to meet its "Duty of Care" under Common Law, the OH&S Act 2000, relevant sections of The Local Government Act 1999, Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 1984.

This Policy applies to proposed openings of Roads including pavements, footpaths, nature strips, and all other areas under Council's control.

## ***OBJECTIVES***

- To promote safety awareness and support risk management practices.
- To ensure that any road opening is made and protected to prevent any risk to the public or any road user, and prevent damage to public or private infrastructure.
- To ensure the affected areas are restored to Council's construction standards.
- To allow for more effective and co-operative planning.
- To establish and promote practices which minimise losses and provide a safe environment for residence and visitors to our Shire by:
  - ⇒ Documenting and reviewing current practices to safeguard public assets
  - ⇒ Development procedures and guidelines to ensure uniformity of restoration and promote safe practices of private works in public spaces.
  - ⇒ Continuing to review practices and procedures to ensure achievement of best practice.
  - ⇒ Requiring Council approval prior to any road opening

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