



Temporary Road Closures Policy

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A - PREAMBLE

1. There are instances where temporary road closures may become necessary as part of a special event, or significant occasion. These are implemented for the prime purpose of enhancing road safety through the control of traffic. These closures have associated with them specific times of operation and conditions. They are generally implemented via Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act or less commonly under the *Local Government Act 1999*. However, SAPOL also have delegated powers for this purpose.

B - SCOPE

1. This policy covers all road closures of a temporary nature, introduced for specific purposes. It does not, however, include those closures of a permanent nature that are pursued under the Roads Opening and Closing Act. Nor does it cover temporary road closures implemented as part of local area traffic management schemes, closures as part of road works or closures implemented in emergency situations.

C – POLICY PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

1. Temporary Road Closures have as their major purpose and objective the enhancement of road safety and the protection of vulnerable road users. This policy sets out the criteria for approving and funding such closures.

D - DEFINITIONS

1. Significant community event – an event that is broadly held for the benefit of the general Community and where there is an expectation that substantial numbers of the community will participate in and/or attend

E - POLICY STATEMENT

1. Council will support and fund Temporary Road Closures for the following events:
 1. Charity fund raising events – i.e an event that is held for the express purpose of raising funds for charitable purposes and does not result in profit to the organisers.

2. Religious events - Celebrations associated with specific religious festivals such as Easter and Christmas.

3. Significant community events.

Each request for support and funding will be considered on its merits.

Where requests for funding are approved, Council will meet the cost of providing traffic management, parking control, advertising, administration and co-ordination.

2. Other requests for Temporary Road Closures, generally for private purposes, may be approved however Council will not meet any of the associated costs.

1. These requests must be in writing to Council at least two months prior to the event to allow items to be placed before full council for approval as required by legislation

2. The applicant guarantees to meet all costs associated with the process including traffic management and advertising; and

3. The applicant guarantees to meet any other requirements of the Council.

F - LEGISLATION

1. *Road Traffic Act 1961*

2. *Local Government Act 1999*

3. *Summary Offences Act 1953*

G - REFERENCES

1. Australian Road Rules

2. General Approval and Delegations - issued by the Minister of Transport

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