

Lanes

COUNCIL POLICY NO. 115

1. POLICY

It is estimated there is a total of 16km of “laneways” within townships throughout the Municipality. These laneways were originally created to serve as night cart routes or to provide additional access to the rear of a property.

The majority of these laneways serve only as additional access for residential properties to backyards and sheds. Only a small number of these laneways currently act as what would be considered by the general public as a roadway.

Classification of Laneways

Historically, a small number of laneways have been mapped and included on Council’s Road Register as “Not Maintained” while others are not included in the register in any form. Council’s Road Management Plan provides a number of classifications for roads within Council’s road network. These classifications ensure at a minimum that the road surface is fit for purpose and inspected on a regular basis.

Access-Major

- Primarily provides access to residents or secondary commercial/industrial access.

Access-Minor

- Primarily provides access to property, river access, fire access and seasonal produce haulage.

Ancillary Road Areas

- A roadway generally contained within a Caravan Park, public park or public reserve. These are generally not within a road reserve but on Council owned or managed land.

Not Maintained

- Primarily un-formed roads, tracks, laneways and treed reserves and rarely used.

A road authority may under the *Road Management Act 2004* increase the classification of a lane ~~road~~ if it believes the lane ~~road~~ is generally required for public use. The lane ~~road~~ will then be listed on Council’s Road Register as a higher category to be inspected and maintained at a particular level of service in accordance with Council’s Road Management Plan.

1.1. Hierarchy of Laneways

Lanes are defined under the *Road Management Act 2004* and Road Regulations 2016 as roads. It is understood that Laneways throughout the municipality provide for a variety of access situations depending on their location and the surrounding uses. Each laneway, as it is identified will be assessed against the Councils Road Management Plan.

2. POLICY REVIEW

Council will review this policy as required but always within two years after a general election of the Council.

At the time of review, this policy was compliant with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION

Members of the public may inspect all policies at Gannawarra Shire Council's Kerang and Cohuna office or online at www.gsc.vic.gov.au.

Any enquiries in relation to this policy should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer on (03) 5450 9333.

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