

**Gannawarra Shire Council**  
**Road Management Plan Review Report – August 2025**

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<b>Purpose &amp; Scope</b>	Referenced RM Act 2004 but in shorter form, less explicit on legislative framework.	Expanded purpose statement; more direct citations to RM Act sections; clarified link to resource allocation and service standards.	Expanded detail, strengthened legislative alignment.
<b>Definitions</b>	Limited glossary; no references to Local Laws or current Codes of Practice titles.	Updated and expanded definitions; added Community Amenity Local Law 2023; updated references to current Codes of Practice and relevant Acts.	Updated terminology; inclusion of local law reference.
<b>Stakeholder Roles &amp; Responsibilities</b>	Focused mainly on road users and Council.	Broadened to include utilities, contractors, adjoining landowners, emergency services, and other authorities.	Expanded stakeholder coverage.
<b>Register of Public Roads</b>	Outlined s.19 RM Act requirement in brief.	Detailed explanation of register content; clarified Council's role as Coordinating Road Authority under s.36.	Increased clarity and legislative linkage.
<b>Road Hierarchy</b>	Basic hierarchy table; fewer categories.	Revised hierarchy definitions; clarified asset classes; aligned inspection frequencies to updated hierarchy.	Reclassification and expanded hierarchy detail.
<b>Inspection Regimes</b>	Inspection frequencies set but without "maximum interval" terminology; less emphasis on reactive inspections.	Introduced "maximum interval" wording; clarified programmed vs. reactive inspections; added table references for clarity.	Strengthened procedural clarity and compliance.
<b>Intervention Levels</b>	Descriptive text only.	Added tabular format with clear defect categories and threshold measures; prepared for future addition of photographic examples.	Improved usability and consistency.

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<b>Intervention Levels: Urgent Works addition</b>	Not included.	New category included in Appendix 3 – Intervention Levels. Defines Urgent Works as: <i>“When a defect requires prompt inspection and temporary action to make the road trafficable and safe until permanent works can be scheduled.”</i> Sets target response times of 24 hours for Collector, Access-Major, Access-Minor, and Shire Access roads.	New intervention level introduced to clarify Council’s approach to urgent safety issues, ensuring timely inspection and temporary rectification while avoiding obligation for full repairs within 24 hours
<b>Exceptional Circumstances</b>	Brief clause referencing resource limitations.	Expanded clause referencing CEO authorisation, emergency events, and statutory context; linked to Wrongs Act 1958 s.83.	Expanded scope and legislative basis.
<b>Local Laws Integration</b>	No explicit reference.	New section referencing Community Amenity Local Law 2023 for asset protection and enforcement.	New inclusion.
<b>Review &amp; Amendment Process</b>	Basic statement on periodic review.	Detailed review triggers; commitment to statutory public consultation per s.54 RM Act.	Strengthened statutory compliance.
<b>Formatting &amp; Structure</b>	Less use of tables; fewer headings; smaller appendices.	Increased tabular content; consistent section numbering; more structured appendices for inspection and intervention details.	Improved readability and operational clarity.
<b>Footpaths and overhanging vegetation</b>	Not included.	Added minimum clearance of 4.5 meters above traffic lanes for vegetation clearance requirement.	New inclusion that complies with Austroads and Department of Transport relevant standards.
<b>Key Stakeholders</b>	Not included.	Addition of Primary producers using agricultural machinery and livestock on roads.	New inclusion.
<b>References</b>	Included.	Removal of : Road Management (Works and Infrastructure) Regulations 2005 (now superseded by 2015)	Removal of superseded regulation.