
IP002 – Road Reserves

1. Intention

To provide guidance on the use and maintenance of road reserves.

2. Scope

This policy applies throughout the district.

3. Statement

3.1 Road Reserves as Private Access Ways

The Shire of Waroona recognises that in some instances, residents use road reserves as access to all or parts of their properties. The road reserves subject to this section of the policy are those that generally do not contain formally constructed roads, are closed to the general public either by physical barriers or by lack of awareness by the general public that there is a road reserve present, and are not subject to regular maintenance by the Shire. The Shire will carry out limited works and/or services to accesses contained within these road reserves subject to the following conditions:

1. Any works shall be limited to accesses that exist within surveyed, existing road reserves as confirmed by the Shire.
2. Council shall include in its annual budget a funding amount to be applied to works subject to this policy to be expended on a 'first come first serve' basis. Should the funds become fully expended in a financial year, any further requests under this policy will be deferred until the following financial year.
3. Where the Shire agrees to a request to carry out works in a road reserve, the cost of the works shall be capped to \$1,000 per kilometre of road reserve length, to a maximum length of three kilometres. This cost includes provision of materials and/or plant and labour. The type and scope of works will be decided solely by the Shire.
4. The provisions of this policy will not be repeated for multiple parties in instances multiple landowners or residents use the same road reserve for access to separate properties.
5. Works carried out under the provisions of this policy do not constitute acceptance by the Shire for ongoing maintenance liability whatsoever.
6. The Shire will not carry out reworking of any aspect of the agreed works.
7. Works will be subject to the availability of Shire resources.
8. Road reserves that see works carried out under this policy will not be eligible for further works for a period of five years following the year in which initial works take place.
9. The Shire will only consider applications made in writing. The scope of the works and expenditure shall be determined and presented to the applicant who shall acknowledge and sign a notice to this effect prior to any works taking place.
10. Council acknowledges that given the varying nature of road reserves that departures from this policy may be required and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to determine minor departures as necessary.

3.2 Rural Road Reserves for Grazing or Vegetable Growing

The use of road verges in road reserves under the care and control of the Shire of Waroona for grazing and growing of vegetables is permitted.

Persons wishing to graze stock or grow vegetables on Council Road Reserves must apply in writing. Any approvals given will be for twelve months only.

The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to allow extensions to Council approved activities, such as picking seeds (subject to Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions – Parks and Wildlife Service agreement), grazing road reserves and vegetable growing within road reserves.

Grazing of cattle will not be permitted on trafficable Road Reserves. Cattle includes horses, mares, fillies, foals, geldings, colts, camels, bulls, bullocks, cows, heifers, steers, calves, asses, mules, sheep, lambs, goats, and swine.

4. Legislative and Strategic Context

Nil.

5. Review

This policy is to be reviewed as required.

6. Associated Documents

Nil.

Division		Infrastructure			
Policy Number		IP002			
Contact Officer		Director Infrastructure Services			
Related Legislation		Nil			
Related Shire Documents		Nil			
Risk Rating	Low	Review Frequency	As required	Next Review	When required
Date Adopted		22/06/2004		OCM04/083	

Amendments		
Date	Details of Amendment	Reference
24/11/2015	Updated as part of major review.	OCM15/11/138
22/06/2021	Updated as part of major review and reformatted.	OCM21/06/071
Previous Policies		
WKS001 – Road Reserves as Private Access Ways – Maintenance by Shire WKS014 – Use of Rural Road Reserves for Grazing or Vegetable Growing 5.2 – Use of Rural Road Reserves for Grazing or Vegetable Growing		