

Policies to be adopted

- Town Signs Policy
- Bus Stops and Bus Zones Policy
- Pressure Sewer Systems Policy
- Rural School Bus Routes and Bus Stops Policy
- Water Supply and Sewerage Headworks Charges Policy



Policy name	Town Signs
Responsible manager(s)	Divisional Manager, Strategic Services
Contact officer(s)	Land Use Planning Coordinator
Directorate	Planning and Sustainability Services
Approval date	TBA 2017
Strategic focus area	Sustainable
Delivery program link	S5.2 Maintain, update and communicate planning information and issues
Operational plan link	S5.2.2 Participate in State and regional planning forums and environmental reviews and report on and communicate issues relating to strategic planning

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide opportunity for communities to promote the location and character of their town or village in a simple and attractive form of signage that is sensitive to its environment in its location, size and design. This recognises the value to the community of signage that promotes local places of interest for locals and tourists alike.

Policy aims

The policy aims to:

- Ensure consistency in the manner in which Council deals with approval of town signs;
- Ensure compliance with legislative requirements under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Local Government Act 1993, Roads Act 1993 and State Environmental Planning Policy No 64 Advertising and Signage;
- Take such steps as are appropriate to ensure the erection of town signs does not detract from the use or amenity of the location;
- Make Council's policies and requirements for town signs readily accessible and understandable to the public.

Policy details

1	Application This policy applies to the erection of town signs on public or private land in the Eurobodalla Shire local government area.
2	Legislation Council will comply with the; - Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979; - Local Government Act 1993; - Roads Act 1993; and - State Environmental Planning Policy No. 64 Advertising and Signage (SEPP 64) In addition, all signs referred to in this policy must comply with Australian Standard AS1743: Road Signs Specifications.

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3 | Policy objectives

To provide direction & guidance in relation the erection of a town sign on public or private land.

4 Eligible towns or villages

To be eligible for a town sign the town or village must provide a range of services for visitors.

As a minimum, eligible towns or villages are expected to provide a range of facilities and services that visitors can access, including accommodation, food and fuel.

5 Princes Highway – NSW Roads and Maritime Services

NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is responsible for, and has installed, road signs and directional signage on the Princes Highway to towns, villages and suburbs accessed by the highway.

These signs (and all signs referred to in this policy) must comply with Australian Standard AS1743: Road Signs Specifications.

6 Location

As a general principle, town signs will be permitted on land fronting primary access roads leading to towns or villages to promote that town or village within the following guidelines:

- 1. The sign is a permissible type or land use, or exempt land use on the land on which it is proposed;
- 2. The sign does not inhibit sightlines necessary for the safe passage of vehicles or pedestrians; and
- 3. The sign does not inhibit significant views.

Where an eligible town or village is located on a terminating road, the town sign may be located near the intersection between the nearest through road and the primary access road.

6a Design – Main town signs

The design of Main Town signs will align with Council's tourism marketing through:

- 1. the use of the positioning statement, 'eurobodalla south coast NSW'; and
- 2. inclusion of the design element of a linear mountain shape.

Other design elements shall include:

- 3. The Main town sign shall have a surface area no greater than 3.5m².
- 4. The Main town sign must be composed of no more than:
 - a. "Welcome to [insert the name of the town]"; and
 - b. the town slogan (optional).

Any design will also comply with guidelines 6c Design - Other town signs (4-7), below.

6b Design – Heritage town signs

Council may consider an alternate design where a town other than a Main Town has a significant and unique heritage character that:

- 1. defines the town's identity; and
- 2. is considered of tourism significance.

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See Section 10 below for design options. Any design will also comply with guidelines 6c *Design - Other town signs* (1-7) below.

6c Design – Other town signs

The design of other town signs shall be as follows:

- 1. Size:
 - a. have a surface area no greater than 2.8m²; with
 - b. lettering from 150mm to 300mm in height.
- 2. The sign must have the appearance of a single panel with a consistent visual theme, style and colour scheme.
- 3. Sign design is encouraged to align with Council's tourism marketing through the use of all or some of:
 - a. the positioning statement, 'eurobodalla south coast NSW'; and
 - b. inclusion of the design element of a linear mountain shape.
- 4. Where a town sign is visible to a person leaving the town, the rear of the sign carries a message thanking people for visiting.
- 5. Signs, which because of colour, animation, siting or aspect detract from the value of traffic signals or road line marking are not permitted.
- 6. The design includes provision for the addition of temporary event additions (section 9 below) such that, when installed, the additional signs appear as part of the town sign.
- 7. Design specifications and content material of the signs shall, in the final event, be approved by the Council.

6d Design – Variations

Designs for town signs which do not meet the requirements of Sections 6a-6c above may be considered by Council on merit having regard to:

- 1. the aims of this policy
- 2. Schedule 1 Assessment criteria of SEPP 64
- 3. the views of the relevant community received through public consultation and
- 4. the specific characteristics of the proposed sign and its location.

7 Sign ownership and responsibility

NSW Roads and Maritime Services is responsible for signs on the Princes Highway, however Council will take responsibility for the installation and maintenance of Main town signs. Council is also responsible for signs on local roads.

Where a Heritage town sign or Other town sign is approved by Council, the cost of construction, installation and maintenance remains the responsibility of the applicant(s).

8 Maintenance and removal of town signs

- 1. Signs must be kept intact and in good repair at all times; and
- 2. Council reserves the right to remove signs which no longer comply with the original approval or have fallen into disrepair.

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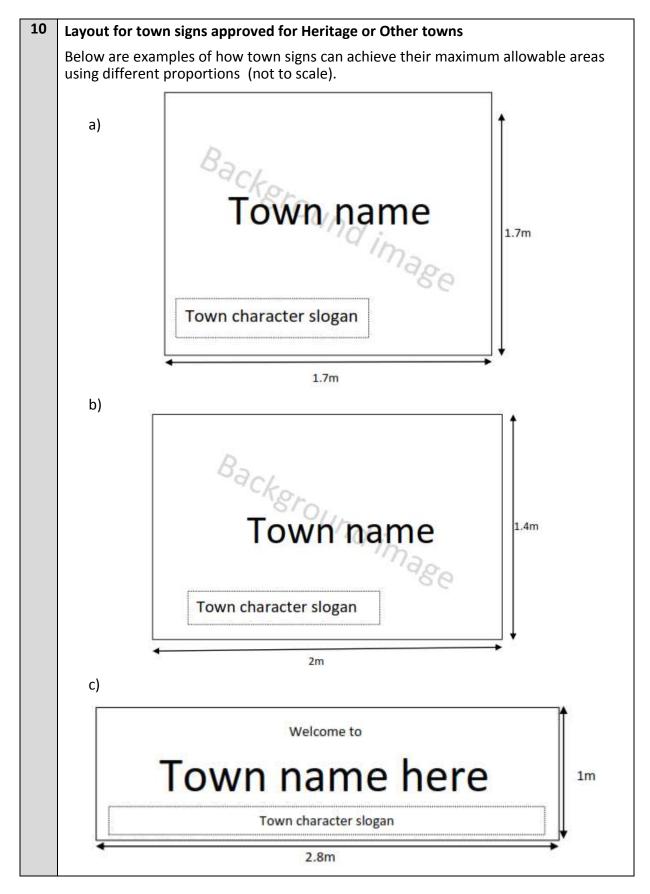
9 Temporary event additions

Temporary signs for religious, cultural, social or recreational events signs will be permitted to be attached to the town sign if they:

- 1. have a visual theme, style and colour scheme consistent with the town sign; and
- 2. comply with the requirements of the *Eurobodalla Local Environmental Plan 2012:* Schedule 2 Exempt Development.

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Implementation

Rec	uirements	Responsibility
1	Development Consent A development application must be submitted pertaining to the town sign unless it is exempt development under the State Environmental Planning Proposal (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008.	Development Assessment Officer
1a	Development on classified roads Where development is proposed on or on land fronting a road	Roads and Maritime Services
	classified under the <i>Roads Act 1993</i> , written approval from NSW Roads and Maritime Services must accompany any development application lodged with Council.	
2	Staff	Council Officers
	Under supervision, applicable Council staff will be responsible for ensuring that policies are implemented appropriately within their work area, after they have received relevant training to do so.	
3	Concerns	Council Officers
	Public concerns communicated to Council in relation to this policy will be recorded on Council's records system and handled in accordance with Council's Customer Service or Complaints policy. These records will be used to determine any follow-up actions and analyse the history of reported public concerns.	
5	Consultation	Development
	Consultation with key stakeholders will occur in relation to this policy, as needed. Any substantial changes to the policy will be placed on public exhibition and public submissions invited, in accordance with the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	Services, Community Planning Coordinator, Land Use Planning Coordinator

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Review

The policy will be automatically revoked at the expiration of twelve months after the declaration of the poll for the next general NSW local government election, unless Council revokes it sooner.

Note: Automatic revocation of the policy is provided for by section 165(4) of the Local Government Act 1993. The next general local government election is expected to be held in September 2020.

This policy may also be reviewed and updated as necessary when legislation requires it; or Council's functions, structure or activities change; or when technological advances or new systems change the way that Council manages town signs.

Reviews of the effectiveness of this policy could include the following:

Performance indicator	Data source(s)
Concerns or Complaints registered	Council records
Customer Feedback Survey Responses	Surveys
Internal or external review	Audit

Definitions

Word/Term	Definition
Public reserve, Public land	Council owned land as classified under the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> and Crown land where Council is the trust manager. Includes road reserves, natural areas, areas of cultural significance, community land (general), parks and sportsgrounds
Town sign	A sign erected at an entrance point/way into a town or village that informs the travelling public of the imminent arrival to the town or village and the main character or important feature of the town or village.
Main town	For the purposes of this policy, the Main towns in the Eurobodalla Shire are Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay.
Heritage town	A town or village other than a Main town which has a significant and unique heritage character that defines the town or village's identity and is considered of tourism significance.
Other town	Town or village not defined elsewhere in this policy.

Governance

This policy should be read in conjunction with any related legislation, codes of practice, relevant internal policies, and guidelines.

Related legislation and policies

Name	Link
Council's Signage Code	http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/council/council-policies
Local Government Act 1993	http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1993/30

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Crown Lands Act 1989	www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/view/inforce/act+6+19 89+cd+0+N
Roads Act 1993	www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/view/inforce/act+33+1 993+cd+0+N
State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) No. 64 - Advertising and Signage	www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/view/inforce/epi+199+ 2001+cd+0+N
Eurobodalla Local Environmental Plan 2012	www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/view/inforce/epi+333+ 2012+cd+0+N

Related external references

Name	Link
Office of Local Government	www.olg.nsw.gov.au
Standards Australia	Australian Standard AS1743 – Road Signs Specification

Change history

Version	Approval date	Approved by	Min No	File No	Change
1	12 May 2015	Council	15/26	E06.0376	New policy commenced
2	dd mmm 2017	Council	TBA	E16.0297	Reviewed and updated (start of new Council term)

Internal use

Responsible officer		General Manager	Approved by	Council	
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File No	E06.0376	Review date	Sep 2020	Pages	8

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Policy title	Bus Stops and Bus Zones
Responsible manager(s)	Director, Infrastructure Services
Contact officer(s)	Traffic Officer
Directorate	Infrastructure Services
Approval date	
Focus area	Transport
Delivery Program link	P3.1 Undertake advocacy activities to further the development of transport infrastructure and support future growth P3.3 Provide road safety and traffic management planning, programs and infrastructure
Operational Plan link	P3.1.2 Coordinate the Local Traffic & Development Committees P3.3.1mplement road safety programs and plans

Purpose

Eurobodalla Shire Council's policy is developed to ensure that bus stops and bus zones are in appropriate locations and have appropriate signs where necessary.

Policy aims

- Assist decision-makers to exercise discretionary powers in relation to bus stops and bus zones and related signage
- Promote an integrated framework for dealing with bus stops and bus zones
- Ensure transparency, consistency and fairness in the manner in which Council deals with public transport and its operators
- Ensure compliance with legislative requirements under the <u>Road Transport (Safety & Traffic Management) Act 2013</u>
- Take appropriate steps to ensure consistency and safety with regard to signage locations for public transport
- Make Council's policies and requirements for bus stops and bus zones readily accessible and understandable to the public.

Policy details

1	Application
	This policy applies to requests for the installation of bus stop or bus zone signs
2	Legislation
	This policy ensures Eurobodalla Shire Council's compliance with the
	Road Transport (Safety & Traffic Management) Act 2013

Implementation



Requ	Requirements			
1	The location of bus stopping places is identified by bus proprietors in agreement with Transport for NSW	Bus operators		
	Non-regulatory bus stop signs are installed at locations identified by the bus proprietor and Transport for NSW.			
	Cost of the signage is borne by bus operator.			
	All regulatory signs and their locations are to be approved by the Eurobodalla Local Traffic Committee.	Council officers		
	Regulatory bus zone signs are to be installed at locations identified by the bus operator and Transport for NSW.			
	 Installation and maintenance of bus zone signs is carried out by Council. 			
2	Staff	Council officers		
	Under supervision, relevant Council staff will be responsible for ensuring that this policy is implemented appropriately within their work area, after they have received appropriate training to do so.			
5	Concerns Public concerns communicated to Council in relation to this policy will be recorded on Council's records system and handled in accordance with Council's Customer Service or Complaints policy. These records will be used to determine any follow-up actions and analyse the history of reported public concerns.	Council officers		
6	Consultation Any consultation deemed necessary will occur as required with key stakeholders, which may include (but not be limited to) the community, other agencies, statutory and industry bodies. Public submissions regarding this policy are invited for consideration during the exhibition period.	As applicable		

Review

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This policy may also be reviewed and updated as necessary when legislation requires it; or Council's functions, structure or activities change; or when technological advances or new systems change the way that Council manages bus stops and bus zones

Reviews of the effectiveness of this policy could include the following:



Performance indicator	Data source(s)
Delivery Program/ Operational Plan outcomes achieved	Council reporting
Concerns or complaints registered	Council records
Requests for installation of bus stop and bus zone signs	Council records

Governance

This policy should be read in conjunction with any related legislation, codes of practice, relevant internal policies, and guidelines.

Related legislation and policies

Name	Link
Related Council Policy or Code of Practice	www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/council/council-policies
Local Government Act 1993	www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/view/inforce/act+30+19 93+cd+0+N
Legislation (Act)	Road Transport (Safety & Traffic Management) Act 2013

Related external references

Name	Link
Office of Local Government	www.olg.nsw.gov.au
Transport for NSW	www.transport.nsw.gov.au/

Change history

Version	Approval date	Approved by	Min No	File No	Change
1	22/09/2009	Council	09/291	E09.3418	Policy commenced
2	23/04/2013	Council	13/111	E13.7095	Reviewed and updated (start of new Council term)
3		Council	ТВА	E06.0375	Reviewed and updated (start of new Council term)

Internal use

Responsible officer Director Infrastructure Services		Services	Approved by	Council	
Minute #	ТВА	Report #	ТВА	Effective date	TBA
File	E06.0375	Review date	Nov 2016	Pages	4



Policy title	Pressure Sewer Systems
Responsible manager(s)	Director Infrastructure Services
Contact officer(s)	Division Manager Water and Sewer
Directorate	Infrastructure Services
Approval date	
Focus area	Sewer Services
Delivery Program link	S1.2 Operate and maintain Council's sewerage systems
Operational Plan link	S1.2.1 Operate sewerage systems

Purpose

This policy provides clear direction as to the extenuating circumstances when Council will permit pressure sewer systems to be connected to Council's gravity sewer system, and the conditions that must be met for such connections to be approved.

One of the main factors affecting sewage quality is septicity. Septicity is caused by the prolonged retention of sewage under anaerobic conditions, particularly during low flow periods. It can be avoided by limiting the retention time in pumping stations and pressure mains. Septicity of sewage leads to offensive odours and damage to sewers and is difficult to treat. To minimise the likelihood of septicity, collection system design includes provision for adequate ventilation of sewers, and minimising detention periods by avoiding the use of sewage pumping stations wherever practicable.

Conventional sewerage systems collect wastewater from serviced properties and transport the wastewater to a sewage treatment facility by gravity, assisted by catchment sewage pumping stations wherever necessary. Gravity collection systems are characterised by adequate ventilation and the least practicable number of pumping stations.

Council operates five gravity sewerage schemes at:

- Surf Beach, servicing the urban communities of Maloneys Beach, Long Beach, Surfside, North Batemans Bay, Batemans Bay, Batehaven, Catalina, Batehaven, Sunshine Bay, Denhams Beach, Surf Beach, Lilli Pilli and Malua Bay.
- Tomakin, servicing the urban communities of Mogo, Tomakin, Mossy Point, and Broulee.
- Moruya, servicing the urban communities of Moruya and Moruya Heads.
- Bingie, servicing the urban communities of Tuross Head and Turlinjah.
- Kianga, servicing the urban communities of Dalmeny, Kianga and North Narooma and Narooma.

Pressure sewerage is an alternative type of collection system to conventional gravity sewerage. In pressure sewerage schemes individual pumping stations deliver wastewater from each serviced property into a common pressure pipe which delivers the wastewater to a sewage treatment facility by pressure mains rather than by gravity. Pressure sewerage systems by design have inadequate ventilation and the maximum use of pumping stations, and therefore septicity is an inherent feature. Although pressure sewer is often cheaper to construct than gravity sewer, operational costs are usually greater due to the increased reliance on mechanical and electrical systems.

Pressure sewer catchments that discharge septic sewage into gravity systems can cause odour problems and a reduced life of gravity system components. Council therefore has a clear preference for conventional gravity sewerage.



Council however recognises that a conventional gravity sewerage system is not always practicable. This policy provides clear direction on the extenuating circumstances where pressure sewer systems will be permitted to connect to a gravity sewer system. Where this is permitted, the requirements for the installation, operation and maintenance of these systems will be in accord with this policy.

Policy aims

- Promote an integrated framework for dealing with Pressure Sewer Systems applications and for managing approved pressure sewer systems.
- Ensure consistency and fairness in the manner in which the Council deals with Developers.
- Ensure compliance with legislative requirements under the *Local Government Act* 1993.
- Promote awareness of the requirements of the Act with respect to Pressure Sewer Systems.
- Take such steps as are appropriate to ensure Pressure Sewer Systems are only installed where required.
- Make the Council's policies and requirements for Pressure Sewer Systems readily accessible and understandable to the public.

Policy details

1	Application
	This policy applies to all landowners in the Eurobodalla local government area.
2	Legislation
	Section 68 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> requires that a person may connect a private sewer with a public sewer under Council's control only with the prior approval of the Council, except in so far as a local policy adopted under Chapter 7, Part 3 of the Act allows the activity to be carried out without an approval.
	Eurobodalla Shire Council will comply with the Local Government Act 1993. www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol act/lga1993182/

Implementation

Requ	Responsibility	
1	Code of Practice Where Council authorises the installation of pressure sewer systems, the systems will be installed, operated, maintained and managed in accordance with Council's Pressure Sewer Systems Code of Practice.	Council officers
2	Pressure Sewer Schemes Council, in consultation with the community, may decide to construct a pressure sewerage scheme to service an existing unsewered village in preference to conventional gravity sewerage as a low cost solution to allow the scheme to progress. All serviced properties within a pressure sewer scheme will have a pressure sewer system installed.	Council

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3	 Gravity Sewer Schemes a) Council managed pressure sewer systems discharging into gravity sewer schemes will not be permitted where: the property can be otherwise serviced by an extension of an existing gravity sewer or; the property is located within a drainage catchment where a conventional sewerage system consisting of gravity sewers and a sewage pumping station has the potential to service the equivalent of 10 or more dwellings i.e. equivalent tenements. b) Council managed pressure sewer systems discharging into gravity sewer schemes may be considered: in small drainage catchments where the maximum number of potential properties able to be serviced is less than 10 ET or; in areas with high water tables where it is impractical to install a gravity sewerage system. c) The Director Infrastructure Services or Division Manager Water and Sewer must be consulted prior to a development consent that permits the installation of Council managed pressure sewer systems being issued. d) Where a property is serviced by a gravity sewer and the proposed development is not able to discharge to the property's sewer connection point by gravity, Council may approve a privately managed pressure sewer system, subject to: the pumping station and rising main being located wholly within the lot being served. 	Council officers
4	 compliance with Council's On-site Sewage Management Code of Practice for privately managed pressure sewer systems. Construction The developer is responsible for the construction of the pressure sewer reticulation system and for the cost of supplying and installing individual pressure sewer units. 	Council officers
	pressure sewer units.	
5	 Ownership a) Council managed pressure sewer schemes - Council will own and maintain the system including the pumping station, control unit, discharge pipeline and boundary kit at each premises. b) Council managed pressure sewer systems - Council will own and maintain the pressure sewer main and property service connections from the main to and including the boundary kit. c) Privately managed pressure sewer systems - the pumping station and rising main will be considered an on-site management system and the operation and maintenance of the system will be the responsibility of the landowner. 	Council
6	Power Supply The pumping unit power supply will not be metered separately, and the occupant of the property being serviced will be responsible for the power	Occupant
	costs.	



7	Service Agreement	Council
	Landowners are required to enter into a service agreement with Council. The service agreement will define the expectations of both parties in the operation and maintenance of the pressure sewer system.	Landowners
8	Staff	Council
	Under supervision, applicable Council staff will be responsible for ensuring that policies are implemented appropriately within their work area, after they have received relevant training to do so.	officers
9	Concerns	Council
	Concerns received regarding this policy will be recorded on Council's customer service request (CSR) or records system and handled in accordance with Council's Customer Service Policy. They will be used to analyse the history of concerns and requests and to help determine follow up actions.	officers
10	Complaints	Public Officer
	Complaints received regarding this policy will be lodged with the Public Officer and handled in accordance with council's Complaints Policy.	
11	Consultation	As required
	Consultation regarding this policy will occur as relevant with key stakeholders and may include legislative bodies, other agencies, relevant legislation, industry guidelines, and public comment. Public submissions regarding this policy are invited and considered during the policy exhibition period.	

Review

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This policy may also be reviewed and updated as necessary when legislation requires it; or Council's functions, structure or activities change; or when technological advances or new systems change the way that Council manages Pressure Sewer Systems.

Reviews of the effectiveness of this policy could include the following:

Performance indicator	Data source(s)
Delivery Program/ Operational Plan outcomes achieved	Council reporting
Concerns or complaints registered	Council records
Customer feedback, survey responses	Surveys
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Governance

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Related external references

Name	Link
Office of Local Government	www.olg.nsw.gov.au

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Internal use

Responsible officer Director Infrastructure Services		Approved by	Council		
Minute #	ТВА	Report #	ТВА	Effective date	TBA
File	E06.0374 E16.0297	Review date	Sep 2020	Pages	5



Policy title	Rural School Bus Routes And Bus Stops
Responsible manager(s)	Divisional Manager, Technical Services
Contact officer(s)	Traffic Officer
Directorate	Infrastructure Services
Approval date	TBA
Focus area	Infrastructure Services
Delivery Program link	P3.1 Undertake advocacy activities to further the development of transport infrastructure and support future growth
	P3.3 Provide road safety and traffic management planning, programs and infrastructure
Operational Plan link	P3.1.2 Coordinate the Local Traffic & Development Committees
	P3.3.1mplement road safety programs and plans

Purpose

Eurobodalla Shire Council's policy was developed to provide Council with the means to consistently and objectively assess requests for rural school bus routes and bus stops. Council is defined as a Roads Authority under the *Roads Act 1993*. This policy assists Council with the location, design and operation of school bus routes and bus stops in rural areas. It will provide a risk orientated approach to the approval and provision of road related infrastructure associated with rural school bus services (bus routes, bus stops and bus bays).

Policy aims

- Promote an integrated framework for dealing with rural school bus routes and bus stops.
- Ensure consistency and fairness in the manner in which the Council deals with road related infrastructure.
- Ensure compliance with legislative requirements under the *Roads Act 1993*.
- Promote awareness of the requirements of the Act with respect to school bus routes and bus stops in rural areas.
- Take such steps as are appropriate to ensure a risk orientated approach is taken in approving provision of road related infrastructure.
- Make the Council's policies and requirements for rural school bus routes and bus stops readily accessible and understandable to the public.

Policy details

1	Application
	This policy has been prepared to ensure the location, design and operation of school bus routes and stops in rural areas are determined, assessed and approved in a consistent manner.
2	Legislation
	This policy ensures Eurobodalla Shire Council's compliance with the <i>Roads Act 1993</i> and the <i>Passenger Transport Act 2014</i> and the <i>Passenger Transport (Bus Services) Regulation</i>





2007. The Regulation informs that the Roads Authority is the sole body for the approval of the location of all designated bus stops and zones within its jurisdiction.

Council is defined as a Roads Authority under the *Roads Act 1993* and has a responsibility with the associated *Passenger Transport (Bus Services) Regulation 2007*.

Council is the relevant Roads Authority for local and unclassified regional roads.

Implementation

Req	Responsibility	
1	Code of Practice This policy will be implemented by following Council's Rural School Bus Routes and Bus Stops Code of Practice, which specifies in detail the plan, procedures and matters to be considered. E.G. Code of Practice (or other document/ plan/ guideline/ procedure)	Council officers
2	Implementation requirement In NSW, the approval for bus stop locations is regulated by the Passenger Transport (Bus Services) Regulation 2007, Section 104. The Regulation states that the roads authority is the sole approval body for the location of all school bus stops, rural or otherwise, within their jurisdiction. Council is the relevant road authority for local and unclassified regional roads.	Council Regulation Council
3	Implementation requirement It is the responsibility of the roads authority to assess rural school bus routes and bus stops and where appropriate approve those routes and stops for use, after consultation with the Local Traffic Committee. In determining the suitability of a route, Council and the Local Traffic Committee should consider the route's proposed use, the ability for the bus to manoeuvre and where required, to turn around. It is recommended that approval be given for the largest bus that can be used on the route, rather than just the bus proposed by the applicant. This will allow the operator greater flexibility in the determination of the vehicle to be used on any particular day.	Council Officers Traffic Committee
4	Responsibilities Roads Authority: The assessment and approval of a new rural school bus route or the extension of an existing route is the responsibility of the local roads authority and in most cases, this will be the local Council. Bus Operator: Bus operators must ensure that they obtain approval for all routes and stops from the local roads authority prior to lodging an application for funding with the Ministry of Transport. NSW Ministry of Transport: The Ministry of Transport is responsible for the funding of the school bus system. The Ministry contracts individual bus operators to provide services in both rural and non-rural locations for the purpose of school transport. After an assessment is finalised, advice on the matter should be conveyed to the NSW Ministry of Transport. This will enable the Ministry to decide the best option for a proposed service.	Council Officers Bus Operator Ministry of Transport Parents/ Guardians



	<i>Parental</i> : It is the parents or guardians' responsibility to ensure that their child gets to and from the bus stop safely.	
5	Staff Under supervision, relevant Council staff will be responsible for ensuring that this policy is implemented appropriately within their work area, after they have received appropriate training to do so.	Council officers
6	Concerns Public concerns communicated to Council in relation to this policy will be recorded on Council's records system and handled in accordance with Council's Customer Service or Complaints policy. These records will be used to determine any follow-up actions and analyse the history of reported public concerns.	Council officers
7	Complaints Complaints received regarding this policy will be lodged with the Public Officer and handled in accordance with council's Complaints Policy.	Public Officer
8	Consultation Any consultation deemed necessary will occur as required with key stakeholders, which may include (but not be limited to) the community, other agencies, statutory and industry bodies. Public submissions regarding this policy are invited for consideration during the exhibition period.	As applicable

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Reviews of the effectiveness of this policy could include the following:

Performance indicator	Data source(s)
Delivery Program/ Operational Plan outcomes achieved	Council reporting
Concerns or complaints registered	Council records
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Related legislation and policies

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Code of Practice – Rural Buses	www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/council/council-policies
Local Government Act 1993	www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/view/inforce/act+30+1 993+cd+0+N
Roads Act 1993	www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol act/ra199373/
Passenger Transport Act 2014	http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/~/view/act/2014/46/full
Passenger Transport Regulation 2007	www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_reg/ptr2007339/
Road Rules (NSW)	http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/regulation/2014/758

Related external references

Name	Link
Office of Local Government	www.olg.nsw.gov.au
NSW School Bus Safety Guidelines 2015	http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/b2b/bus/school-bus-safety-guidelines.pdf
RMS Traffic Signs Database	http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/cgi- bin/index.cgi?action=searchtrafficsigns.form

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Policy title	Water Supply And Sewerage Headworks Charges		
Responsible manager(s)	Director Infrastructure Services		
Contact officer(s)	Division Manager Water and Sewer		
Directorate	Infrastructure Services		
Approval date	TBC		
Focus area	Sustainable Communities		
Delivery Program link	S2.1 Provide and Renew Water Infrastructure		
Operational Plan link	S2.1.1 Deliver Capital and Renewal Works Program		

Purpose

The provision of existing water and sewer services, including operations and maintenance activities, asset renewals and level of service upgrades is funded by income derived from existing consumers through water and sewer availability and usage charges. New infrastructure required to service development is funded by the developer through direct construction costs and headworks charges. That is, the developer funds the construction of new assets required to service their development, and contributes to capacity upgrades of the existing system required to accommodate the additional demand of development.

Section 64 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that council may require a contribution from developers towards the cost of water and sewer management works i.e.: headworks where Council has developed a Development Servicing Plan in accordance with the Developer Charges Guidelines for Water Supply, Sewerage and Stormwater (NSW Office of Water).

Council's Development Servicing Plans (2005) for Water Supply and Sewerage Services have determined the charges to be applied to developers for the increase in demand or loading that an average residential dwelling or house, otherwise known as an 'equivalent tenement' (ET), will have on council's water and sewer infrastructure. Headworks charges for development other than an average residential dwelling are determined by assessing the demands on Council's water supply and sewerage infrastructure of that development and comparing them with an equivalent tenement. Development is therefore assessed in numbers of ET, and water and sewer headworks charges are levied as multiples of the adopted developer charges.

It is therefore important to define the demand of an equivalent tenement to enable an assessment of the impact of different types of development. This policy establishes the water and sewer demands of an equivalent tenement for the local area to be used in the determination of headworks charges, and defines the equivalent tenement demands to be used when assessing common types of development.

Policy aims

- Promote an integrated framework for determining water and sewer headworks charges;
- Ensure consistency and fairness in the manner in which the Council deals with developers and ratepayers;
- Ensure compliance with legislative requirements under Local Government Act 1993;





- Promote awareness of the requirements of the Act with respect to the construction of works for developers; and
- Make the Council's policies and requirements for water and sewer headworks charges readily accessible and understandable to the public.

Policy details

1	Application
	This policy applies to all new developments in accordance with Council's Water Supply Services and Sewerage Services Development Servicing Plans.
2	Legislation
	This policy ensures Eurobodalla Shire Council's compliance with Section 64 of the Local Government Act 1993 www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_act/lga1993182/

Implementation

Requ	Requirements					
1	Local Equivalent Tenement Demands The local Equivalent Tenement demand determination of headworks charges are For water - 180 kilolitres/ET annupeak day demand For sewer - 120 kilolitres/ET annupeak day demand	Development Assessment officers				
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3	Industrial Lot Multi-Residential Development (Units) The following equivalent tenements shadevelopments: Category 1 bedroom 2 bedrooms 3 bedrooms	Development Assessment officers				



4	Multi-Residential Development (Duplex/D Where there is a potential for the property multiple lots with a residence on each lot, t shall be calculated in accordance with Clau Where the lot size or layout is such that the	Development Assessment officers		
	subdivided, the equivalent tenements shall with Clause 3 Multi-Residential Developme		in accordance	
5	Multi-Residential Development (Secondar Development Consents involving the const dwelling where the floor area of the second than 60 square metres shall be exempt from Development Consents involving the const	Development Assessment officers		
	dwelling where the floor area of the second 60 square metres shall be calculated in according Residential Development (Units).			
6	Accommodation The following equivalent tenements shall be providing developments:	Development Assessment officers		
	Category	Water ET	Sewer ET	
	Motel / Hotel (per room)	0.3	0.4	
	Bed and Breakfast / Guest House (per room)	0.3	0.4	
	Caravan Park (per short-term site)	0.3	0.4	
	Caravan Park (per permanent site)	0.6	0.75	
	Backpackers / Hostel (per bed)	0.15	0.2	
	Caretakers Residence	1	1	
	Serviced Apartments (use multi-residenti	al developme	nt)	
7	Residential Care The following equivalent tenements shall be developments:	Development Assessment officers		
	Category	Water ET	Sewer ET	
	Nursing Home (per bed)	0.4	0.5	
	Self-Care Retirement unit (1 bedroom)	0.4	0.5	
	Self-Care Retirement unit (2 bedroom)	0.6	0.75	
	Self-Care Retirement unit (3 bedroom)	0.8	1.0	
8	Commercial and Industrial Commercial and Industrial development with the NSW Water Directorate's Section 64 Determining Equivalent Tenement (ET) load development.	Development Assessment officers		



	A copy of the Water Directorate guidelines is available for download from Council's website.	
9	Staff Under supervision, applicable Council staff will be responsible for ensuring that policies are implemented appropriately within their work area, after they have received relevant training to do so. The Director of Infrastructure Services or Divisional Manager Water and Sewer may vary the equivalent tenement determination for a particular development if, in their opinion, application of the NSW Water Directorate Guidelines does not produce assessed demands that are consistent with the estimated actual demands of the proposed development. The alternative methodology for assessing the particular development shall be clearly explained and recorded in the relevant development application and property file.	Development Assessment officers Director Infrastructure Services/ Division Manager Water and Sewer
10	Headworks Charges Headworks charges payable are determined by multiplying the assessed loadings in numbers of ET for each development by the relevant Headworks Development Contributions charge in Council's Fees and Charges published annually as part of the Operations Plan.	Development Assessment officers and Developers
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12	Complaints Complaints received regarding this policy will be lodged with the Public Officer and handled in accordance with council's Complaints Policy.	Public Officer
13	Consultation Consultation regarding this policy will occur as relevant with key stakeholders and may include legislative bodies, other relevant legislation, industry guidelines, and public comment. Public submissions regarding this policy are invited for consideration during the policy exhibition period.	As required

Review

The policy will be automatically revoked at the expiration of twelve months after the declaration of the poll for the next general NSW local government election, unless Council revokes it sooner. **Note:** Automatic revocation of the policy is provided for by section 165(4) of the Local Government Act 1993. The next general local government election is expected to be held in September 2016.

This policy may also be reviewed and updated as necessary if legislation requires it; or when Council's functions, structure or activities change; or when technological advances or new systems change the way that Council manages Water and Sewer Headworks Charges.

Reviews of the effectiveness of this policy could include the following:



Performance indicator	Data source(s)
Delivery Program/ Operational Plan outcomes achieved	Council reporting
Concerns or complaints registered	Council records
Internal or external review	Audit

Governance

This policy should be read in conjunction with any related legislation, codes of practice, relevant internal policies, and guidelines.

Related legislation and policies

Name	Link
Related Council Policy or Code of Practice	www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/council/council-policies
Local Government Act 1993	www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/view/inforce/act+30+19 93+cd+0+N

Related external references

Name	Link		
Office of Local Government	www.olg.nsw.gov.au		
Name of other relevant agency or body	Hyperlink to main page		

Supporting documents

Name	Link
NSW Water Directorate Section 64 Determinations of Equivalent Tenements Guidelines	Council's Website
Council Development Services Plan for Water Supply Services	www.esc.nsw.gov.au
Council Development Services Plan for Sewerage Services	www.esc.nsw.gov.au

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