

# Use of Recreational Vehicles on Local Roads Policy

*Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*

## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to minimising the risks and maximising the safety of all road users on the local road network and recognises that some residents seek to operate recreational vehicles (eligible for conditional registration) on or across roads in the local government area. However, council believes that only a limited number of these recreational vehicles have a genuine need to access the road network to fulfil an operational task.

## 2. PRINCIPLES

Council fulfils its legal obligation as “road manager” of local roads, in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidelines related to conditional registration, minimising the risks and maximising the safety of all road users.

## 3. SCOPE

This policy applies to the operation of recreational vehicles (eligible for conditional registration) on local roads within road reserves in the local government area only when council, as the road manager, is required to approve use of these conditional registered vehicles on its local roads.

This policy does not apply to motorised wheelchairs, mobility scooters or devices known generically as “Segways”.

## 4. RESPONSIBILITY

The Chief Executive Officer, Director Infrastructure & Operations General Manager Infrastructure Planning, Assets & Fleet and Team Manager Technical Services are responsible for ensuring this policy is understood and adhered to by all council workers.

## 5. DEFINITIONS

**Conditional Registration** – means a registration scheme for non-standard vehicles that do not comply with the standard regulations for registration of vehicles in Queensland and have a genuine need to access the road network. Vehicles requiring conditional registration must comply with the conditions for use outlined in the *Guideline for Conditionally Registered Vehicles, Form 17* (in Queensland).

**Local Road** – means a road under the control of local government.

**Operational Task** – means work activity undertaken as part of an occupation.

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**Recreation Vehicle** - includes golf buggies, trike bikes, quad bikes, and utility – off-road, or other recreational vehicles as classified by the Department of Transport and Main Roads. The Non-complying Vehicle Catalogue is available on the Department of Transport and Main Roads website at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au)

**Road** – means areas open to the public for use as a road and road-related areas.

**Road Manager** – means the council officer responsible for the management of the road network and for authorising any approvals under this policy.

**Road Reserve** – means an area of land under the council’s control, dedicated, notified or declared to be a road for public use. An area may be a road reserve even though it does not need to contain a formed road. The road reserve extends from the property boundary on one side to the property boundary on the other side.

**Route specific** – means a specific road or roads.

**Workers** – includes employees, contractors, volunteers and all others who perform work on behalf of council.

## 6. POLICY

Council will assess applications for recreational vehicles (eligible for conditional registration), to travel on route specific local roads within road reserves in the local government area, in accordance with the *Guideline for Conditionally Registered Vehicles, Form 17* (in Queensland).

Council does not support applications for recreational vehicles (eligible for conditional registration) to travel on route specific local roads within road reserves in the local government area, except:

- 1) at Mystic Sands within Precinct 1 as shown on the plan titled Mystic Sands Golf Buggy Precinct Areas which is attached to the Use of Recreational Vehicles on Local Roads Procedure;
- 2) if there is a demonstrated genuine need to access the road network to fulfil operational task; and
- 3) if the application supports a demonstrated cultural purpose

## 7. LEGAL PARAMETERS

*Guideline for Conditionally Registered Vehicles in Queensland Form 17*

*Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2010*

*Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*

*Local Government Act 2009*

## 8. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011

Subordinate Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011

Plan titled Mystic Sands Golf Buggy Precinct Areas – Drawing No. D0100/07

Use of recreational vehicles on local roads procedure

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