

## 9.4 Benalla Rural City Council Road Management Plan 2021-2025

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report presents for consideration and adoption the *Benalla Rural City Council Road Management Plan 2021–2025*.

### BACKGROUND

At its Council Meeting on 23 June 2021, the Council resolved:

1. *That the draft Road Management Plan 2021-2025 be endorsed for public exhibition.*
2. *That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to give public notice that the Council has prepared its draft Road Management Plan 2021-2025.*
3. *That the draft Road Management Plan 2021-2025 be placed on public exhibition in accordance with Section 7.3 of the Council's Governance Rules 2020 for a period of at least 28 days from Thursday 24 June 2021.*
4. *That submissions relating on the draft Road Management Plan 2021-2025 be heard at an additional meeting of the Planning and Development Committee on Wednesday 15 September 2021.*
5. *That the adoption of the Road Management Plan 2021-2025 be considered at the Council meeting on Wednesday 6 October 2021.*

The Planning and Development Committee Meeting on 29 September 2021, acting under its delegated authority of the Council, resolved :

1. *That submissions relating on the draft Road Management Plan 2021-2025 be heard at the Planning and Development Committee meeting on Wednesday 29 September 2021; and*
2. *That adoption of the Road Management Plan 2021-2025 be considered at the Council meeting on Wednesday 10 November 2021'.*

Public notice of the draft *Road Management Plan 2021-2025* was given on the Council's website and Benalla Ensign on Wednesday 30 June 2021.

Feedback was also sought via the Council's website and promoted on social media.

The submission period closed Thursday 23 September 2021. At the close of the submission period eight submissions were received.

In accordance with the Council's *Governance Rules 2020*, submitters were invited to address the Finance and Operations Committee meeting on 6 October 2021 in support of their submissions. Mr Brian Vial and Mr Colin Squires spoke in support of their submissions.

Submissions were considered by Council at the Planning and Development Committee meeting on 16 February 2022, where the Council resolved:

*That the Road Management Plan 2021-2025 be considered for adoption at the Council Meeting on 23 February 2022.*

## **DISCUSSION**

Following the consideration of submissions, Councillor and Council staff input, the following major changes are proposed to the *Road Management Plan 2021–2025*:

- That Kilfeera Road (Service Road), Benalla be added as an Access Road for a length of 190 metres, from Kilfeera Road to Kilfeera Road.
- That Yellum Track, Swanpool be added as an Access Road for a total length of 640 metres, from the Midland Highway.
- The Midland Highway (Service Road), Lima South be added as an Access Road for a length of 450 meters, from the Midland Highway to the Midland Highway.

The *Road Management Plan 2021-2025* has been provided to Councillors under separate cover and is available for download from the Council's website.

## ***COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025* IMPLICATIONS**

### **Community**

- A healthy, Safe and resilient community
- A connected, involved and inclusive community

### **Livability**

- Vibrant public spaces and places
- Connected and accessible roads, footpaths, transport and parking

### **Leadership**

- Good governance
- High performance culture
- Engaged and informed community
- Effective and responsive advocacy

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications. Maintenance on additional road segments will be managed within existing operational budgets.

**LEGISLATIVE AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

It is considered that the Plan is consistent with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and *Gender Equality Act 2020*.

**OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflicts of interest in this matter.

**CONCLUSION**

The *Benalla Rural City Road Management Plan 2021-2025* has been developed following extensive consultation in 2021. The work of the community and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of the Plan is acknowledged.

**Recommendation:**

- 1. That the *Benalla Rural City Council Road Management Plan 2021–2025* be adopted.**
- 2. That a letter of acknowledgement to be sent to public submitters thanking them for their contribution and informing them of the decision made in relation to their submission on the *Benalla Rural City Council Road Management Plan 2021-2025***

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