

Item 10: Operations

10.1 Sealing of Scotts Lane, Gulgong

REPORT BY THE WORKS TECHNICAL OFFICER
TO 21 FEBRUARY 2024 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400105, ROA100328

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Works Technical Officer on the Sealing of Scotts Lane, Gulgong;**
 2. **approve the sealing of the 500m length of Scotts Lane with a contribution from the applicants for the cost of the seal and a condition that payment is received prior to any works commencing; and**
 3. **amend the 2023/24 Operational Plan to include the sealing of Scotts Lane for \$60,300 to be funded via \$16,830 from the applicants and an additional \$35,000 from Seal Extension Reserve and the balance from unrestricted cash.**
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Executive summary

Scotts Lane is classified as a local urban unsealed road that is maintained by Council and is situated between Thompsons Lane and Perseverance Lane, Gulgong. The residents along the lane have requested sealing of the entire length of the maintained section under Council's *Bitumen Sealing of Gravel Roads Policy* where the applicants pay for the seal cost and Council completes re-sheeting and general preparation works required.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Council's *Bitumen Sealing of Gravel Roads Policy* makes provision for residents to apply to Council for consideration to seal sections of gravel road. The cost of the sealing is borne by the applicant while Council prepares the base ready for seal.

Scotts Lane is situated between Thompsons Lane and Perseverance Lane in Gulgong. The three applicants live along this length of the road. Sealing this segment of Scotts Lane results in the full maintained section being sealed.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Connecting Our Region
Goal	High quality road network that is safe and efficient
Strategy	Provide a roads network that balances asset conditions with available resources and community needs

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

It is acknowledged that sealing Scotts Lane is not currently included in the *2023/24 Operational Plan*. However, this report recommends approval for sealing because the residents are prepared to financially contribute.

Council Policies

The *Bitumen Sealing of Gravel Roads Policy* makes provision for sealing of unsealed roads when the applicant pays for the cost of the seal.

Legislation

Not Applicable

Financial implications

The cost to undertake the capital upgrade is \$60,300. This involves a cost of \$43,470 to Council for preparation of base, and a cost to the applicants of \$16,830 for the bitumen seal. It is recommended that Council's required \$43,470 be funded out of Seal Extension Reserve (\$35,000 which will leave the Seal Extension Reserve at nil) and unrestricted cash.

The cost to Council is generally greater for a sealed road than an unsealed road. The capital costs will increase overall, however as grading will no longer be necessary, the operating costs will decrease and improve the operating ratios in future years.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2023/24	✘	✔	-
Future Years	✔	-	✘

Associated Risks

This report sets a positive precedent in terms of residents contributing towards sealing of roads for their benefit, reducing the risk of future resident claims to seal roads without a contribution.

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Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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