

6.3 Resume Seal Extension Program

NOTICE OF MOTION LISTED BY CR PERCY THOMPSON
TO 21 FEBRUARY 2024 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400105, R0790024

MOTION

That Council resume the seal extension program in the rural areas of the shire.

Background

It is a number of years since we extended the seal extension program. There are a lot of bus runs on unsealed roads and other areas with a lot of traffic. Residents in these areas are looking forward to having more bitumen on our roads.

Officer's comments

Councils has an adopted financial reserves policy that includes an internally restricted reserve for a Seal Extension Program. The funds for the seal extension reserve is allocated through the risk margin (profit) made on developer contributed road works at Councils discretion.

An extract of the *Policy – Financial Reserves* as it relates to seal extensions is provided below:

RESERVE NAME:	SEAL EXTENSION PROGRAM
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Purpose:	To set aside surplus funds from road work contributions to invest into a seal extension program.
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Calculation Basis:	Transfers to the Reserve are based on the risk margin achieved on capital road work projects funded by private contributions, and are to be included in the reserve at Councils discretion. Transfers from the Reserve are to be for seal extension work.
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Target Balance:	No target. The balance will capture surplus funds at any given time.
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Council will note in the quarterly budget reviews and budgets, movements in and out of this reserve to fund various seal extension projects including the co-contribution of seal extension projects that are Government grant funded.

At the end of December QBR with movements from the fund there will be \$35,000 remaining in the fund. It is considered important to continue to place funds into this reserve, as per the policy, for on-going seal extensions and in particular to take advantage of grant funded opportunities as they arise.

Over the last few years, and including this financial year this money has contributed to seal extensions of 52km of unsealed roads, including bus routes. Local rural unsealed roads that have had seal extension since 2020 are:

- Cox's Creek Road
- Botobolar Road
- Lower Piambong Road
- Mebul Road
- Coricudgy Road
- Aarons Pass Road
- Pyramul Road
- Mt Vincent Road
- Queens Pinch Road

6.4 Nullo Mountain Road Maintenance

NOTICE OF MOTION LISTED BY CR PERCY THOMPSON
TO 21 FEBRUARY 2024 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400105, R9012001, GOV400022

MOTION

That Council immediately bring the Nullo Mountain Road to a reasonable standard.

Background

A number of people in the Nullo Mountain area have previously requested this road be upgraded and have previously submitted Community Plan Proposals (CPP). People in this area are saying there are very dangerous sections of this road and this needs to be addressed immediately.

Officer's comments

Council has received submissions regarding Nullo Mountain Road. A number of submissions have been received over a few years. As a result of submissions some works have been undertaken including sealing a section of the road. There are no allocated funds for the 2023/24 financial year to undertake additional works. Councils Director Operations and Roads Manager will develop a scope and estimated costs for consideration as part of the 2024/25 budget to address safety issues in particular.