

Balranald Shire Council – Road Condition Report – Dated 10 June 2022

Use caution when driving on unsealed roads within Balranald Shire, regardless of the local weather conditions.

When roads are closed by Council, it is an offence to travel on those roads. Disregard for road closures may lead to penalties under Section 115 of the NSW Roads Act 1993.

Balranald Shire Council requests that all drivers planning to travel within the Balranald Shire area, to assist in preventing damage to the unsealed roads by choosing an alternative route or delay travel until conditions improve in wet weather conditions.

Please check surrounding Shires Road Condition Reports as Balranald Shire unsealed road network connects with other areas which can impact on your traveling route.

Current Road Closures:

All unsealed roads within Balranald Shire have been closed until 10AM Tuesday 14 June 2022, when the condition of the roads will be reviewed.

Emergency Services and Council Road Repair plant are exempt from this closure, subject to normal risk assessment.

Council regrets the inconvenience caused, however, the preservation of the road asset is of prime importance.

Rain events have caused numerous washouts and debris. Motorists are asked to use extreme caution when travelling on roads impacted by recent rainfall, localised storms or flood.

Current Road Conditions

Drivers are reminded that care should be taken on roads at all times and to drive to the conditions as required by law. Sudden and/or intense localised storms can quickly change road conditions. When roads are wet or damaged:

- They may be soft, slippery, scoured, silted, potholed, rutted, washed out and/or covered in debris;
- Take extra care and reduce speed to what is suitable for the conditions;
- Unsealed roads may become impassable, particularly those without gravel on “black soil” or soft red loams – they are not all-weather roads;
- Travel on unsealed roads should be delayed or limited to necessary trips and take alternate routes on sealed roads if available;
- Heavy vehicle trips in particular should be minimized, delayed or re-routed to take advantage of sealed roads;
- Be aware that the shoulders of sealed roads can be damaged or soft, this may be indicated by warning signs, barrier mesh or other warning device if a particular problem has occurred and has been reported, but otherwise treat all wet verges and shoulders with caution;
- Be aware that with over 1,200km of roads, Council may not be aware of a problem until advised by road users;
- With limited resources Council cannot immediately repair, or install signs on every hazard, major or minor, or where access is already difficult, or in remote locations;
- Damage to roads by users impacts on the level of service for other road users and diverts funds from other needs.