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ROAD CONDITIONS REPORT – UNSEALED ROADS CLOSED

Coonamble Shire Council advises the travelling public that **ALL UNSEALED ROADS** are currently **CLOSED** to all non-essential traffic.

Primary producers are kindly requested to reschedule the movement of heavy vehicles until the unsealed sections of the route between their properties and the sealed road network has thoroughly dried out.

Road users are reminded that:

1. They may be liable for any damage that they cause to the road that is closed to their vehicle type, and they may void their own vehicle insurance.
2. Travelling on roads covered with water is extremely dangerous and should be avoided.
3. Road conditions can change without warning and, if roads are open, drivers should travel with caution.
4. Unsealed roads damage very easily when they are wet.
5. Repairs to damaged roads are not usually possible until the roads and gravel stockpiles begin to dry out.
6. Council prioritises repairs, with higher trafficked roads usually receiving attention first.
7. Emergency vehicles are exempt from this directive, in the course of responding to legitimate emergencies.

It is anticipated that local unsealed roads will be closed for a number of days due to recent storm activity. Council staff periodically inspect roads during and after rain events and issue updated road bulletins as conditions change, with updated conditions available through www.livetraffic.com and its associated smartphone app.

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