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## **PUBLIC NOTICE - ROADS**

The Shire has commenced "opening up" works after the 2020/21 wet. This will mean that creek and water crossings will be quickly cut over by graders. The final repair work will happen later in the year when time and resources allow and our normal road maintenance program unfolds.

Opening up means exactly that - it does not mean the flood or wet damage to the roads is repaired - so please take care when roads open and drive to the conditions.

This year there has been much more rain than has happened in recent times - this year is more like a "normal" wet. In "normal" years, work would not take place until late March or into April, in fact in some years roads have not been opened until May. Be patient - it will happen as quickly as the Shire can make it possible.

Knowing that there is a chance of more rain before the wet ends compounds the risk of doing this work now - but the Shire acknowledges some communities require heavy transport access for food and fuel. That is why this work is being done now.

Even open - these roads are far from safe - so drive to conditions, respect signage, it is there for a reason and slow down your journey for the sake of our road workers and your own safety.

As this work occurs, the Shire will be providing permission for trucks to journey to communities. Please be careful when approaching these vehicles they cannot get out of your way.

I urge you to plan your travel around these considerations. The opening up work will not take long - additional grading resources have been put into the program.

The Shire's aim is to get the road network open quickly - your consideration can help us achieve this.

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**Chief Executive Officer**