

9.5 Roadside Fatality Memorial Guidelines Policy

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report presents for consideration the reviewed and updated *Roadside Fatality Memorial Guidelines Policy*.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the *Roadside Fatality Memorial Guidelines Policy* (refer **Appendix 1**) is to provide a guideline for the establishment and maintenance of roadside fatality memorials.

The *Roadside Fatality Memorial Guidelines Policy* works to outline the requirements and performance standards of a fatality memorial, which is any object constructed, erected or placed on the road, or within the road reserves or in any Park, Reserve or other Council controlled land, to commemorate/indicate a fatality. Memorials may include items such as wooden crosses, coloured posts, flowers or any type of construction with or without plaques or inscriptions.

Benalla Rural City recognises that some members of the community wish to mark the location of a fatal crash/incident on the road network or public reserve under the control of Council by the establishment of a fatality memorial.

Benalla Rural City will deal sensitively with requests for the establishment of fatality memorials however may not encourage their placement.

Applications for the placement of temporary or permanent memorials shall be made to the Chief Executive Officer and will be considered in accordance with the policy guidelines.

DISCUSSION

The policy is being reviewed in accordance with Council's Administration Policy *Management Guidelines Policy*.

No changes have been made to the policy.

The policy was endorsed by the Council's Leadership Team at its October 2021 meeting.

COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 IMPLICATIONS**Community**

- A connected, involved and inclusive community.

Livability

- Vibrant public spaces and places.

Leadership

- Good governance.
- Engaged and informed community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Council's *Community Engagement Policy*, it is proposed that, due to operational nature of the Policy, that community engagement be undertaken at the 'consult' level under the International Association for Public Participation's IAP2 public participation spectrum as detailed in the table below:

Level of Public Participation	Promise to the community	Techniques to be used
Consult	We will provide information and consider feedback prior to making a decision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Feedback invited via Council's website▪ Policy presented in a public report to the Council.▪ Feedback invited via social media▪ Policy to be published on Councils website.

Community engagement on the Council Policy *Roadside Fatality Memorial Guidelines Policy* will open Thursday 26 May 2020 and close 5pm Thursday 23 June 2022.

Community feedback will be invited via the Council's website and social media channels.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no material financial implications with the development of the policy. The implementation of the policy will be accommodated within the existing budget allocation.

OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any general or material conflicts of interest in this matter.

CONCLUSION

Feedback relating to the Policy will be presented in a report to the Council Meeting on Wednesday 29 June 2022.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the Benalla Rural City Council *Roadside Fatality Memorial Guidelines Policy* be endorsed for public exhibition.**
- 2. That the Benalla Rural City Council *Roadside Fatality Memorial Guidelines Policy* be considered for adoption at the Council Meeting on Wednesday 29 June 2022.**