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ROAD CONDITIONS REPORT – UNSEALED ROADS CLOSED

Substantial rainfall of up to 100mm in parts of the Coonamble Local Government Area require closure of all unsealed roads. Baradine Road is closed at Baradine, with drivers requested to exercise caution on all sealed roads where some causeways remain covered by water.

The NSW State Emergency Service reports minor flooding of the Castlereagh River at Mendooran today, Monday, with this body of water continuing downstream through the Coonamble Local Government Area during the week.

Coonamble Shire Council acknowledges the disruption this closure of unsealed roads causes as well as the impact of the continued rain during this critical period of our local harvest.

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.

Council staff periodically inspect roads during and after rain events and issue updated road bulletins as conditions change.

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