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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ROAD CONDITIONS REPORT – UNSEALED ROADS CLOSED**

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

Coonamble and Gulargambone Sportsgrounds are also closed and will remain closed across the weekend. The Mt Magometon Quarry is also closed today, reopening Monday, pending finer weather.

Coonamble Waste Management Facility is currently open. Contractors should confirm this by phoning Council on 6827 1900 before travelling to the facility, as conditions may change.

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.

It is likely that unsealed roads will remain closed across the weekend.

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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