



EMP02A CAUTIONARY AREAS – PARTS OF ROEBOURNE WITTENOOM ROAD AND NANUTARRA-MUNJINA ROAD

Aim	To ensure that all Shire of Ashburton employees, volunteers and contractors are aware of the dangers and limitations of accessing certain parts of the Roebourne-Wittenoom Road and Nanutarra– Munjina Road
Application	All Shire employees, volunteers and contractors
Statutory Environment	<i>Local Government Act 1995 section 5.40(e)</i> <i>OSH Act 1984 Sect 19, 20</i>
Principles	Strategic Community Plan 2017 – 2027 (Desktop Review 2019) Goal 05 Inspiring Governance Objective 4 Exemplary work and team environment
Approval Date	OMC 17 December 2019 (MINUTE: 722/2019)

1. Objective

To ensure that all Shire of Ashburton employees, volunteers and contractors are aware of the dangers and limitations of accessing certain parts of the Roebourne/Wittenoom Road and Nanutarra–Munjina Road.

2. Scope

This Policy applies to all Shire of Ashburton employees, volunteers and contractors undertaking Shire related business or driving a Shire owned or leased vehicle.

3. Background

Potential asbestos contamination has occurred along sections of the Roebourne - Wittenoom Road and Nanutarra–Munjina Road due to a legacy issue from the asbestos mining and milling operations at Wittenoom from the late 1940s to December 1966. In particular, old hessian bags containing asbestos had fallen off semi- trailers that were used to haul the sacks of asbestos from the CSR-operated asbestos mine and mill at Wittenoom to Point Sampson during the above period.

These bags had deteriorated and split open due to their exposure to many decades of harsh Pilbara weather conditions, potentially exposing some of their contents to the atmosphere.



4. Policy

Requirements associated with the Roebourne-Wittenoom Road.

- 4.1 Due to potential risk associated with potential asbestos contamination on the Roebourne-Wittenoom Road, the Shire will not permit any works on the road reserve unless a WorkSafe approved Asbestos Management Plan has been established and any such works carried out in accordance with the Plan.
- 4.2 For employees, volunteers and/or contractors in a Shire owned or leased vehicle that seeks to drive the Roebourne-Wittenoom Road, the written approval of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is required for the portion of Road coloured purple on the Appendix A.
- 4.3 Should the CEO authorise any employee, volunteer or contractor on Shire business to access portions of the Roebourne-Wittenoom Road coloured purple on the Appendix A, the CEO is required to:
- Ensure that an asbestos management plan is in place;
 - Ensure that an emergency management plan is in place;
 - Advise Council of the authorisation via the Audit and Risk Committee at the earliest possible convenience;
 - Explain the circumstances of the authority given; and
 - Confirm that information of entry into the Wittenoom Asbestos Management Area (WAMA) has been recorded on the personnel or other relevant file of the employee, volunteer or contractor; and confirm that the Shire's insurer has been informed of access.
- 4.4 For the portion of Roebourne-Wittenoom Road coloured green on the Appendix A, in all instances where employees, volunteers or contractors in a Shire owned or leased vehicle that seeks to drive the Road must:
- Drive with all windows of the vehicle closed at all times; and
 - The air-conditioner switched on to create a positive pressure within the vehicle; and
 - Not stop and get out of vehicle on these sections of Roads.

Requirements on the Nanutarra–Munjina Road

- 4.5 For employees, volunteers and contractors in a Shire owned or leased vehicle that seek to drive the Nanutarra–Munjina Road, the written approval of the CEO is required for the portion of Road shown on Appendix B within the WAMA between SLK 361 and SLK 382.

For definition and information concerning SLK (Straight Kilometre Line) refer to:

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/UsingRoads/HVS/Pages/MappingTool.aspx>



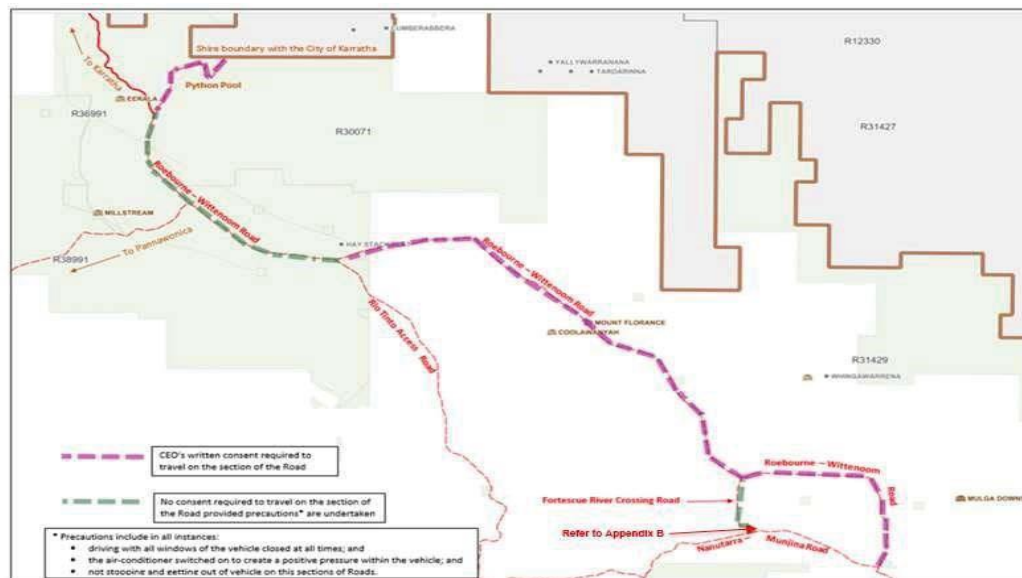
4.6 Should the CEO authorise any employees, volunteers or contractors on Shire business to access the portion of the Nanutarra–Munjina Road on Appendix B, the CEO is required to:

- Ensure that an asbestos management plan is in place;
- Ensure that an emergency management plan is in place;
- Advise Council of the authorisation via the Audit and Risk Committee at the earliest possible convenience;
- Explain the circumstances of the authority given; and
- Confirm that information of entry into the Wittenoom Asbestos Management Area (WAMA) has been recorded on the personnel or other relevant file of the employee, volunteer or contractor; and confirm that the Shire's insurer has been informed of access.

Related Documents

EMP02 Prohibited Areas - Contaminated Sites (Including – Wittenoom, Colonial Mine, Yampire Mine and Mulga Downs).

Appendix A – Roebourne-Wittenoom Road - Road Plan





Appendix B– Nanutarra-Munjina Road - Road Plan Wittenoom Asbestos Management Area (WAMA)

