



# TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

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## 1. PURPOSE

Traffic management at Mooloolaba involves movement of vehicles, trailers, craft, equipment, and pedestrians within, through and around the premise. This policy refers to movement of the above from the club building to external areas including the beach.

- Ensure the safety of its employees, contractors, and the public.
- Maintain satisfactory premises and beach access.
- Minimise disturbance to the public.

All members should be aware that the persons walking or assembling between the club building and the seawall are on a designated pedestrian path of travel and have right of way.

## 2. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club (MSLSC) that all members to take reasonably practicable action to ensure a safe environment for members and pedestrians around moving equipment and vehicles. Where visitors are accompanying a club member, the club member has responsibility to protect the visitors.

## 3. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES

MSLSC has requires members to follow traffic management measures in accordance with the relevant training and procedures.

Club SSVs and Tractors when used within the zone from the club premise toward and including the beach are to be used in accordance with SLSQ standard operational procedures as noted in the Patrol Operations Manual POM 0018 vehicle operations. No other vehicles are to be used without the approval of the Club Captain. The Club Bus, 4WD or private vehicles are not to be used in this zone without authorisation of the Club Captain.

SSVs and Tractors are only to be used by members who have the required award and have completed the necessary induction.

The area external to the club building and the beach are subject to the Transport Operations Regulations.

**At all times**, seatbelts are required to be worn while driving or being a passenger in a vehicle. The driver may remove the seatbelt when reversing if required but it will be required to be worn prior to moving forward.



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## Procedures for Operating Vehicles

1. Always follow your standard operating procedures

2. Before driving on the beach:

Ensure your hazard lights are on.

Ensure your amber flashing lights on.

Ensure the beach access is free of pedestrians.

If you have been stationary, walk around the vehicle and check for people and personal belongings under the vehicle.

Drive at walking pace or slower in highly populated areas. The speed limit between the flags or in populated areas is 5kph.

Avoid tight left turns on the beach as field of vision is greatly reduced when turning left.

Always ensure 4WD/SSV/Tractor is disengaged once off the beach.

Limit your speed to 20kph or less on designated bathing reserves.

Maintain your tyre pressure suitable to the driving conditions. If the tyres have been deflated for beach use, reinflate as soon as practical.

Ensure all passengers have a fastened seat belt on.

Headlights and Hazard Lights shall be always "ON" whilst the vehicle is operating. An amber flashing light shall be fitted to the vehicle and "ON" whilst the vehicle is operating. The audible reversing beeper shall be used where fitted. In high pedestrian areas the forward beeper should also be used when operating near pedestrian and other users.

### 3.1 Vehicle Movement on the beach

Tractors and SSV's are to park in a designated area on the beach. For SSVs, this area can be used as a secondary stationary observation platform for the lifesavers to observe the water. Cones should be placed immediately behind the vehicle and down each side to enable the vehicle to have a clear pathway to the water's edge. This is to ensure that the patrol can quickly move the vehicle in the event of an emergency of general use. The Patrol Captain should use their discretion in the placement of the cones based on beach conditions, i.e., extreme tides, erosion, or extended beach area. The number of cones will be based on the location of vehicle. Where possible the vehicle should be parked near the patrol arena. If this is not possible further precautions may be needed to ensure safety when operating the vehicle.

Where a vehicle is parked at the bottom of the beach access, a reasonable area should be marked off to allow the vehicle to safely move off and make appropriate turns to safely move down and along the beach. It is highly recommended that vehicle movement be minimised where there are large crowds such as on the beach or the pedestrian path or ramp.



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### **3.2 Control measures for movement of vehicles and attached trailers to and from the club.**

Note that the area outside the club premise is a pedestrian area. **Pedestrians have right of way.**

While early morning operations and operations in poor weather conditions may not require the use of escorts to vehicles or the use of the forward operation beeper, the driver is responsible for taking appropriate measures.

Potential control measures to be used include: -

- Lights and flashing lights should be used to the extent they are fitted.
- A walking escort in front of the vehicle and/or behind or beside the trailer may be necessary to assist the driver to manage risks.
- It may be necessary at times to stop the vehicle until a break in the pedestrian traffic is available.
- Breaks in pedestrian traffic can be achieved by members standing in front of the pedestrians and politely requesting that they wait.
- Retractable safety barriers may be used to “block” pedestrian thoroughfare when required.
- **Note that pedestrians are not required to comply with the requests. Driver and escorts are to maintain awareness of pedestrians and stop vehicles and trailers if required.**

Similar issues exist with using a vehicle on the beach access ramp.

### **3.3 Safe reversing**

If a vehicle is in operation and reversing while towing, the vehicle must have an escort to assist with watching for pedestrians.

When reversing vehicles or moving trailers, a suitable level of pedestrian control and observation is also required.

When reversing an SSV or tractor the driver is to use appropriate shoulder checks and work with any escort.

## **4. MOVEMENT OF OTHER GEAR AND EQUIPMENT**

Members are to note that Pedestrians have right of way. Walking carefully with equipment will be necessary to avoid unnecessary contact with members of the public. Do not assume that pedestrians are watching you or where you are intending to go with equipment. Take care and alter your course if required. Be prepared to stop if required. Any engagement with the public should be carried out politely and in accordance with our code of conduct.

Where vehicles, trailers or equipment are left outside the club for a period, provide safety bollards to assist with raising the risk level to the public.