

BELLINGEN SHIRE COUNCIL



Incident Safety Alert

Kalang Road (Infrastructure Works)

This alert is to remind all employees and contractors of their obligations to control the risks associated with **safe driving on Kalang Road** whilst undertaking activities for Council.

Background

- Council has received reports of close calls with Council, contractor vehicles and members of the public when driving along Kalang Road.
- There's currently a large volume of road, bridge, and flood works on Kalang Road, these works are expected to continue in the coming months and into 2023.
- The road is narrow, with limited space for heavy vehicles and plant equipment in many areas.
- Worker safety and the safety of the public is paramount to Council, particularly in the context of large works program on Kalang Road.

Action Undertaken / Key Learnings

- ✓ Operators all of vehicles and plant must ensure they always maintain awareness of their surroundings.
- ✓ Council and contractor vehicles are to activate their flashing lights and hazard lights when driving along Kalang Road to attend or leave work sites.
- ✓ Slow down, and ensure you always remain in your travelling lane, take extra care when going around blind corners.
- ✓ Extra caution to be taken on unsealed / rough surfaces which affect vehicle traction and safe stopping distances.
- ✓ Raise awareness with members of the public who reside on Kalang Road via Community notice boards, social media and the Council's website.
- ✓ **Workers, please report all near misses to your Supervisor and the Safety Officer via incident report forms or the 'Vault Notify' application.**
- ✓ **Residents can advise Council of any issues or concerns via the Customer and Business Services team on 02 6655 7300.**

Further Information

Further information can be obtained via:

- ✓ Bellingen Shire Council Website (www.bellingen.nsw.gov.au)
- ✓ Community Notice Boards.
- ✓ Council Operations - Supervisors and/or Managers. (Workers / Contractors)
- ✓ Council Operations - Safety Officer. (Workers / Contractors)

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