

Ranger Procedure – Stock on Road

1 Objective

This procedure outlines the process for the investigation and action to be taken for Stock on Roads Procedure for the safety of the public, Rangers, and stock.

2 Scope

- The procedure applies to the impoundment of stock by City of Albany Rangers operating within the City of Albany (CoA).
- This procedure does not apply to stock on Main Roads managed roads ([..\..\007_Ranger_Team\Livestock\Excerpts from Main Roads Responsibility Policy.docx](#)).

3 Procedure

- Determine if livestock are on CoA managed road network or Main Roads (MRD) managed roads.
- Determine if the livestock are involved in a contravention that may lead to impounding of goods (see 3.37 - 3.39 of Local Government Act 1995 and 29 Local Government [functions and General] Regulations 1996).
- A contravention of a regulation or local law made under the Act can lead to the impounding of goods that are animals (if they are involved in the contravention) **whether or not the contravention takes place in a private or a public place** (Clause 29(1a) Local Government [Functions and General] Regulations 1996).

3.1 Main Road managed roads

MRD managed roads: Albany Highway from Shire of Plantagenet border to main roundabout intersecting Hanrahan Rd – Chesterpass Road, Menang Drive, South Coast Highway (from Albany Hwy intersection to Denmark), Chester Pass Road (in its entirety) Hanrahan Road, and Princess Royal Drive. (See MRD Western Australia Road Hierarchy and <https://mrwebapps.mainroads.wa.gov.au/PublicMaps/RoadInformationMapping>)

If the City after hours call centre call and inform Rangers of stock on Main Roads – **Rangers do not attend**. Request call centre inform Main Roads by calling 138 138.

If during office hours and Rangers are called to stock on a Main Road, Rangers are to call MRD. **Rangers can assist MRD:**

1. To identify and contact stock owner
2. To educate land/stock owner about straying stock
3. To investigate fencing conditions and containment.

MRD will be responsible for managing the stock on road and signage.

3.2 City of Albany roads/verges

If stock is reported on City managed roads/verges the following actions will be taken:

- Minimum of two Rangers will attend and activate vehicle hazard lights and emergency amber lights on arrival at scene.
- Ranger vehicle to be parked on the verge maximizing visibility to other road users of Rangers working on or near road.
- Attending Rangers will wear Hi-visibility vests.

- Install 'Stock on Road' information signs ~ 500 meters either end of where stock was sighted (total 1km). Please consider road layout when installing signs.
- If large amounts of stock are located on the road, attending Rangers should call for further assistance and consider calling police to provide traffic control whilst efforts are made to remove stock from road.
- If no stock is sighted on attendance and patrol of vicinity fails to locate stock, signs are to remain in place for 6 hours or overnight if appropriate.
- Stock on Road signs are to be erected to provide maximum visibility without obstructing the carriageway to approaching motorists to ensure no risk of collision to motorists.
- Weighted sandbags or weights must be used to anchor road signs.

3.3 Impounding Stock – use of private property

City of Albany now operates under a **non-farming Property Identification Code (PIC) WEPD0073**. This means our PIC is recognised across the Albany district and facilitates livestock being impounded anywhere in the Albany district to meet traceability requirements of the *Biosecurity Agricultural Management (Identification and Movement of Stock and Apiaries) Regulations 2013 [BAM(IMS) Regs.]*

Rangers may impound livestock on private property **with the property owners prior consent. But the livestock must have been involved in a contravention that may lead to impounding of goods.**

If there are multiple stock on the road, attempt to drive them to the nearest secure paddock using low stress stock handling technique. Contact must be made to the property owner to seek consent for the livestock to be impounded on their property. Ranger to outline that all feed will be supplied at City's expense. Contact Senior Ranger if consent is not obtained.

Check for NILS tags, ear tags, earmark ID (Clippings out of ear- became optional from 01/01/2022) or any other identifying branding on the animal. Obtain images of the animal(s) and any branding marks/tags. Attach to CS.

Open either of the links below and type in brand details found on the ear tag. Last known owner's details will be provided.

<https://www.nlis.com.au/Login/> (link current at 01/08/2024)

NLIS User ID: **6PDSTKPL**

Password: A168203999!

To obtain property owner, PIC or brand details from a location address use DPIRD link [Brands Search \(dpird.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.dpird.wa.gov.au/BrandsSearch) (link current at 30/11/2023)

DPIRD website does not require a user account or password.

Contact owner to arrange collection of livestock. If owner of the livestock cannot be contacted or there are no identifying marks/tags, livestock should be impounded in the City stock Pound (Mercer Road) or with permission from a property owner at the nearest secure property (as per above).

A stock movement waybill is only required when the livestock is moved from the City impound yard.

3.4 Impound Stock at Mercer Road Pound

Using low stress stock handling technique in combination with transportable yards contain livestock in back of the Ranger vehicle or stock trailer and transport to Mercer Road Pound.

Note: For the movement of livestock, BAM(IMS)A Regs recognize the [Livestock Impound Notice.docx](#) as the required movement document (waybill) from point of impound to the Mercer Rd impound yard. Any further movement from Mercer Rd requires a movement waybill. However if a transport company insists on a waybill, use the embedded waybill here:

[..\..\007_Ranger_Team\Livestock\Blank Livestock Waybill.pdf](#) (link current 30/11/2023)

If you are required to transport cattle, please notify the Ranger Coordinator first. Two transport companies rangers have used previously are:

- Dundeval Holdings *, 182 Reynolds Rd, Narrikup WA 6326 - ABN 19 546 167 213
 - Warren Forbes 0427 532 057
 - Glen Forbes 0455 320 576
 - Libby 0429 097 585
- Pratt Transport Logistics, 28 Kelly St, Albany WA 6330 – ABN 94 717 875 167
 - Mick Pratt 0429 311 444

*** Please try Dundeval Holdings first.**

Ensure sufficient food and water are provided for impounded animals and gates are locked.

Feed can be obtained from:

- Nutrien Ag Solutions 153 Chester Pass Rd, Milpara ph 9842 7888 – ABN 73 008 743 217
- Peter Graham Co 54 Chester Pass Rd, Milpara ph 9841 1011 – ABN 39 601 254 899
- Mario's Stockfeeds, 1 / 35 Lower Denmark Rd, Mt Elphinstone WA 6330 ph 0467 797 305 -ABN – 47 393 627 636
- Albany Stockfeeds 376 Albany Highway, Orana ph 9841 5724 – ABN 12 626 641 772

Water can be obtained using the trailer tank situated in Depot yard.

3.5 Impound Administration

- Update CS
- Send photos and details to Ranger Admin to put on Spark Pound Registry
- Give notice to the owner:
 - The type and number of goods (animals).
 - Place where the goods were found when impounded.
 - That the goods may be collected from the location they've been impounded at.
 - Goods to be collected between hours and date set by the ranger.
 - CoA may refuse to allow goods to be collected until the costs of removing and keeping them have been paid to the CoA.
 - What the impound cost will be to the owner.
 - CoA may sell or otherwise dispose of any impounded goods that have not been collected within 7 days of notifying the owner.
 - CoA may sell or otherwise dispose of any impounded goods after 7 days if the CoA has been unable, after making reasonable efforts to do so, to give that notice to the owner (*S 3.42(2) of the Act states if reasonable efforts have been taken to notify the owner but without success, the local government is to be taken to have given that notice*).

3.6 Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Requirements

- If livestock are not returned to the owner, once impounded all livestock must be tagged with CoA pink pound tag, for cattle use NLIS tag, if not already fitted with one.
- If livestock not identifiable and/or owner not registered, details must be provided to Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) for follow-up.
- If livestock are rehomed, they must only go to a property with a registered PIC, make sure to record PIC in CS actions.
- Any livestock moved from the pound must be accompanied by a waybill (see above)
- Dead or destroyed livestock with an NLIS device must have the details forwarded to DPIRD including the following:
 - The NLIS identifier (external visual NLIS ID or scanned RFID)
 - The Pound PIC ID
 - Date animal was found dead or was destroyed
 - The location it was found dead/destroyed (can be added in “comments section” if reporting using NLIS online).

For more comprehensive information please go to [.\\.\007_Ranger_Team\Livestock\Pound PIC livestock Instructions 2023 DPIRD.pdf](#) (link current at 30/11/2023)

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Our Brand # WEPD0073

PIC # WEPD0073

Ear Mark 018D003A

3.7 Sick or Injured Animals, Disposal Of

If an impounded animal is ill or injured to such an extent that treating it is not practicable the local government may humanely destroy the animal and dispose of the carcass. An animal must not be destroyed unless because of the state of the animal, destroying it is urgent (i.e. animal is suffering needlessly without chance of recovery).

This authority is pursuant to Section 3.47A(1) and (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995 and does not require approval from an RSPCA Inspector under the Animal Welfare Act.

3.8 Returning Livestock to Owner

- Check proof of ownership by the brand (cattle with RFID will need to be scanned with mc scanner).
- Check owner's PIC number and ensure currently registered.
- Complete Waybill if not returning livestock from location they were reported.
- If the owner does not have a registered PIC animals are not tagged but you are satisfied as to proof of ownership, you must report to DPIRD as per 3.6.

Contact owner of livestock and organise to meet at City impound or property where stock is impounded. Contact the property owner to ensure access to their property is granted for release of the impounded livestock and fill in a waybill when transporting the animal. White copy to owner. Blue copy to Ranger admin.

3.9 Disposal of Confiscated or Uncollected Goods.

Local Government may sell *or otherwise dispose* of impounded livestock that have not been collected within 7 days of notice being given per S.3.5.

Money received from the sale of livestock will be used to meet the costs and expenses incurred in the removing, impounding, and selling of livestock.

Any remaining money must be deposited into the City of Albany trust fund.

Stock Agent in Albany for Mount Barker Sale Yard (MBSY) Auctions:

Terry Zambonetti, Nutrien Agg Solutions Albany 0427775182 terry.zambonetti@nutrien.com.au

MBSY auctions held every Thursday March to November and Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday December to February.

Ensure livestock has been tagged with CoA pound tag or NILS tag for cattle and a waybill for the stock movement is completed.

3.10 Rehoming Livestock

- Advise customer the requirement to pay all associated fees at North Road Office prior to release of purchased livestock.
- Send pound release form to Rangers and Customer Service with associated details and fees.
- Contact customer to organise a collection time.
- If livestock are impounded on private property, contact property owner to obtain permission to enter their property to release the impounded livestock.
- Fill in a waybill when the livestock is transported. White copy to owner, blue copy to ranger administration.

Log onto NLIS and transfer livestock to new owners PIC:

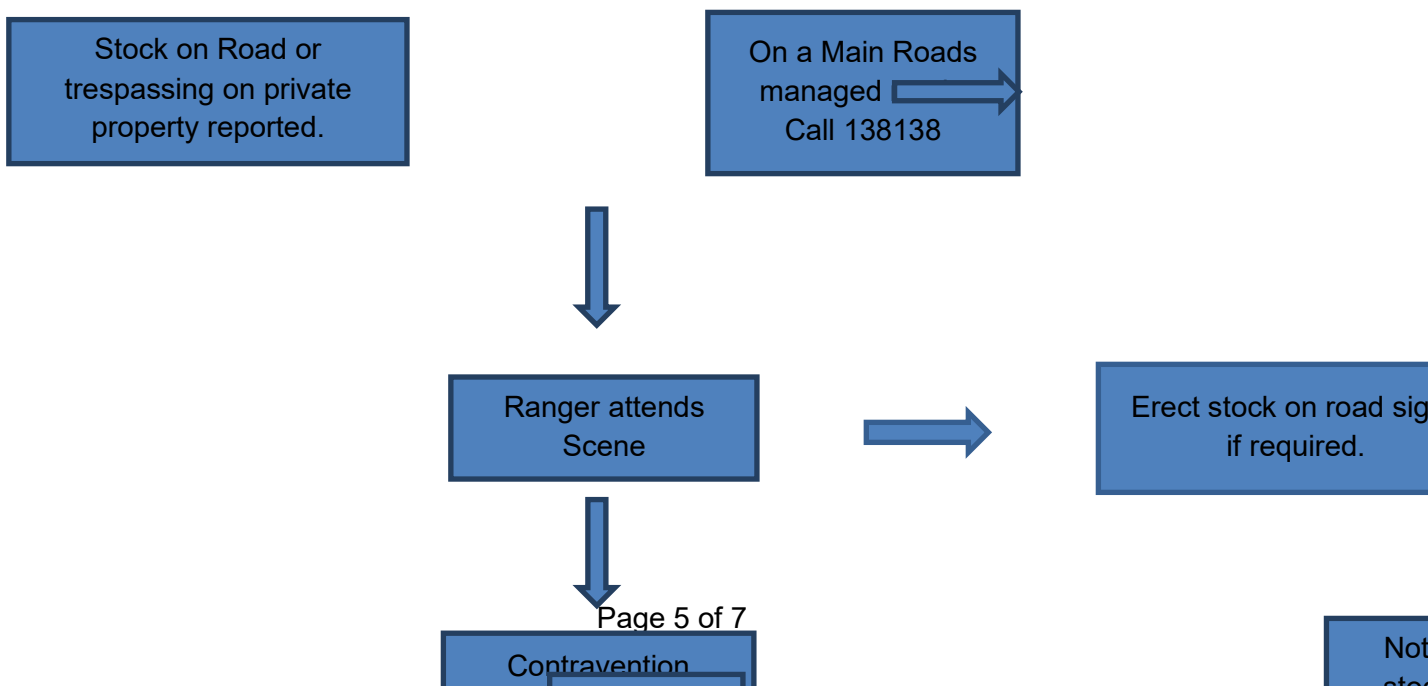
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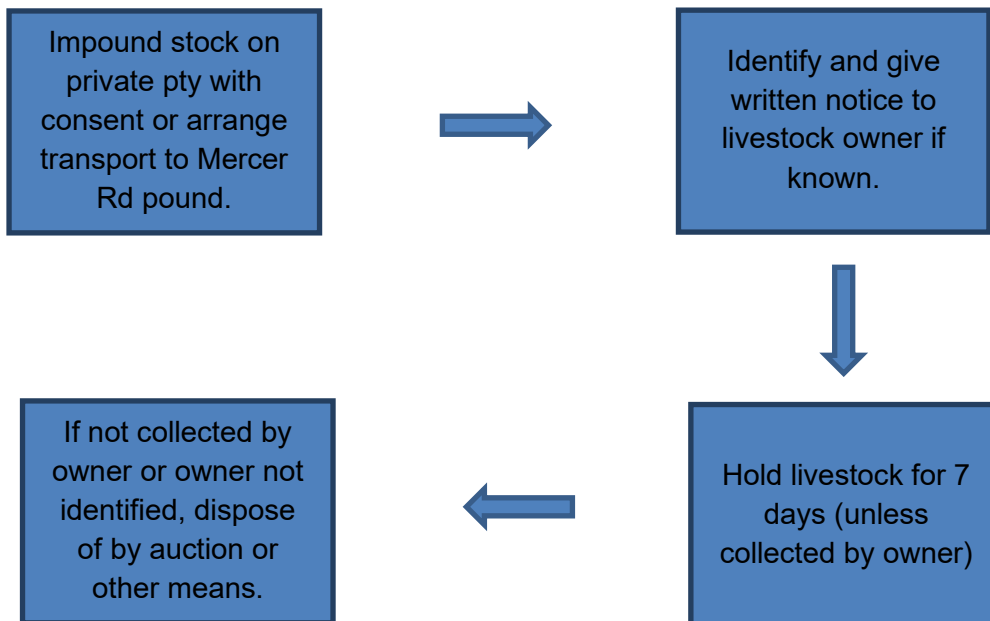
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- Update Pound Register
- Copy receipt and waybill and give to Admin to add to CS

4 Procedure Flowchart





5 Associated Forms

Livestock Waybill –



Blank Livestock Waybill.pdf



Livestock Impound Notice.docx

6 Associated Procedures

City of Albany Work Health and Safety Policy

City of Albany Hazard Identification and Risk Management Procedure

7 Definitions

- **Dispose** includes to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of, whether absolutely or not.
- **Goods** means any goods involved in a contravention that can lead to impounding and includes an animal.
- **Contravention that can lead to impounding** means anything prescribed to be a contravention that can lead to impounding.

8 Legislative and Strategic Context

Compliance with the:

- Local Government Act 1995, Council determines local government policies; and
- Animals Local Law 2020 Part 2 Animals and Livestock.
- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960

9 Review Position and Date

This procedure was adopted on _____. This policy and procedure must be reviewed every two years.

This procedure is to be reviewed by the document owner on or before _____.

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