



What you **need** to
know about...

Stock Driving

maintaining our roads

There are approximately 5000 km of roads within the Southland District Council network: 2000 km sealed, 3000 km unsealed, including over 960 bridges, with 27 townships & a growing population (28,440 as per 2006 Census) who use these roads.

With an annual Roothing Budget of over \$23M it is our aim to keep the roads maintained to an acceptable standard and are always looking at ways to improve the network as an asset for the community while keeping to an ever tightening budget.

With the diversity of activities within the community and population groups being so spread out, as we are fortunate enough to have such a space to do so, the use and frequency of use on our roads is equally diverse. With average daily traffic counts varying from 50 to 1000+ it is hard to know what to expect when turning the corner and entering a new environment.

Sharing the Road

As stock driving is an activity that operates on the road, sharing use with other motorists, the Council's main priority is safety. And it is for this reason that we ask all farmers, operators and contractors show due care and diligence when moving stock. *All droves over 10km or through urban areas require the completion of a Permit Application.*

Safety First

As part of the Southland District Council Roothing Policy on Stock Driving there are some basic requirements and guidelines for safe operation on the road, including: all droves must be attended by a competent drover (or drovers for large mobs), every drover & assistant/s must wear hi-viz vest or jacket, never operate during the hours of darkness & ensure you are clearly visible from 250m with the use of flashing lights, temporary warning signs, etc.



Patience

Stock Driving can be a stressful event, not only for the stock but also for the drovers, their assistants and motorists. But it is with patience and respect that we can aim to have as little impact on one another's activities as possible.

**Contact our Customer Services
on 0800 732 732 if you have a concern about the
state of any of our roads, sealed or unsealed,
or if you come across a mess.**

top tips

**Three simple rules for keeping it safe
when Stock Driving:**

1. Make sure you are seen and provide adequate warning for traffic.
2. Plan ahead to reduce potential risks & hazards.
3. Keep stock under control & moving at all times with a competent drover.



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