



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

## Stock Crossings

### *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 Roading 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.

In our efforts to maintain and improve the roads within the District we must ensure the safe and correct use when operating a Stock Crossing. The Council permits, upon approval, the opportunity to share the use of the road without interfering with its intended use as a public road. Operating a Stock Crossing is a privilege not a right. **All stock crossings require a Permit.**

### Permit Do's & Don'ts

#### DO

Do get a valid permit and reapply annually to maintain the right of use. **All stock crossing permits are valid for 1 year only and are non-transferable.**

Do construct it in accordance with the Roading Policy and schematic.

Do maintain an effective safe sight stopping distance (i.e. 170m for 100 km/hr).

#### DON'T

Don't use tape or any other type of fencing across the road, there must always be a drover in attendance.

Don't operate without the appropriate safety gear, signage and lighting

Don't become a nuisance by operating your crossing badly, if Council receives 3 complaints within a 12 month period your permit will be revoked and the crossing closed down.



### Alternatives

Because a stock crossing operates on or across a public road we strongly encourage farmers and operators to consider alternatives - particularly Stock Underpasses. Stock Underpasses are not only safer for the road users but also the farm worker driving the stock across the roads and for the safety and wellbeing of the stock. If you would like further information about installing a Stock Underpass or the financial assistance available, call or drop into your local Southland District Council office.

### Everybody's Asset

Our Stock Crossing Policy is intended to reduce the risk of damage and injury from road users being confronted with stock crossing the road, avoid debris and effluent being left on the road and creating a hazard, and highlight the importance of having a managed crossing.

#### 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 when operating a Stock Crossing:

1. Do not leave stock crossing unattended when in use - TAPES ARE NOT PERMITTED.
2. Keep it clean, this is a road not a private lane.
3. Think about safety, can you be seen?



If you would like to learn more about Roadings other "Need to Know" sheets you can find them on our website: [www.southlanddc.govt.nz](http://www.southlanddc.govt.nz)



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