1. POLICY SUMMARY

1.1 This Plant Policy (the ‘Policy’) will ensure that Murray River Council (the ‘Council’) maintains a modern, efficient, safe and cost-effective plant fleet to meet the Council’s budgeted construction and maintenance programs for all assets.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of this Policy are to:

   ▶ Maintain a modern, efficient and safe plant fleet.
   ▶ Ensure that Council’s plant fleet are replaced at timely intervals that deliver the lowest whole of life cost.
   ▶ Ensure that Council’s plant fleet is operated and maintained in the best possible condition.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 This Policy applies to Council’s heavy vehicles, plant and equipment.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

4.1 That the Council shall be presented each year with an updated 10 Year Plant Replacement Program consideration and adoption.

4.2 The annual consideration of plant replacement shall ensure that the Council’s plant are kept fully applicable to meet Council’s budgeted construction and maintenance programs for all assets. This shall involve consideration of new technology, processes and materials, as well as the ongoing balance of the Council’s ownership versus external hire of its plant needs.

4.3 Council officers shall make all efforts to rationalise and minimise the funding requirements for plant replacement while still aiming to provide the best quality, most effective fleet at the lowest whole of life cost.

4.4 Council officers shall maximise utilisation of its plant fleet through relocation, reallocation or consider disposal of underutilised fleet and vehicles.

4.5 Sufficient safeguards must be provided for the protection/good maintenance of the plant and such safeguards shall be acceptable to Council’s Director Engineering.
4.6 Council employees who have right of usage of Council's plant shall ensure that plant are operated and maintained in a manner to optimise the life of the plant, as well as presenting as good public image.

4.7 Council's plant are to be located in a safe manner, ie within a Council Depot or as near as possible to the residence of landowners over the weekend period, and that all cabins, where possible, are locked.

5. LEGISLATION, TERMINOLOGY AND REFERENCES

5.1 This Policy is based on:
- Work Health & Safety Act 2011 No. 10 – Part 2, Division 3, Section 21
- Work Health & Safety Regulation 2017 – Chapter 5, Part 5.1, Division 7
- NSW Work Cover “Managing the Risks of Plant in the Workplace – Code of Practice” July 2017

5.2 The definition of Plant, as referred to in this Policy is: assets acquired for the purpose of maintaining or construction of Council-owned assets.

6. IMPLEMENTATION AND DELEGATION

6.1 The responsibility for the implementation of this Policy rests with the Director Engineering.

7. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

7.1 It is the responsibility of the Director Engineering to monitor the adequacy of this Policy and recommend appropriate changes.

7.2 This Policy will be formally reviewed every three (3) years or as needed, whichever comes first.

8. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Murray River Council Risk Management Policy (POL200)
- Murray River Council Transport Assets Management Policy (POL300)
- Murray River Council Light Motor Vehicle Policy (POL302)
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Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this policy at any time
This Policy is scheduled for review in November 2021