





1. History of Caithness Road, Arnolds Road, Sewells Road, and Unnamed Road

Caithness Road was built in the 1930s and runs off the South Gippsland Highway for a total distance of 2,150 metres (shown as  in **Figure 1** below) and ends at the driveway access to property 225 Caithness Road. The former Shire of Woorayl 'Road Register' dated 1994 shows the full length of road being 2,200 metres. The new section of road approximately 700 metres from Sewells Road (shown as  in **Figure 1** below) was created around 1948 to allow access to property no. 225 from Sewells Road and two other properties at no. 200 and no. 224.

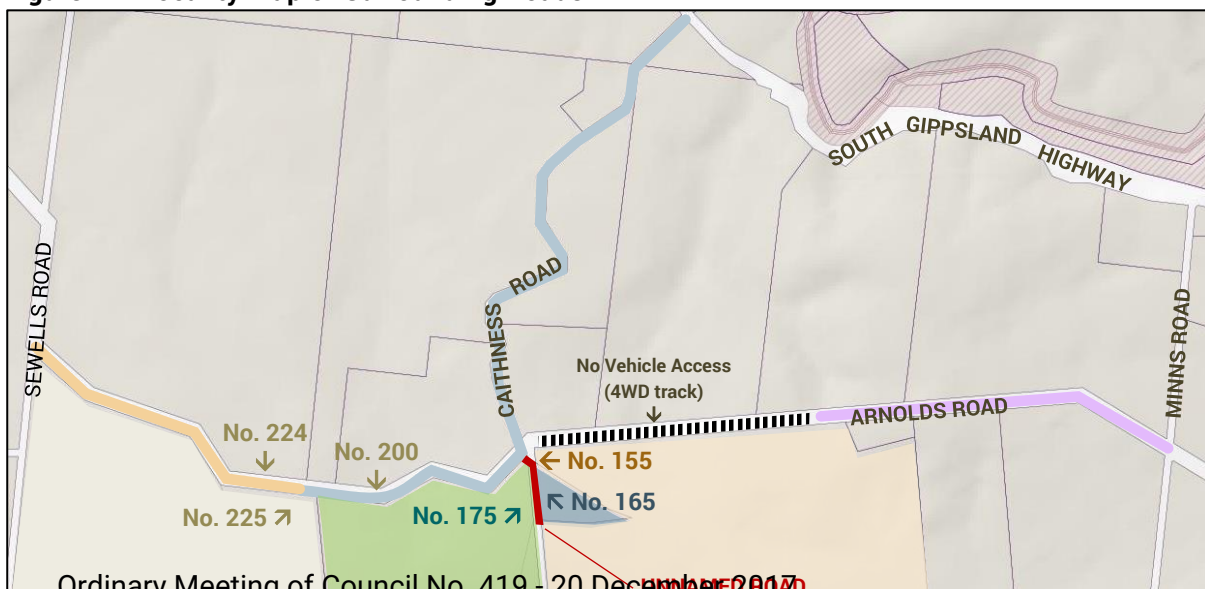
Arnolds Road runs off Minns Road traversing west for a total distance of 990 metres. Old historical maps and Google show this road name continuing along the entire unused road (4 wheel drive) to Caithness/Arnolds Road intersection (shown as  in **Figure 1** below).

Sewells Road runs off the Koonwarra Inverloch Road (east/south bound) for a total distance of 3,000 metres and ends at a cluster of properties created via a plan of subdivision. These properties were addressed to Sewells Road. Old historical maps and Google showed Sewells Road traversing to the left from Sewells Road and heading east bound along an unused road reserve (the east/west section of Caithness Road), which was only accessible by 4 wheel drives, to the intersection of Caithness Road / Arnolds Road / unnamed road).

The **unnamed road** runs off Caithness Road, Koonwarra traversing south for approximately 220 metres from Caithness / Arnolds Road intersection and was created around 60 years ago (shown as  in **Figure 1** below). Although it has been locally known as 'Caithness Road', there is no official documentation or spatial data maps found to support this. Conclusions that the road is unnamed have been based on Council's Public Road Register, advice from Council's Rates team, and Vicmap data map bases as being unnamed.

A locality map of the surrounding roads is in **Figure 1** below.

Figure 1 – Locality Map of Surrounding Roads



2. Mapping Errors and Inconsistencies

Council as a naming authority can seek the advice from the Registrar of Geographic Names to alter mapping alignments via the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) – Notification and Editing Services (NES).

In 2009, Council requested via NES that the inconsistencies with Sewells Road, Caithness Road, and Arnolds Road be corrected due to Emergency Services and service providers continually trying to get to properties via these sections of unmade road.

The two sections of road, Sewells and Arnolds, had no properties addressed to these sections, therefore did not warrant a consultation process. Whilst the continuation of Caithness Road over Sewells Road had three properties addressed to Caithness Road and should only show Caithness Road. This process is audited by Geographic Place Names.

In June 2016, Council reported these errors to Google maps after receiving requests from a resident that emergency services and service providers are continually getting lost and cannot find their property on this unnamed road.

For a more detailed location map of roads refer to Spatial Vision's Vicmap Book – 2009 in **Figure 2** at the end of this report.

Figure 2 – Location Map of Roads – Spatial Vision’s Vicmap Book – 2009

