

## Flood Recovery Update – October 2017

### **Major Works update**

Quality Roads (QR) were appointed by Council in August as the successful contractor for the first two Flood Recovery Road Reinstatement tenders.

The Flood Recovery team has met with QR to discuss the programming of works. They will provide regular updates on where and when they will be working to deliver the contracts. The crew to deliver the works is aiming to commence on the roads in the Southern Grampians Mid November.

QR prides themselves on the quality of their works and likes to leave a job site knowing that they did a good job of the repair works and that they exceed the standard requested in the contract.

A tender for another large package of road restoration works around the shire has been advertised and closes on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. The tender evaluation will be completed as quickly as possible to enable council to consider in November.

Council has sought quotes to carry out resheeting works on four roads that have become dangerous and require immediate attention outside the larger contracts above.

- Gazette Woolshed Road, Gazette
- Langes Lane, Tabor
- Harnaths Road, Tabor
- Madins Road, Hamilton

Works are expected to be completed by Mid October as quotes from local contractors are being sought now. These roads posed a significant safety risk and therefore have been completed outside of the current contracts.

### **Dunkeld Arboretum Wall (McArthur St)**

Water Technology will be on site in October to undertake investigative works so that a restoration plan can be developed for the dam wall and McArthur Street. This will include collection of core samples from the wall as well as the excavation of some pits downstream of the wall.

### **Urgent Works Required**

Although all of the shire roads have now been inspected, some roads have had the damage degrade due to wet weather and that we need to keep using them. Where roads are deemed to pose a significant and urgent risk to commuters and traffic management is no longer the solution, urgent works may be required to improve the level of safety on the road until full reinstatement works can be completed. The following roads have recently had urgent works completed.

- Wrights Road, Dunkeld

- Doling Road, Strathkellar
- Brung Brungle Road, Wannon
- Atterbys Road, Mooralla
- W Rogers Road, Mooralla
- Woods Road, Balmoral

Council is continuing to monitor urgent works required however these should drop as contracts get underway.

### **Category C Project Officer has been appointed**

Julie Drechsler has been appointed as the successful candidate for one of the Category C Project Officer roles. Julie has been working with Southern Grampians council for four years and was most recently in the Recreation Coordinators role. She has significant experience working in consultation with communities to deliver solutions and was the community planning officer for Council.

Julie will work assist the community and clubs with all Category C reinstatement projects. Some of these include works on the Coleraine and Cavendish walking tracks, repairing the Coleraine Bowling Club Rooms, works on the Rail Trail, repairs to Lake Hamilton/Grange burn walking track, Coleraine Tennis/Netball court repair (part insurance) and works on the Dunkeld walking track.

### **Frequently asked questions**

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#### **Q. How can I or my club become involved?**

We have many Community Infrastructure projects to deliver on and when the reinstatement works begin we will also require assistance on site for different tasks such as completion photos and setting the scope of work for contracts.

There are specific procurement processes that must be followed by legislation. However community members can be involved in most stages, including the development of the contract scope, evaluation of the quotes or tenders and forming a project control group for the management of the contract once awarded.

The Coleraine Bowling Club will be working in consultation with the Flood Recovery Team to specify the requirements for the works on their bowling green. These specifications assist in writing the detail for tender documents and it enables the team to deliver the right outcome where there are specific club requirements.

If you or your club would like to be involved with any of the reinstatement projects, then please contact the Flood Recovery office on 5573 0423.

**Q Where can I go to keep up to date?**

The Flood Recovery section of the Southern Grampians Shire Council website is updated on a regular basis with all flood recovery information. We have recently included a community update section which will archive the updates that are sent out to the community via newsletters and social media.

Interactive Maps can also be accessed from the Southern Grampians home page. Under the “Recovery” section you will find maps with detailed information about traffic management, Flood related road and culvert defects, the locations of the roads under current contracts and community infrastructure reinstatement updates.

If you cannot locate the information that you are looking for or believe that this information is not accurate then we welcome your feedback on 5573 0423.

**Q What types of damage can flooding cause?**

The event that occurred in September 2016 is described by the State and Federal Government as September/October Floods and Storms.

The damage that occurred to the road infrastructure, as well as community buildings and private property was as a result of flooding because the rivers and creek overflowed and from the high intensity rainfall resulting in water running on slopes that were unable to absorb the water.

River flooding is called Fluvial (or riverine) and occurred in places like Dunkeld, Hamilton and Coleraine. This flooding was very high impact on the buildings and people who had flood waters rise suddenly and impact on their homes as well as much of the damage to recreation and sporting facilities.

Surface flooding is called Pluvial, and occurred over almost the entire Shire, resulting in much of the damage seen to roads. As a result of this flooding there is damage to roads at some unexpected locations such as near to the top of hills.

A common myth about flooding is that you are only at risk if you have a river or water body nearby. Pluvial flooding often occurs in townships where there are impermeable surfaces, but can occur in rural areas when the ground is very wet, or very dry, and the water cannot be absorbed. This was the type of flooding that impacted many of the roads

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<http://www.intermap.com/risks-of-hazard-blog/three-common-types-of-flood-explained>