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COUNCIL FLOOD RECOVERY PROGRESS UPDATE

Council is currently working to develop a Flood Recovery Management Plan which will guide the works program for the restoration of essential community assets.

Staff are also in the process of appointing an Infrastructure Recovery Project Manager, as well as preparing a works package for tendering in January 2018.

Council's Asset Engineers have assessed over 50 percent of the areas affected by the flood event in detail, identifying and assessing over 200 items for repair, ranging from complete rebuild of roads to minor repairs to sections of roads.

The Works Department has logged 48 enquiries since the flood event, including both flood-related and normal Council inspection activity, which has resulted in the completion of 120 jobs across 80 locations.

Council will endeavour to communicate a response to residents who have logged work enquiries as best as possible prior to Christmas.

The identification and initial assessment of affected assets is forecast to be completed by early January 2018.

In the interim, Council will continue to carry out emergency and priority works, including physical works and protective measures to ensure public safety.

Council held two Community Meetings on Monday 4 December, where suggestions were made on potential infrastructure improvements to make the town more flood resilient.

The Engineering Department is assessing the suggestions and will bring forward a prioritised action list for Council's consideration in February 2018.

Mayor Amanda McClaren said the flood recovery process is extensive and appreciates the community's patience during this time.

"Council empathises with community members, in both rural and residential areas, with damage to houses, infrastructure, supplies, extensive debris clean up and the economic loss from reduced crop yields and reduced grain quality," Cr McClaren said.

"Council has been truly astounded by the resilience and morale of the community and will continue to keep the public updated on the recovery process as it develops."

"Please take care on the roads, particularly during the busy Christmas period, and follow signage and road closures with caution," Cr McClaren.

If you have identified essential infrastructure that needs immediate attention and you haven't yet contacted Council, please do so by calling 1800 065 993 or email the details to info@strathbogies.vic.gov.au.

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