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Infrastructure Recovery Manager appointed for flood recovery

Strathbogie Shire Council has appointed an Infrastructure Recovery Project Manager from GMR Engineering Services who is currently working closely with Council to assess, scope and deliver infrastructure works in response to the December flood event.

Immediately after the flood event, Council made a Natural Disaster Funding Claim to State Treasury for the damage to essential assets.

Works undertaken under the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance (NDRRA) package require Council to follow strict guidelines, including only undertaking works to restore assets to their pre-existing condition.

Additional work that is identified will come under Council's ongoing asset management program and may not proceed until a later date.

Council appreciates the community, particularly directly affected residents, is keen to see works underway, however it is important these guidelines are followed to ensure costs associated with the works are recovered and Council's budget is not adversely impacted.

Early works packages to prioritised areas are expected to get underway over the next few weeks.

Council will continue to provide regular progress updates and further guidance on the timelines for the completion of works.

If you have any enquiries relating to infrastructure recovery, please contact Customer Service by calling 1800 065 993 or email info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au and Council will endeavour to provide a timely response, including inspections as required.

Mayor Amanda McClaren said "Council thanks the community for their continued patience and will keep them informed on recovery works as things progress."

"Please take care on the roads and pay particular attention to signage and road closures."

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