

Blitz to repair flood-damaged roads

Horsham Rural City Council is using federal government disaster relief funding to tackle the enormous task of fixing rural roads impacted by last year's spring floods.

Council has reported more than 1,700 flood-related defects across the municipality.

Chief Executive Officer Sunil Bhalla said fixing flood-damaged roads was a high priority so that residents, farmers and businesses could return to their normal travel routines as soon as possible.

"We are going through an arduous task of applying for funding for each and every defect. That includes supplying about 12,000 before and after photos," Mr Bhalla said.

"Some of our applications have already been approved and we are seeing works happening now in rural areas south of Horsham," he said.

Residents can log on to Council's website to see a map-based list of every road that has been earmarked for repair and track its progress.

A mixture of contractors and HRCC depot crews are currently working in the Jallumba and Mockinya areas.

More roads will be fixed as funding applications for each individual defect is inspected and approved.

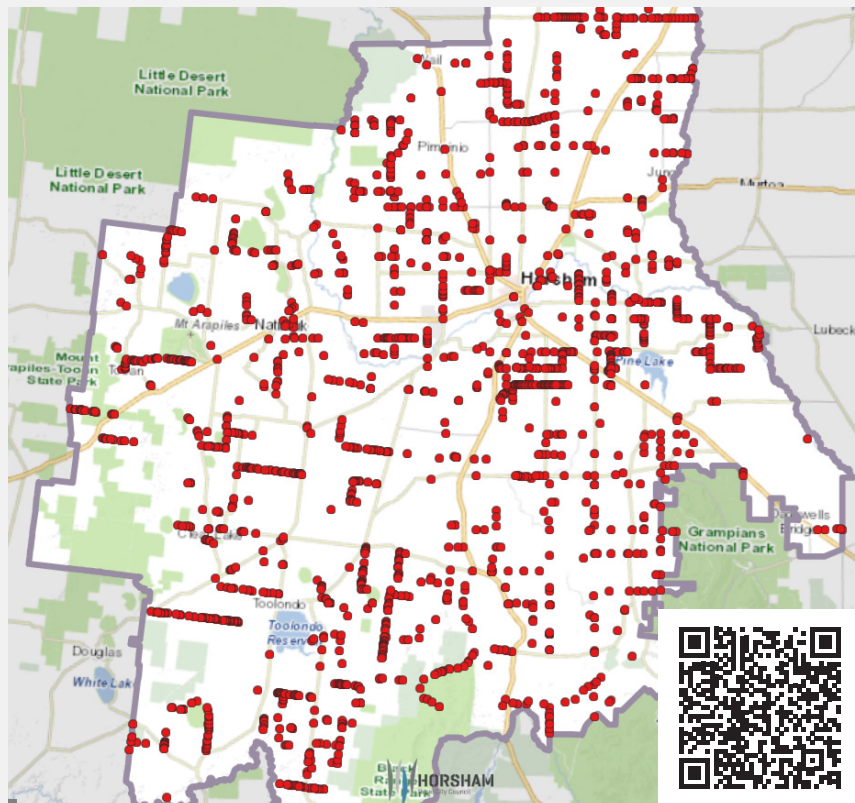
An additional Council meeting was scheduled this week so that contracts could be awarded for another package of works.

"Our contractors have a big job ahead of them but we are well advanced with the scoping of works and bundling of works packages ready for roll out," Mr Bhalla said.

"The nature of disaster funding means that we can't rush in and complete the works ourselves.

"There's a detailed process that needs to be followed and we are committed to getting as much external money as we can to help our own budget go much further," he said.

While these state and federally funded emergency works are underway, Council's ongoing road construction and maintenance activities, as part of the Capital Works Program, will continue.



KEEP TRACK: Residents can visit HRCC's website (QR code above) to see a map of every defect on every road marked for repair and track its progress.



PROGRESS: HRCC crews are currently working at Jallumba and Mockinya.

TENDERS AND RFQ

Q47/2023
DEMOLITION OF HALL AND OFFICE BUILDING
Closes 12noon, Friday 12 May

S23-018
PROVISION OF VARIOUS HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES - PANEL CONTRACT
Closes 12noon, Wednesday 17 May

23-031
CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC TOILET BLOCK - HAMILTON STREET HORSHAM
Closes 12noon, Thursday 18 May

Q49/2023
PUBLIC PLAY SPACE REVIEW AND STRATEGY
Closes 12noon, Friday 26 May

23/040
OPERATION OF VARIOUS RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATIONS
Closes 12noon, Wednesday 31 May

All tender, EOI and RFQ details online at:
www.eprocure.com.au/horsham-rural-city-council



DOOEN COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Dooen community members and groups are invited to join Horsham Rural City Councillors and staff for a community conversation.

**Monday 15 May
5.30pm to 7pm
Dooen Public Hall**

This is an opportunity for people from the Dooen area to raise local issues and questions for Council.

If you want to raise a question or topic for conversation prior to the meeting please contact Fiona Kelly
Phone: 53829725
Email: fiona.kelly@hrcc.vic.gov.au

Residents recycling right

A recent review of Council's new kerbside collection services has shown positive improvements across all waste categories, highlighting that HRCC residents are not wasting the opportunity to dispose of their rubbish correctly.

Following the switch to the new Better Sorted Waste services last month, Council is closely monitoring what ends up in its kerbside waste streams, including landfill, glass, recycling and organics waste.

The changes have so far resulted in vastly improved recycling outcomes. In particular, residents have done a great job reducing contaminants in the yellow recycling bins.

The vast majority of rural and urban residents are keeping glass out of their yellow bins and also ensuring recycling waste is placed in the bin loose, not inside a plastic bag.

Remember, only materials that can be recycled here in Australia should go in the yellow recycling bin.

This includes only plastics with the recycling symbol 1 or 2, paper, cardboard, aluminium and steel cans.



NATIMUK ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLAN

Project Advisory Committee Members Needed

HRCC is seeking applications from Natimuk community members to join a Project Advisory Committee that will guide the implementation of the Natimuk Economic and Social Plan.

Committee positions will include:

- One Natimuk business operator
- One member with an interest in tourism
- One member with sustainability interests
- One member with recreation interests
- One older person (60+ years)
- One younger person (16-25 years)

Applications close Friday 26 May, 2023

More information and paper copy forms are available at Natimuk Post Office and the Civic Centre in Horsham.

For Terms of Reference and to apply online visit hrcc.vic.gov.au/have-your-say



HAVE YOUR SAY

Current Community Engagements

For full details visit the *Have Your Say* section of the HRCC website



ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN

HRCC proposes to amend its Road Management Plan. Any person proposing to make a submission on the proposed amendment must do so before 5pm Friday 26 May 2023.

REVISED GOVERNANCE RULES 2023

There are eleven changes proposed for the current Governance Rules. These are either clarifications, minor procedural changes or updates that reflect an existing practice. Submissions are open until 5pm Wednesday 10 May 2023.

Next Council Meeting: Monday 22 May 2023 - 5.30pm

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