

ACHERON COMMUNITY FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE

25 August 2023

Bank stabilisation works

Bank stabilisation works commenced on Monday 14 August, with machinery moved onsite. The contractor is on track to complete the bank stabilisation work during the first week of September.

These works have been funded under the Disaster Recovery Fund Arrangement, which is an agreement between the State and Commonwealth governments to support disaster relief and recovery activities.

The bank stabilisation works are planned to protect the bridge and public infrastructure and have been approved by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Authority as the responsible authority.

Breakaway Bridge assessment

The hydrographic surveyors required to survey the riverbed adjacent to the bridge are currently in high demand. We are hoping to secure them to complete this work while the river is at its low level.

Once all the information and assessments relating to the bridge condition is compiled, Council will consider all possible solutions.

Land survey

You may notice land surveyors from JCA in the area to re-establish property boundaries along Breakaway Road, in the vicinity of the Bridge. The survey work will contribute to Council's understanding of what solutions may be possible and inform any future design work.

We have received queries from landholders about how this may affect their properties. This survey will not impact existing fence lines, however, Council may need to adjust the road boundary to align with the existing road layout. If this is the case, we will engage the community and landholders to seek input prior to any changes.

Lake Eildon environmental water releases

Goulburn Murray Water (GMW) has issued notice that an environmental order has been placed to supply water downstream, meaning increased outflows throughout September.

GMW predicts that 80,000ML to 120,000ML will be released from Lake Eildon over a three-week period from 7 September – approximately 4,000ML to 6,000ML per day on average. Actual flows will be determined by rainfall and environmental needs.

Outflows may be decreased leading up to the environmental order delivery to keep the dam as full as possible for downstream irrigators. Goulburn Murry Water publishes current details on flows and water levels on its website.

Inflows to Lake Eildon during June 2023 were over three times the monthly average. A drier than average July and August has led to the catchments downstream drying faster than usual, requiring extra water for the environment.

Stay up to date with the latest notices from GMW at g-mwater.com.au/news-updates/notices

Future updates

As the rock embankment (rip rap) works approach completion, Council will provide updates at key milestones for projects. This means you may receive updates less frequently, but we will ensure you receive important information in a timely manner.

The next updates will occur once the bank stabilisation works have been completed, and when we receive the final Breakaway Bridge engineering report.

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