

ACHERON COMMUNITY FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE

28 JULY 2023

What has happened to date?

In mid-June, Murrindindi Shire Council met with staff from Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) to discuss how best to assess the lateral stability of the bridge (ability to sustain pressure from the stream flows). Lateral stability is the final key piece of information required to determine if the current bridge can be repaired. Council has engaged specialist consultant bridge engineers to develop the river modelling which will provide the definitive answer on the viability of the existing bridge. This report is due for completion in the coming weeks.

On 27 June, representatives from Council and the GBCMA met with local residents to discuss upcoming plans for the bank stabilisation works and how they would impact landholders.

Works are scheduled to occur within the road reserve and outside the road reserve to stabilise the banks and to protect the road.

The works involve constructing an erosion control measure (rip rap stone wall) on the northern bank of the Goulburn River at the Breakaway Bridge Acheron. Pre-construction activities are complete. Works will commence once river conditions are favourable, as works are dependent on reduced river flow and volume.

Community members have asked that Council provide regular updates about the progress of these works.

Bank stabilisation works

Council has engaged a contractor and site preparation works have been completed, including:

- working with landowners to enable access to their properties, and the installation of temporary fencing arrangements
- Dial Before You Dig to check for underground services
- conducting service location surveys
- liaising with the pump house owner
- construction of access tracks for the delivery of rip rap materials
- surface preparation including removal of unsuitable and excess surface material

Rock supply (for the rip rap)

- Approximately 50% of the rip rap required has been delivered to site.
- A temporary rip rap wall has been erected.
- No further deliveries will occur until bank stabilisation works commence.

Releases from Lake Eildon

Goulburn Murray Water (GMW) has advised that current volume releases from Lake Eildon are at 8,500 megalitres per day as of 7.45 am on 28 July 2023.

Bank stabilisation works cannot commence while the river is flowing at the current rate. The starting date of the works will be reliant on having a significantly lower river flow. GMW is aware of the requirement to decrease the flows to allow works to occur and we continue to liaise to identify a suitable window.

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