

Flood recovery update

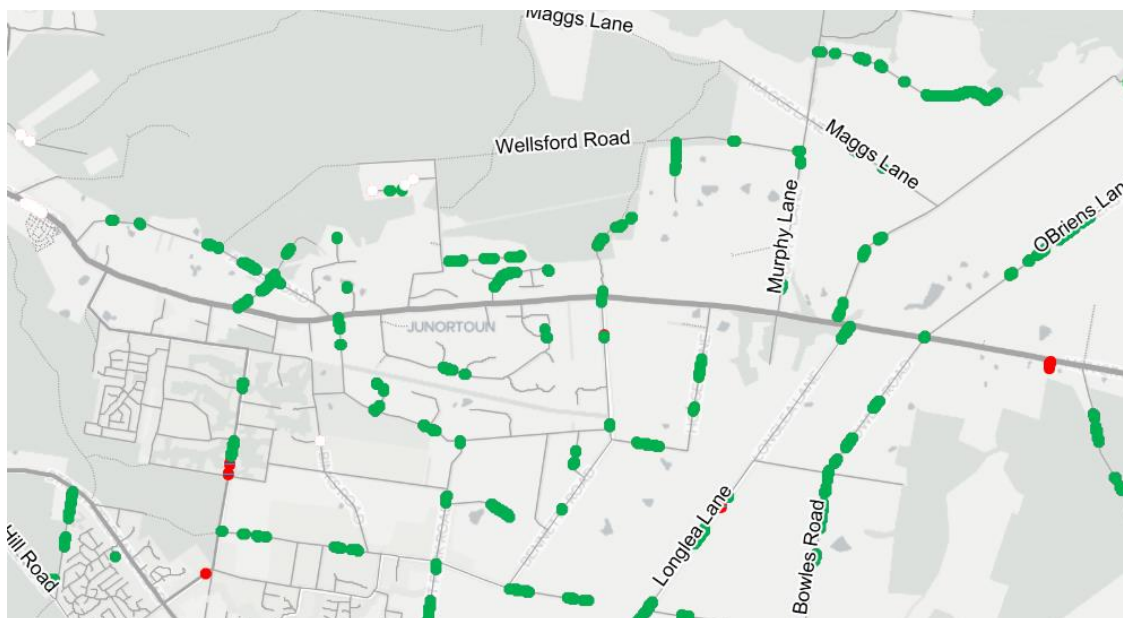
Junortoun

Spring 2025

Flood recovery works

88 works have now been completed in the Junortoun area following the 2023/24 flood and storm events, including excavation or removal of debris, road and shoulder grading, gravel re-sheeting, drainage structure reconstruction, pothole and road repairs, replacing signage and guidance posts. A handful of remaining works (gravel re-sheeting on unsealed roads) will be completed later in 2025.

Junortoun flood works as at September 2025



Key: **Completed** **Not started**

Federal funding – flood mitigation

The City submitted two federal funding applications for flood mitigation projects in Junortoun earlier this year:

- A **study and feasibility case for Splitters Creek for access and egress**, focusing on determining which road is the best option to be raised above the 1% AEP flood level. Our application was endorsed in July, and we expect announcements of successful projects to be made in the next month.
- The bid for a municipality-wide **Minor Culvert Upgrade Program** was unsuccessful. The City continues to seek Federal funding to undertake works and priority projects.

City priority projects

The City is investing **\$2.25M** on drainage and culvert improvement across Greater Bendigo over the next three years. The focus is on fixing infrastructure that otherwise sees streets or suburbs cut off for a period when we have flood events. Priority projects for Junortoun include:

- **Completed:** Mclvor Forest Estate, Junortoun (upgraded wetlands pit)
- **Future project:** Domain Village, Mclvor Highway, Junortoun – install new box culverts

Junortoun Waterways Study

Work on a Junortoun Waterways Study (focused on Splitters Creek) has commenced. Other locations include Mclvor Creek – Heathcote and Bendigo, Back and Racecourse Creeks – Epsom / Huntly. The scope of the waterways studies includes investigations into:

- Environmental values
- Cultural history
- Community utilisation
- Management arrangements
- Flood map updates
- Emergency planning
- Balancing risk reduction with trade-offs

The study does not include on-ground works. It will help confirm threats, opportunities and pathways to action (including via community groups). It will not stop flooding but will inform better choices.

Note: This work is separate to the Goornong Flood Study, a project intended to create flood maps.

Junortoun Flood and Emergency Workshops

The City is working closely with Junortoun Community Action Group in the delivery of a series of three Flood and Emergency workshops commencing September 2025 until early 2026. Building on past sessions, we'll chat about the Junortoun Waterways Study, likely emergencies in Junortoun, community preparedness, how can we reduce impacts and what actions we can take.

For more information contact JCAG at admin@junortoun.vic.au or the City on resilience@bendigo.vic.gov.au if you would like to get involved.

Emergency preparedness

City staff have been attending community events to talk with residents about the importance of understanding the risks in their area and having an emergency plan. We have new resources on our website to help you get ready for emergencies like fires, floods, service disruptions, and heatwaves. If you would like to help your community or organisation to be better prepared for emergencies, get in contact with us at resilience@bendigo.vic.gov.au or visit go.bendigo.vic.gov.au/emergency-planning.