

Flood and storm recovery

Community update

Spring 2025

Flood recovery works

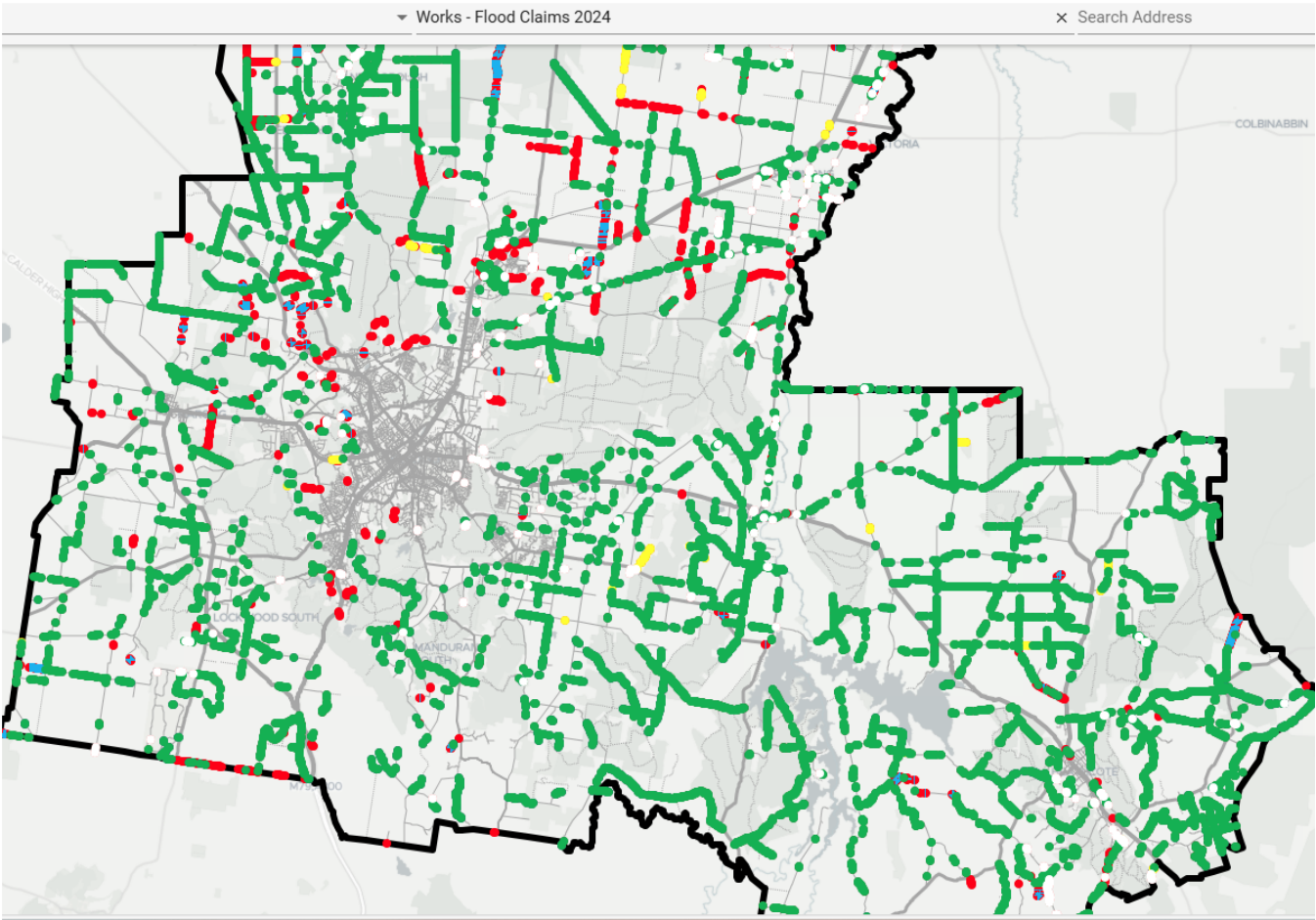
The City continues to undertake an extensive flood recovery works program:

- 8000+ reconstruction works identified across the municipality*
- 80 - 85 % works completed
- 5 % works in progress*

These works stretch across 65 suburbs and towns in Greater Bendigo and include road and drainage repairs, culvert replacements, shoulder reinstatements, gravel re-sheeting, pothole and road repairs, replacing signage and guidance posts and other essential restoration activities.

We're grateful for the community's patience and understanding while these important works have been carried out. The small number of sites still under construction are expected to be finalised soon, weather permitting. Once finished, the recovery program will have restored our local infrastructure to pre-flood condition and improved its capacity to withstand future events. For questions on specific works contact our customer service team on [1300 002 642](tel:1300002642) or at requests@bendigo.vic.gov.au

Snapshot of Flood works as at November 2025*



Key: **Completed** **In Progress** **Not Started** **Unapproved**

*Completion timelines and progress of works are dependent on Federal funding and contractor and equipment availability. Our regular maintenance programs will be restoring the remaining outstanding defects.

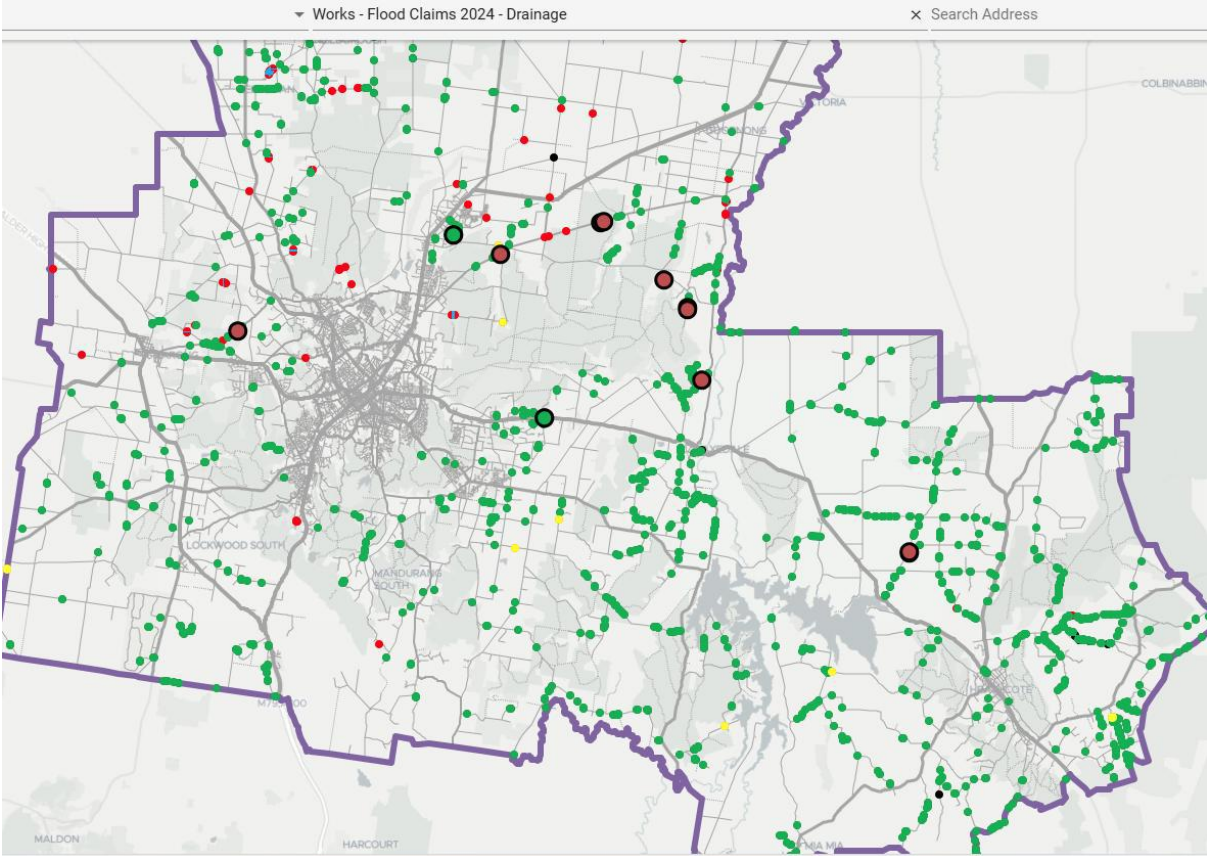
Flood recovery works:

The city continues to undertake an extensive flood recovery Drainage works program:

- 95 % works completed
- Only 5% of the work remains, and completion is expected soon*

These works stretch across 65 suburbs and towns in Greater Bendigo and include drainage repairs, culvert replacements, Bulk excavation, and other essential restoration activities.

Snapshot of Drainage works November 2025*



Key: Completed In Progress Not Started

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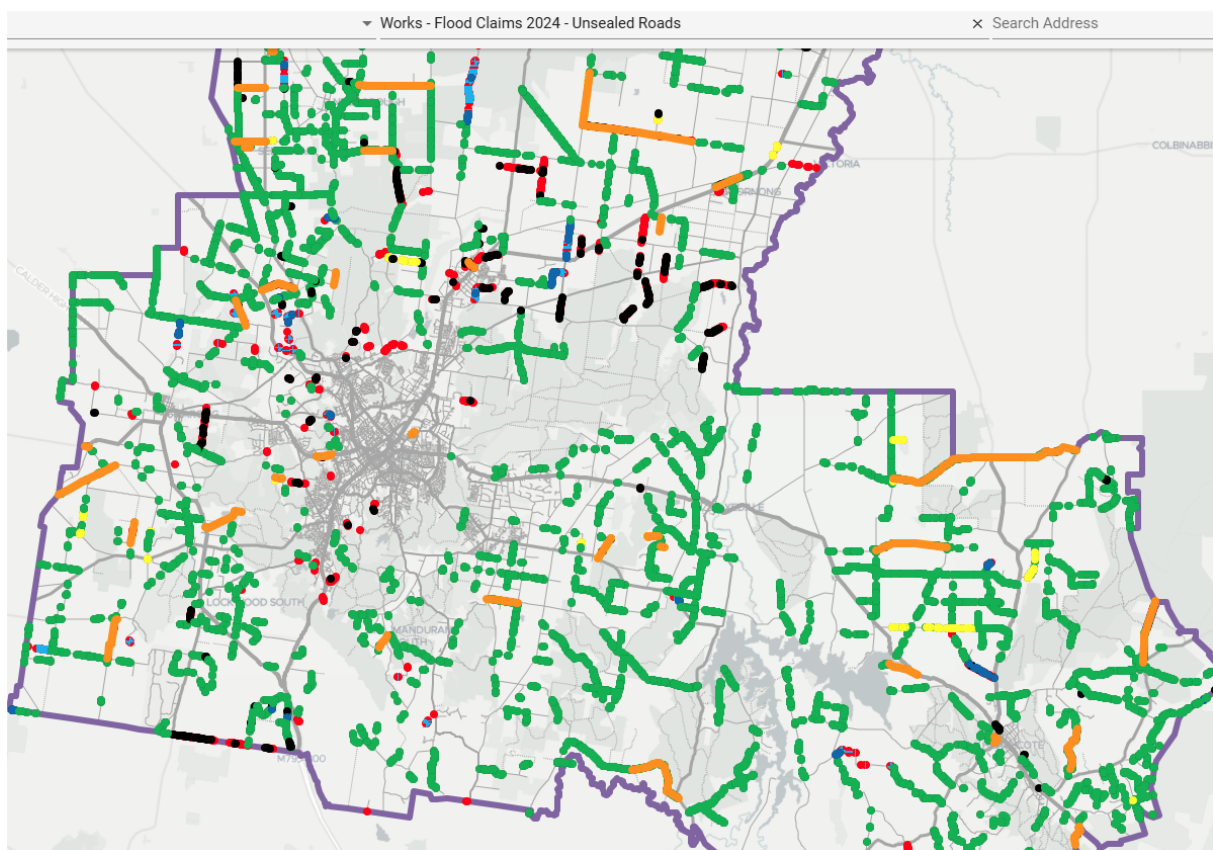
Flood recovery works:

The city continues to undertake an extensive flood recovery Unsealed road works program includes:

- 85 % works completed
- 5 % works in progress and 10% remains works completion is expected soon*

These works stretch across 65 suburbs and towns in Greater Bendigo in the area and largely focus on Unsealed Road formation grading, gravel re-sheeting, replacing signage and other essential restoration activities.

Snapshot of Unsealed Road Works November 2025*



Key: **Completed** **In Progress** **Not Started** **Resheeting Program**

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Federal funding – flood mitigation

The City submitted several Federal funding applications for flood mitigation projects earlier this year. The bid for a City-wide **Minor Culvert Upgrade Program** was unsuccessful. The City continues to seek Federal funding to undertake works and priority projects.

Engineering projects

Detailed design work for the Bendigo Creek Levee renewal (Howard Street to Leans Road) is expected to progress once updated data from the Bendigo Urban Flood Study (BUFS) becomes available (expected in early to mid-2026).

Huntly Drainage Improvement Plan

The final draft report for the Huntly Drainage Strategy is currently under review.

Federal Grant Applications

Heathcote

The City has been advised by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) that our Round 3 application to the Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) for the proposed 1% AEP trunk drainage system at Dead Horse Gully, Heathcote was not successful. We understand this is disappointing news for the Heathcote community, as this funding was critical to initiating this important flood mitigation infrastructure project. The City remains committed to improving flood resilience in Heathcote. We will continue to pursue future DRF funding rounds and actively seek alternative grant opportunities to progress this project. Updates will be shared with the community as new developments occur.

Epsom/Ascot

The City has been advised by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) that our Round 3 application to the Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) for the proposed Racecourse Creek Levee construction project was not successful. We understand this is disappointing news for the Epsom and Ascot residents and businesses, as this funding was critical to initiating this important flood mitigation project. The City remains committed to improving flood resilience for this community. We will continue to pursue future DRF funding rounds and actively seek alternative grant opportunities to progress this project. Updates will be shared with the community as new developments occur.

Junortoun

The City has been advised by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) that our Round 3 application to the Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) for the proposed Splitters Creek Flood Mitigation Study was not successful. We understand this is disappointing news for the Junortoun community. The City remains committed to improving flood resilience in Junortoun, and we will continue to pursue future DRF funding rounds and actively seek alternative grant opportunities to progress this project. Updates will be shared with the community as new developments occur.

The City has recently completed repair works to restore the access track adjacent to Splitters Creek, which was significantly damaged during previous major flood events. This section runs between the trotting track entrance and the O'Keefe Rail Trail. In addition, the City is working closely with the North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) to determine the most effective strategy for managing the rapid growth of Cumbungi in sections of Splitters Creek, which is currently obstructing several drainage outlets.

Community Engagement

City staff are working with community groups and Neighbourhood Houses to support community members impacted by flood and storm events across the municipality. Keep up-to-date with the latest information on our [website](#), contact resilienceandrecovery@bendigo.vic.gov.au, or your local Neighbourhood House or Community Action Group to get involved.

Community Emergency and Waterways Studies/Workshops

Flood and Waterways Studies

The City of Greater Bendigo is undertaking a flood study in Goornong and waterway studies in Heathcote and Epsom/Huntly and is inviting residents from those areas to attend a community workshop.

City of Greater Bendigo Climate Change and Environment Manager Michelle Wyatt said information gathered at the workshops will inform the studies and will also help to identify local emergency risks and potential community actions.

The workshops will allow residents to have their voice heard and play a role in creating a safer, more connected future in their communities.

The following workshops were facilitated by independent external consultants and took place at:

Heathcote Bowls Club

5.30pm to 8pm - Tuesday October 21, 2025

Goornong Memorial Hall

5.30pm to 8pm - Wednesday November 5, 2025

Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

5.30pm to 8pm - Thursday November 6, 2025

The workshops are funded by the Australian Government Disaster Ready Fund, Emergency Recovery Victoria Community Recovery Hubs Program, Australian and Victorian Governments State and Regional Priority Projects Grant Program.

Workshops 2 and 3 are due to proceed in February and April 2026 respectively.

Please do keep a look out on the below page for further information:

[Flood and Waterways Studies | Let's Talk Greater Bendigo](#)

Marong

The City Continues to support Marong Community Action Group (MCAG) and Marong Neighbourhood House (MNH) to support community connection and emergency preparedness events. Contact MCAG on marongcag@gmail.com or MNH on marongnhh@gmail.com. to learn more or get involved.

Maiden Gully

Contact Maiden Gully Progress Association to get involved: admin@maidengully.com.au.

Emergency preparedness

We have new resources available to help you get ready for emergencies like fires, floods, service disruptions, and heatwaves. Visit go.bendigo.vic.gov.au/emergency-planning or get in contact with us at resilienceandrecovery@bendigo.vic.gov.au for more information.

Support Services

Support services are available to people and communities impacted by storms and floods. Visit bendigo.vic.gov.au/residents/fire-floods-and-emergencies/flood-and-storm-recovery for more information.