

Flood recovery update

Heathcote

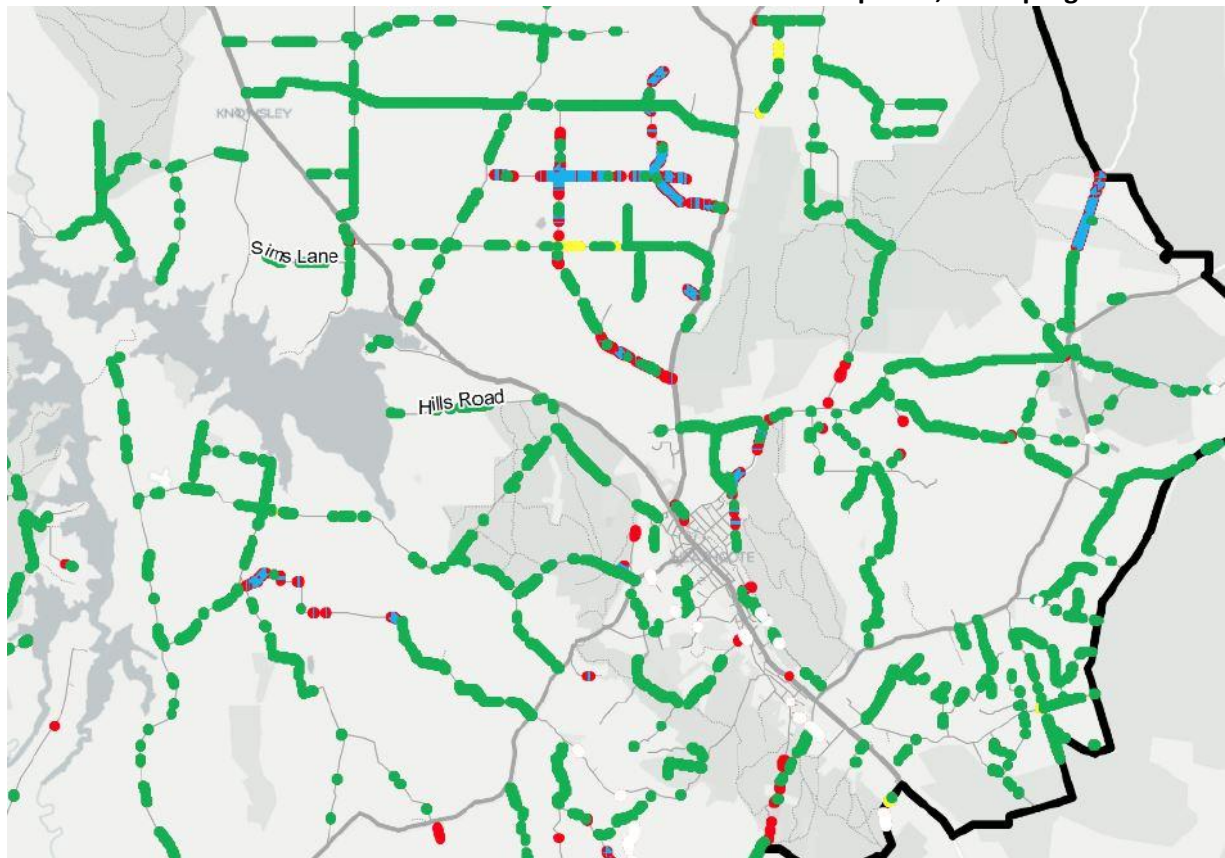
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Flood recovery works

Most works have now been completed across Heathcote and District following the 2023/24 flood and storm events. These works stretch across **77 roads** in the district and include road and drainage repairs, culvert replacements, shoulder reinstatements, 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.

Heathcote & district works as at October 2025: 90% of 683 works completed, 5% in progress*



Key: Completed In progress Not started

**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.*

Federal funding – flood mitigation and Priority Projects

City is awaiting the outcome of the latest Disaster Recovery Funding (DRF) Round 3 applications. The Heathcote project includes a proposed 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) flood mitigation project for Dead Horse Gully. This project was identified out of the 2020 Heathcote flood study.

Heathcote Waterways Study

The City has started work on the Heathcote Waterways Study. The study builds upon earlier flood mapping and will help us better understand and learn more about McIvor Creek, what makes it special and how flooding affects the area. The Study looks at ways to manage flooding and support people who live near the creek and in areas that might flood. For more information and to have your say go to letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au/flood-and-waterways-studies/heathcote-waterways-study.

An updated full flood study for Heathcote has been identified as a high-priority projects in the North Central Regional Floodplain Management Strategy. Funding has been sought for this important work through the next round of the Victorian Government’s Flood Reclamation Roadmap: Fast tracking flood studies in regional Victoria. A decision is expected in late 2025.

Heathcote Community Emergency and Waterways Workshops

The City is working with **Heathcote Community House and other community groups** to deliver three Community Emergency and Waterways Workshops between October 2025 and April 2026. These workshops are about locals coming together to talk, share, and plan for the future of their community.

Workshop 1 was held on 21 October 2025 at Heathcote Bowls Club.

The report from this workshop is available via the Let’s Talk page:

https://letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au/download_file/2546/1529

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:

letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au/flood-and-waterways-studies/heathcote-waterways-study

Community events

The City is working with **Heathcote Community House** to support several community connection and emergency preparedness events. For information on upcoming events, contact Heathcote Community House on 5433 2820 or receptionhch3523@gmail.com.

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.