

Flood Recovery Report Card – Epsom / Huntly

April 2026

*This community update provides a summary of **flood mitigation work across the Epsom Huntly area** since the Summer 2023/2024 floods. This information is accurate on April 21, 2026.*

You talked, we listened

The City has received approximately 300 drainage and flooding requests and enquiries relating to the Epsom Huntly area following the floods in 2022 and Summer 2023/2024. In addition, we have been holding drop-in sessions and community workshops over the last two years, where we have heard that the community wants to see:

- Drainage upgrades and increased maintenance of drainage infrastructure
- Updates on what actions had been taken over the last two years
- Development that does not increase flooding in the area
- Solution to levee bank erosion near Leans Road

This document provides an update on these issues.

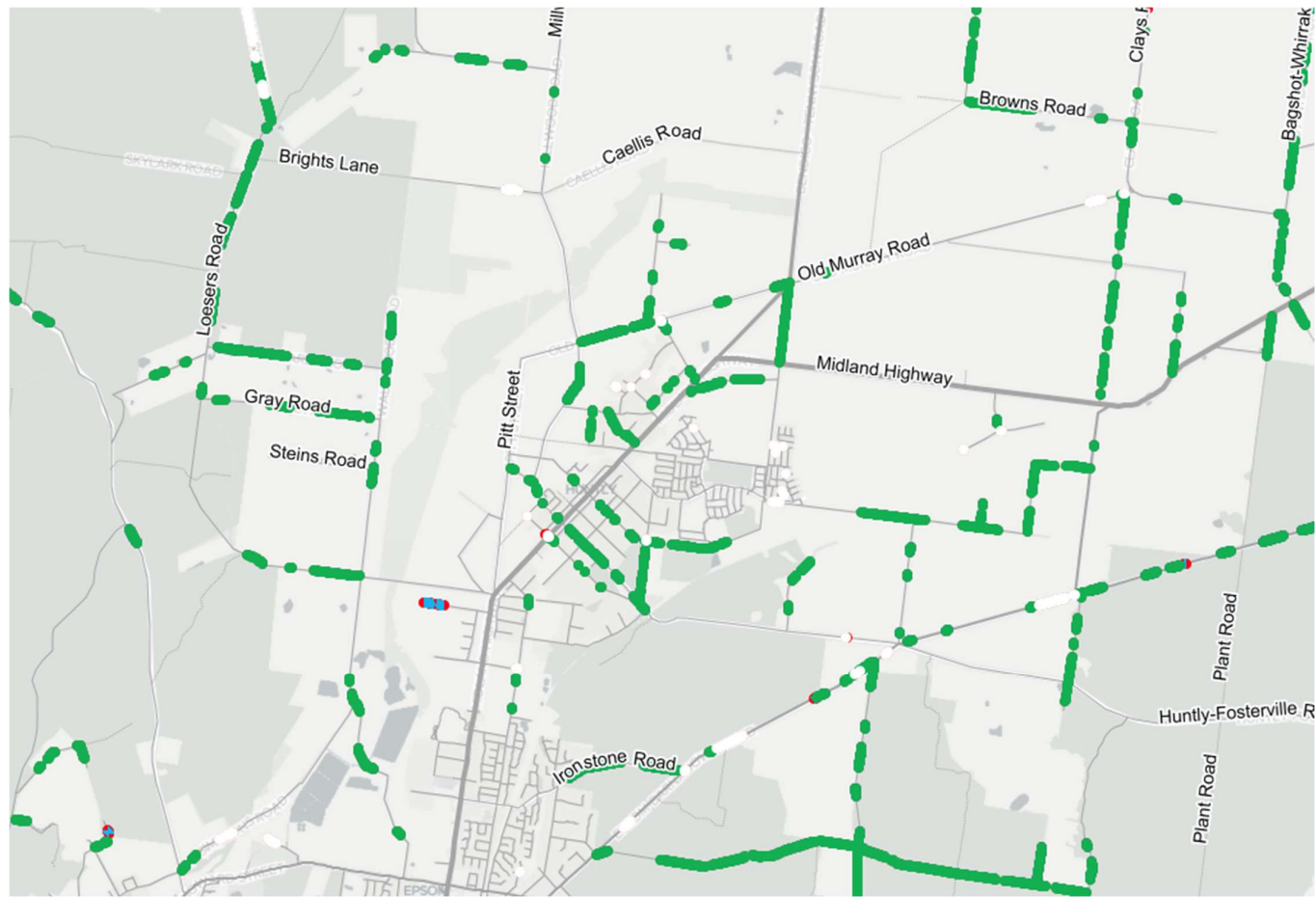
Community engagement

Drainage and Flooding Webinar

Hear about how rainfall moves through the area and what drainage and flood mitigation projects have been completed and are underway.

- **Monday May 11, 6-7pm**
- **Online and recorded** – access link under “Have your say” on the following website: <https://letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au/flood-and-waterways-studies/epsom-huntly-waterways-study>

Epsom Huntly flood rectification works



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

For **Huntly / Huntly North:**

- 223 works identified
- 98% of works completed

These works included:

- Excavation or removal of debris
- Road and shoulder grading
- Gravel re-sheeting
- Drainage structure reconstruction
- Pothole and road repairs
- Replacing signage and guidance posts

Status update

Completed	To be completed	Not commenced
• Defects – 95% of 223 defects have been rectified. See map on the previous page • Gungurru Road – Pit lid alteration completed • Strickland Street / Sullivan Street – Pipe realignment completed • Goldleaf Wetland Feasibility Study – The Study found that the wetland is unviable to use as a retention basin • Back Creek debris clearance – At Airey Street completed • Epsom Huntly Waterways Ecological Study – Completed to inform the Waterways Flood Mitigation Action Plan	• Wakeman Road causeway – Sandy Creek / Inglis Road culvert and causeway upgrade. In design. To be completed 2026/2027 • Epsom Huntly Waterways Flood Mitigation Action Plan – In development for Racecourse Creek, Back Creek and parts of Bendigo Creek. See further detail on the next page • Bendigo Urban Flood Study – “Spine model update” resulting in updated flood maps to account for climate change rainfall forecasts. Completion 2026/2027 • Huntly Drainage Strategy – Updated flood modelling underway to inform the Huntly Structure Plan. • Huntly Structure Plan – See following page. • Pasley St / Rennie St intersection – Culvert upgrade on north side of Pasley Street to be completed 2026/2027 • Midland Highway culvert upgrade – At Bendigo-Tennyson Road intersection. Design underway. To be completed in 2026/2027 • Willis Road – culvert upgrade. Design underway. To be completed in 2026/2027 • Racecourse Creek and Bendigo Creek Levees – External funding applications unsuccessful. Design and feasibility to be progressed 2026/2027	• Sandy Creek Levee – Requires further evaluation based on the findings of the Huntly Drainage Strategy • Viola Road – Creek crossing upgrade. Design and construction scheduled for 2026/2027

Huntly Drainage Strategy

The Strategy includes updated flood modelling and assessment of potential flood mitigation actions. The outcomes of the Strategy will inform the Huntly Structure Plan which will be available for public consultation in late 2026.

Huntly Structure Plan

The Huntly Structure Plan will help guide how Huntly grows and changes over the next 30 years. It will look at ways to bring more shops and businesses to the area and make sure the community has the services and infrastructure it needs. The Plan will be informed by the Huntly Drainage Strategy and other background heritage studies. Further information is available at <https://letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au/huntly-structure-plan>

Epsom Huntly Waterways Flood Mitigation Action Plan

This project focuses on Back Creek, Racecourse Creek and a section of Bendigo Creek in Huntly. The Plan will identify priority actions to help mitigate flood risk while protecting the creek environment. An ecological assessment has been completed which will inform the Plan. Community engagement will occur in mid and late 2026 to inform the Plan. A draft Plan is scheduled to be released for public comment in late 2026. This project is partly funded by the Australian Government through the Disaster Ready Fund. Further information about the Plan is available at <https://letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au/flood-and-waterways-studies/epsom-huntly-waterways-study>

Coliban Water Rural Water Efficiency Project

Coliban Water are exploring whether to decommission the Coliban Channel as a part of their Rural Water Efficiency Project aimed at reducing water losses and improving reliability. The project will take several years to progress with construction works for new infrastructure scheduled to commence in 2028. Further information is available at <https://connect.coliban.com.au/rural-water-efficiency>

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