Flood Recovery Report Card – Junortoun

April 2026

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

You talked, we listened

The City has received approximately 70 drainage and flooding requests and enquiries relating to Junortoun 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 is concerned about:

- The adequacy and maintenance of existing drainage infrastructure
- Detention and retention basins that are not effective
- Debris and vegetation in Splitters Creek increasing flood risk
- Development and its impacts on flooding

This document provides an update on these issues.

Community engagement

To register or access the webinar link, click "Have your say" at https://letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au/flood-and-waterways-studies/junortoun-waterways-study

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.

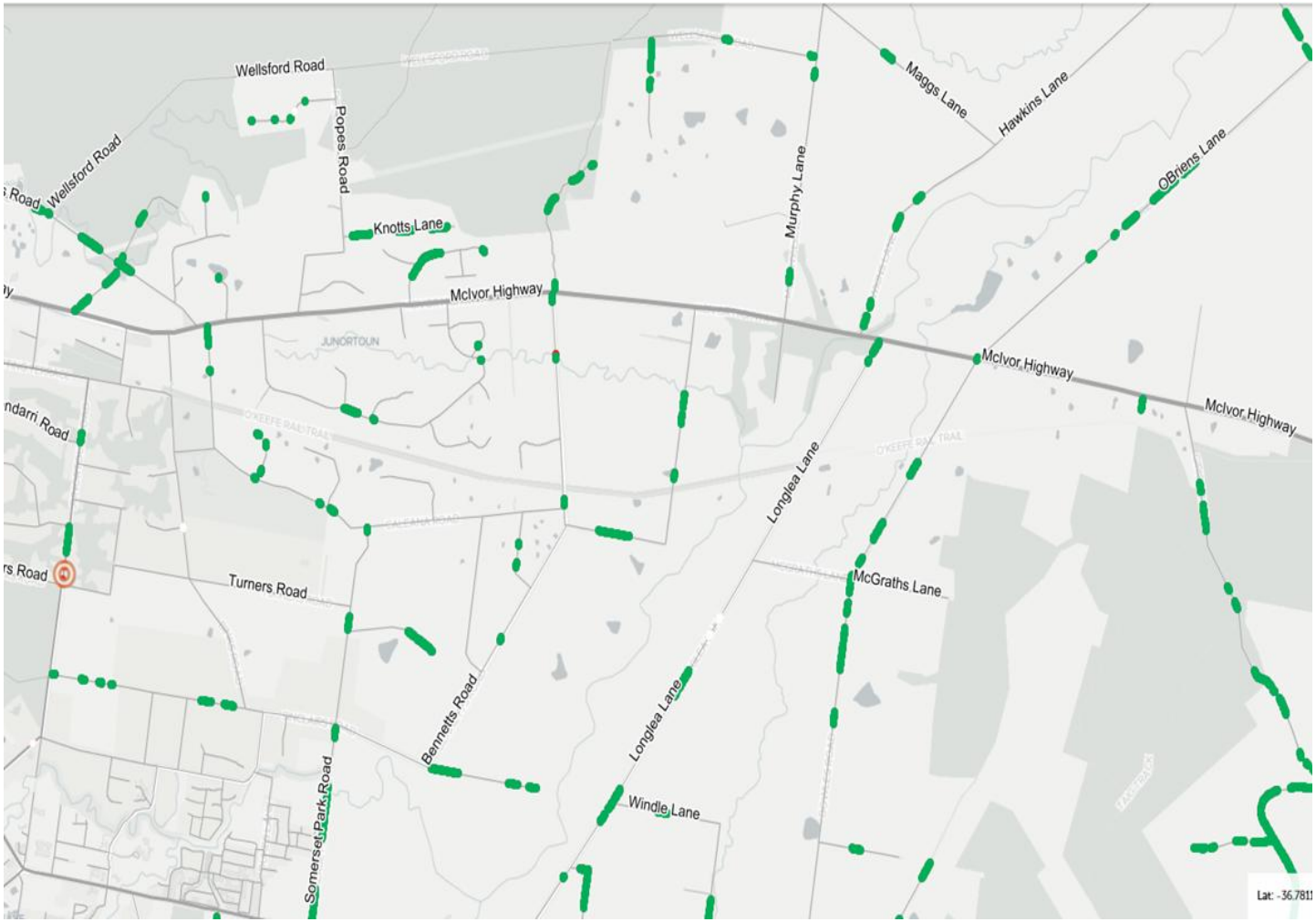
- **Monday May 4, 6-7pm**
- **Online and recorded**

Community Emergency Workshop

This workshop will bring everything together to help shape a community action plan.

- **Tuesday May 13, 5.30-8pm**
- **Bendigo Baptist Church**

Junortoun and district flood rectification works as at April 2026



For **Junortoun**:

- 91 works identified
- 100% 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

Key: **Completed**

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Status update

Completed	To be completed	Not commenced
• **Defects** – All 91 defects have been rectified. See map on the previous page • **McIvor Highway walkway** – Between Trotting Terrace and O'Keefe Rail Trail has been reconstructed • **McIvor Forest Estate wetlands pit** – Upgrade complete • **Splitters Creek Ecological Assessment** – Completed to inform the Waterways Flood Mitigation Action Plan, commissioned by the Junortoun Community Action Group	• **Cumbungi (vegetation) removal** – In Splitters Creek upstream from the trotting terrace to the school. To be completed by end of June 2026, subject to weather • **New box culverts** – Domain Village, McIvor Highway. Design underway. Installation scheduled for 2026/2027 or 2027/2028. • **Junortoun Flood Study** – See detail on the next page • **Future Planning for Junortoun** – Background research is underway. See detail on the next page • **Splitters Creek Waterway Flood Mitigation Action Plan** – To be completed. See detail on the next page • **Coliban Channel** – Investigation into decommissioning underway through Coliban Water's Rural Water Efficiency Project • **O'Keefe Rail Trail Footbridge** – Replacement of timber footbridge over Splitters Creek near Baptist Church. Design underway. To be completed 2026/2027	• **Splitters Creek crossings** – The effectiveness of upgrading the crossings at different locations (e.g. Wilkie Road, St. Vincents Road, Homebush Drive) will be assessed as a part of the Junortoun Flood Study • **Desilting from O'Keefe Rail Trail to Splitters Creek –** Investigation required in collaboration with private land holders and North Central CMA into sediment removal opportunities within this section of waterway

Junortoun Flood Study

The Junortoun Flood Study looks at how water moves through the landscape. The study will produce updated flood maps based on the latest rainfall data and will identify ways to reduce flood risks. The Study is being led by the North Central CMA with funding from the Victorian Government and will be produced over the next 18 months.

Splitters Creek Flood Mitigation Action Plan

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 is available at https://letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au/flood-and-waterways-studies/junortoun-waterways-study.

Future planning for Junortoun

The City has commenced background research to support further planning for Junortoun and Bendigo East. The City will be progressing this work with input from the Junortoun Action Group and broader community over the next two years.

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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