Flood Recovery Report Card – Heathcote

April 2026

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

You talked, we listened

The City has received over 100 drainage and flooding requests and enquiries relating to Heathcote 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 would like to see:

- Debris and woody weeds removed from McIvor Creek to improve water flow
- Drainage upgrades and increased maintenance of drainage infrastructure
- Support for the community to be better prepared for future flooding – e.g. sandbagging, local flood guide etc.

This document provides an update on these issues.

Upcoming community engagement

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

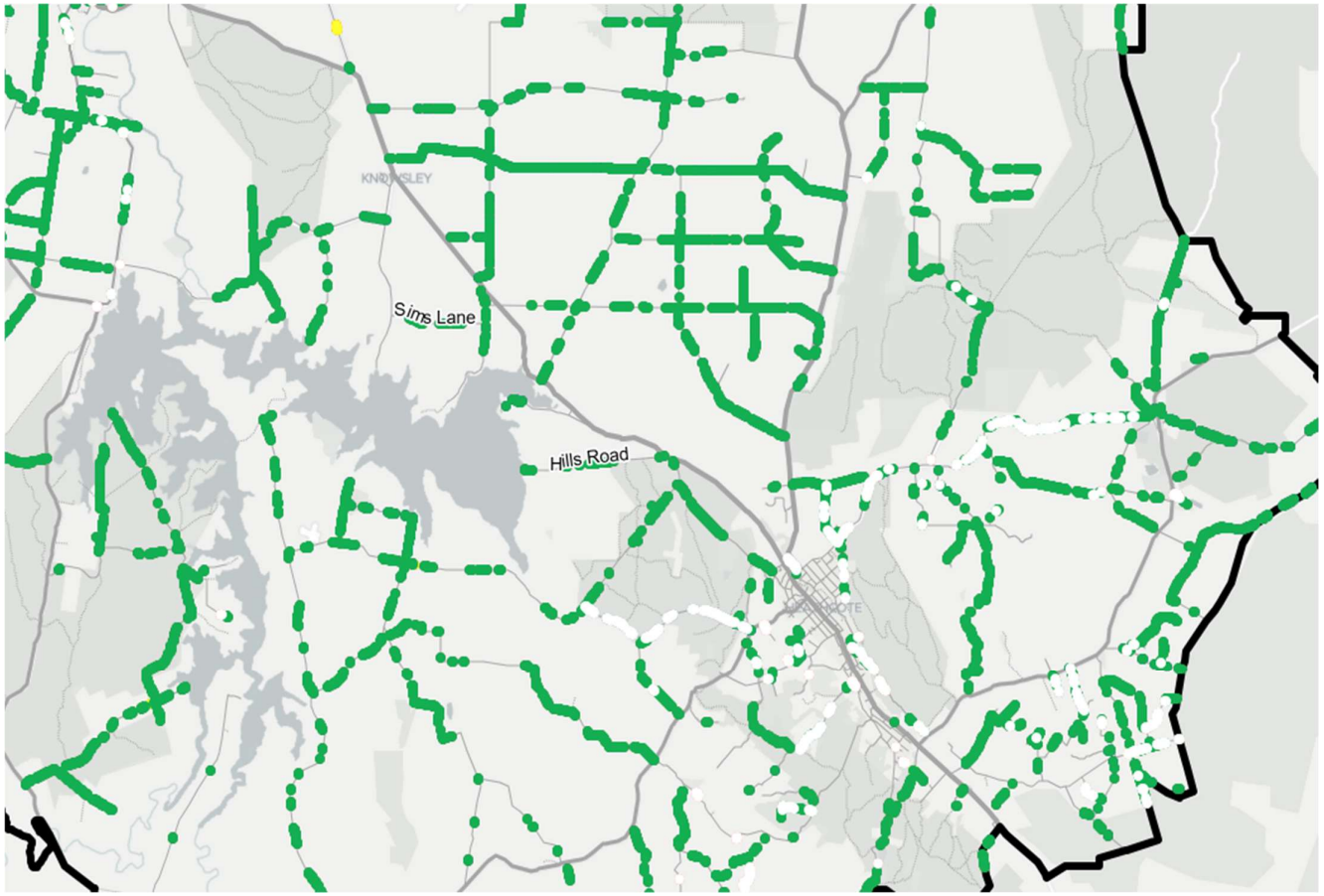
- **Wednesday April 29, 6-7pm**
- **Online and recorded**

Community Emergency Workshop

Help shape a community action plan.

- **Thursday May 7, 5.30-8pm**
- **Heathcote Bowls Club**

Heathcote and district flood rectification works as at April 2026



Key: **Completed**

For **Heathcote:**

- 683 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

Status update

Completed	To be completed	Not commenced
• **Defects** – Rectification of 100% of 683 identified defects (see map on previous page) • **Scully's Lane pipe and culvert** – Additional culvert opposite 5 Scully's Lane installed • **McIvor Creek Ecological Assessment** – Completed to inform the Waterways Flood Mitigation Action Plan • **Information on clearing the creek** – An information sheet will be available on the City's website in the coming weeks about the process for undertaking works within McIvor Creek • **Funding applications submitted** – Two grant applications submitted for drainage improvements, which were not successful	• **Midland Highway drainage upgrade (2021 Flood Study Rec)** – Major upgrade across Midland Highway down Barrack Street from Hospital Street to McIvor Creek to be completed 2026/2027. • **Caravan Park dump point –** Rectifying the surcharging that occurs during flood events (under investigation with Coliban Water) or potential relocation / decommissioning • **Waterways Flood Mitigation Action Plan** – A plan for McIvor Creek is in progress (see project description on next page)	• **Debris removal in McIvor Creek** – Management responsibility to be clarified as part of the Waterway Plan. A funding application to the Regional Flood Risk Reduction program will be submitted in late April for woody weed and flood debris removal • **McIvor Creek Trail re-instatement** – Management responsibility to be clarified • **Deadhorse Gully Trunk drain along Shakespeare Street (2021 Flood Study Rec) –** The City's external funding applications for upgrades to this drain were not successful • **Herriot Street retention basin (2021 Flood Study Rec.)** – The area identified in the study has been turned into a dog park • **Exotic tree removal (2021 Flood Study Rec)** –Possum Gully, Caledonia Gully. This work will be included in a funding application to the Regional Flood Risk Reduction Program to be submitted in late April.

Woody weed removal

We are working on a funding application to be submitted in late April to the Regional Flood Risk Reduction Grant program for debris removal and removal of Ash and Willow trees along McIvor Creek downstream of Shakespeare Street and upstream of Barrack Reserve, as well as 1.5km along the tributaries within Possum Gully and Caledonia Gully.

McIvor 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/heathcote-waterways-study.

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