

ACHERON COMMUNITY FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE

18 December 2023

Bridge update

Council has received a preliminary assessment from the specialist bridge engineers that were engaged to assess the overall condition and strength of Breakaway Bridge. According to this assessment, the remaining bridge structure is stable, but not resilient to all future flood events.

We are waiting for the final engineering report to be provided to us, which will account for all relevant factors and provide Council and the community with a level of certainty about the overall condition of the bridge. Unfortunately, throughout the bridge assessment process, there have been several factors outside our control, including weather conditions, river levels, and the high demand for specialised bridge engineers. This final report will inform the way forward in determining future options for restoring bridge access.

The options we are exploring include repairing the current bridge structure, as well as options for building a new bridge that would withstand future flood events, however both options are subject to state and federal government funding criteria.

We are in the process of planning a community meeting with the Acheron community early in the new year. The aim of this and future meetings will be to talk with you in further detail about the report on the condition of the bridge, what repairs and works are covered under the disaster funding arrangements, and the trade-offs with different options for restoring access across the river. We are working closely with Federal and State Government agencies and authorities and we have requested further information from them to support future planning, including updated flood modelling information from Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority.

Once we have the information we need, we will share more details and get in touch with you directly.

Road repair works

Road repair works to Breakaway Road and Hobans Road in Acheron will also take place during December 2023 and January 2024. We do not anticipate any road closures for these works, but encourage you to follow traffic signage and reduce speed when passing roadworks. For a full list of road repair works taking place over the summer period, [visit our website](#).

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On behalf of the Flood Recovery team, we wish you a happy, safe and restful holiday season. However, we recognise this time of year may be tough for some people. If you need a little extra support, help is available. There are a range of wellbeing resources available on our website at [Wellbeing support resources - Murrindindi Shire Council](#)