

STORMWATER UPGRADES & PLANNING ACROSS THE SHIRE

Council is currently undertaking a range of actions and assessments of stormwater drainage in townships across the Shire and is seeking community feedback to assist in identifying the most impacted areas.

In some areas, ageing or deteriorated drainage infrastructure and sub-standard drainage solutions that were installed decades ago, are causing issues with the stormwater drainage networks and need to be upgraded to better deal with rainfall events.

Recently, Council received funding from Local Government Grants & Subsidies Program to undertake master drainage studies for St George and Mungindi to identify key local drainage issues that may be impacting residents and prepare detailed engineering solutions to alleviate drainage issues.

In Dirranbandi, Council is also currently awaiting a response from the Queensland Resilience & Risk Reduction Fund for a grant application to undertake a broader assessment of stormwater drainage in Dirranbandi with a comprehensive a master drainage study.

In the interim, Council is currently coordinating the design and engineering of three short-term solutions to assist in mitigating potential inundations from major rainfall events in Dirranbandi.

Council will also be inviting tenders in the coming weeks to construct a new pump station with new inlet and outlet mains to pump stormwater at the detention basin near Crothers St, Dirranbandi to the river.

This new pump station in Dirranbandi will help convey stormwater and subsequently diminish ponding for the southern area of town.

As further funding opportunities become available, Council plans to submit similar applications for master drainage studies for the townships of Thallon, Hebel and Bollon.

Residents in our townships are urged to provide feedback on any stormwater drainage issues that may be impacting their properties during rainfall events to the Balonne Stormwater Drainage Survey that can be accessed on the Council website or by scanning this QR code.

For more information, residents can talk with Council at the upcoming Community Catch-up days or contact Council on (07) 4620 8888.