

BLACKJACK CREEK FAQ

FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

WHAT IS THE BLACKJACK CREEK FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT?

The Blackjack Creek Flood Mitigation Project is aimed at reducing the impact of flooding from Blackjack Creek to properties and residences in the Wandobah Road area. Flooding on the stream is “flash flooding” in nature, with flood levels peaking 3-4 hours after the commencement of heavy rainfall. Major storms in January 1984 and November 2008 are reported to have caused surging of the creek, resulting in flooding extending into the residential area. The Project is a recommendation of the Blackjack Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan 2010 following extensive investigations on the matter. The project aims to ensure one-in-100-year flood events are contained and surrounding properties and residences are protected.

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT INVOLVE?

The Project involves the creation of channel banks and deepening, widening, and realignment of 1.9 kilometres of Blackjack Creek, between McCalls Road and Oxley Highway, to increase capacity and contain floods. A number of trees will need to be removed in the process, however revegetation works in Wandobah Reserve and along Wandobah Road will be staged throughout the Project, with approximately 500 trees to be planted in the area creating a potential koala corridor. The Project will also include the installation of storm water pipes under Wandobah Road, and associated road works.

HOW LONG WILL THE WORK TAKE?

An estimated timeframe for the project is projected to be 26 weeks, with works expected to commence in the week of 13 November 2017.

WHAT IMPACTS CAN I EXPECT DURING THE WORK?

All measures will be taken to avoid impact to residents in the affected area, however there may be some minor impacts during the works phase. Possible effects include noise associated with the operation of heavy machinery, disruption to local traffic routes and a high number of trucks operating in the area during road works. Appropriate controls for management of traffic, pedestrians and dust will be put in place for the duration of the works.

WHO WILL COMPLETE THE WORK?

Civil engineering company Daracon Group of Gunnedah were awarded the tender and are responsible for works on the project. Any requests for information or any complaints during the work period are to be forwarded to Daracon Group. You can contact them via the following details:

Daracon Project Manager | Adam King | P: 0418 876 651
Daracon Civil Supervisor | Phillip Gourlay | P: 0408 580 416

WILL MY PROPERTY STILL BE IDENTIFIED AS FLOOD PRONE LAND?

All land currently identified as flood prone land will continue to be identified as such following the completion of the works. A review of the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan is to be undertaken before Council can amend the flood prone land maps. Following this review, it may be possible to amend the flood prone land maps for some properties, however, it is not definite that this will be changed for all properties. It is Council's intention to seek funding to initiate a Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan review after completion of the works. This review is dependent on Council successfully obtaining grant funding. It is proposed to submit a review as soon as possible after the completion of works.

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