

Scenic Rim Regional Council Local Recovery Plan



The Scenic Rim is back in business. We are a resilient community. We will rebuild as a community, we have empathy for those of our community that have been negatively impacted and we will leave no one behind as we move forward.

RECOVERY NARRATIVE

Values

- **Communication** – we actively promote clear, concise and open discussion between staff, Council and communities.
- **Respect** – we act respectfully towards each other, accepting each person's individuality and their role.
- **Quality** – we have pride in whatever we do and strive to do it well.
- **Staff worth** – our actions demonstrate that our people matter.
- **Trust** – we build strong relationships that we believe in and rely on.
- **Teamwork** – we work cooperatively to achieve common goals, drawing on the strengths of each other, in a supportive and safe environment.
- **Honesty** – we act with integrity and when we ask an honest question, we get an honest answer.
- **Accountability** – we accept ownership of our role and responsibility for our actions.

Local Recovery Group

- Established 7 April 2017.
- A/Local Recovery Coordinator – Mrs Debra Moore, A/General Manager Customer & Regional Prosperity.
- Key Stakeholders: community groups, non-government organisations/non-government agencies, local businesses, government agencies and authorities and other connected parties.
- Recovery Functions: The Scenic Rim Regional Council Recovery Sub Plan involves four key functions: **Human and Social, Economic, Environment and Infrastructure** (Building, Roads and Transport).
- Based on the magnitude of the flooding and ability for the Council to lead the recovery, the functions of Roads and Transport and Building have been amalgamated into one function called **Infrastructure**.



DAMAGE AND IMPACTS

Human and Social

- Rural communities most heavily impacted have been particularly resilient and helped each other during the post impact and immediate recovery phase.
- Several communities were isolated during the flooding.
- Farmers lost significant lengths of fencing.
- Approximately 20 homes were inundated and remain uninhabitable.
- At least 81 homes were damaged.
- Numerous parks and recreational facilities damaged through inundation. Impact on sporting and cultural activities has not yet been fully assessed.

Economic

- Agricultural economic loss due to loss of crops, top soil, live stock, paddock feed, hay and silage storage and fences. The value of this loss is yet to be assessed.
- Tourism impacted through reduced access to locations across the region. For example, O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat loss of business due to lack of road access because of land slips and flooding.
- Small Business: Wide ranging impact on businesses due to loss of power and employees being dislocated from work.
- Bromleton Intermodal Facility impacted through closure of Beaudesert - Boonah Road, causing at least two day's delay in freight movement.

Environment

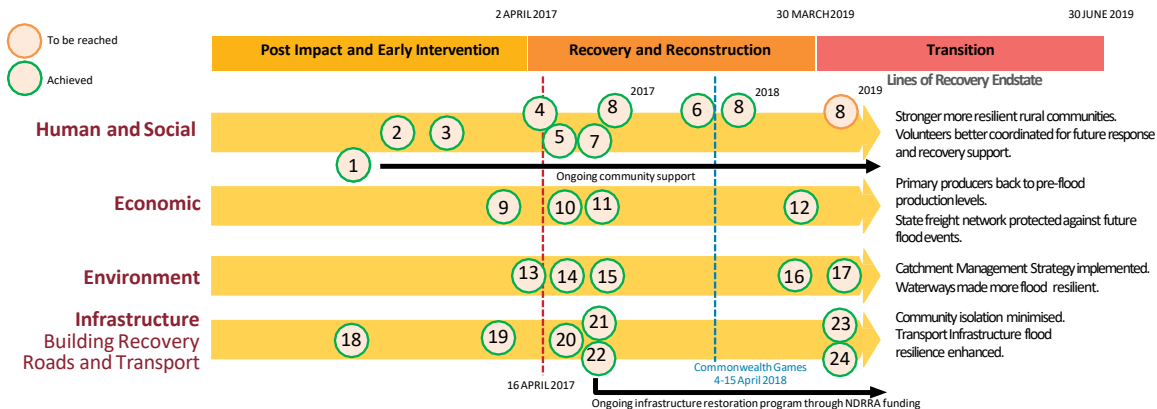
- The speed and magnitude of the flooding has impacted on catchments and waterways.
- River bank and land slippage occurred in many waterways across the three catchments. Assessments of impacts on agricultural land and waterways is not yet complete.

- Flood management practices impacted on stream flow dynamics, resulting in increased frequency of flooding leading to loss of top soil and downstream pollution.
- National, state and local parks and walking trails damaged, impacting on public access.

Infrastructure (Building, Roads and Transport)

- Significant impact on roads, bridges and floodways.
- National/State level: Beaudesert-Boonah Rd (Coulson's Crossing) cut for at least two days, Mt Lindesay Highway North cut for up to two days, South cut for at least one day, and Cunningham Highway cut for up to one day.
- Seven bridges confirmed damaged leading to isolation, however, assessments of all 145 bridges not yet complete.
- Significant degradation of at least 350 local roads and 200 major culverts, impacting on community connectivity and increasing sense of isolation.

LINES OF RECOVERY



A stronger and more resilient Scenic Rim Community

LOCAL RECOVERY OBJECTIVES

Human and Social

1. Outreach teams deployed into towns and remote communities.
2. Communities and housing impact assessments completed.
3. Community interaction and engagement strategy commenced.
4. Volunteer and charity groups coordinated and organised.
5. Hardship funding for impacted individuals, primary producers and businesses distributed.
6. Rural counselling strategy developed and implemented.
7. Fencing repairs completed.

Economic

8. Eat Local Week Apr-Jul 2017-19
9. Tourism Advisory Committee impact assessment completed.
10. Net loss of agricultural production understood.
11. First post flood crops harvested.
12. Tourism infrastructure recovered by mid June 18.

Environment

13. Green and hard waste removed including debris and flood associated contaminants from built environment.
14. Damage to national parks, public spaces and trails understood.
15. Plan developed to rehabilitate parks, waterways and damaged vegetation.
16. National, state and local parks rehabilitated by mid June 2018.

17. Resilient Rivers Catchment Management Strategy developed and implemented.

Infrastructure

18. Utility services restored.
19. Transport infrastructure impact damage assessment completed.
20. Emergent works on roads, bridges and culverts completed.
21. Local roads, bridges and culverts repaired.
22. Timber bridge replacement program continuing.
23. National and State roads including Mt Lindesay Highway (Nth/Sth) and Cunningham Highway flood resilience enhanced.
24. Flood resilience of Beaudesert – Boonah Road improved to enable the Bromleton State Development Plan.

This Plan has endorsed by Scenic Rim Regional Council for public release.

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