



Flood Recovery Update

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Road to Recovery

Council is systematically working through identification, assessment and repair work across its asset network following the recent flooding event. Reports of damaged assets have now reached almost 130 ranging from small jobs such as amenities that require pressure cleaning small electrical repairs or roof leaks to major incidents of damage like the landslide and road damage at Black Mountain and other landslips at Cootharaba, Sunrise Beach and Sunshine Beach.

Community amenities reopened

In the past week, repairs and cleaning have been completed at community assets damaged during the floods, and these have now been reopened to the community.

These include the Peregrine Surf Club, Noosa Leisure Centre, Doonella House, Tewantin Spray Park Tewantin and public amenities at Wahpunga, Boreen Point, Cooran, Pomona and Tewantin.

Road inspections

Over 70 roads remain under assessment or have been identified for emergent works and funding assistance under the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for emergency works and immediate reconstruction of community assets.

All reports related to water over roads creating a hazard or potential road damage due to flooding have been assessed. This is essential as when the surface water subsides, a road may have sustained subsurface damage, which whilst not visible to the naked eye, can make the road unsafe for vehicles.

Black Mountain Road landslide

Council staff along with geotechnical engineers are continuing to monitor and assess Black Mountain Road landslide. The landslide is almost 150m wide and is located at what is known as a 'geological contact point' where older metamorphic Kin Kin beds are overlain by a younger, volcanic, basalt cap. These settings can be prone to strong groundwater inflows making them susceptible to landslides.

The slip zone has been barricaded off and pedestrians and vehicle are advised not to enter this area. Please do not travel to this area to sightsee and respect the road closures and detour routes in place. At this stage, we anticipate this road could be closed for six months.

Refrain from 'Disaster Tourism'

Whilst landslips are intriguing, Council is asking the community not to travel into landslide areas to 'have a look'. These areas are 'off limits' unless you are a resident or service provider who must access these sites.

Keeping you informed

To keep you informed about the recovery, we have created a dedicated page on Council's website listing all active recovery projects by suburb. To view this information visit - noosa.qld.gov.au/wip.

If your road or a community asset in your area is on this list, it will be in our schedule for recovery work. As we move further into the recovery phase, more detailed information will be provided on the status of each project and the expected repair or reconstruction timeline.