

Infrastructure project update 9

Wye River and Separation Creek

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This fortnightly newsletter informs residents and property owners about work Colac Otway Shire is undertaking in Wye River and Separation Creek.

Stormwater Management System – pits and pipes

Council is very pleased to announce that the **Victorian Government will contribute an additional \$1.69 million** to ensure the pits and pipes drainage project will be completed.

The pits and pipes project will connect the existing drainage and control via pipes to the existing outfalls within Wye River and Separation Creek. It is intended to replace most of the existing road culverts that currently discharge uncontrolled through private property.

Council is currently putting packages of works together in order to put the project out to tender.

We will soon contact property owners where drainage works are proposed to arrange installation and coordinate timing.

Table drains and driveway culverts

Work is progressing well, with driveway culverts in Mitchell Grove and Karingal Drive nearly completed.

All work on driveway culverts in Olive Street, Separation Creek is now complete.

Over the next two weeks, we will finish work on driveway culverts in Mitchell Grove. We will also begin installing culverts on the south end of Sarsfield Street, Separation Creek, and the end of Sturt Court in Wye River.



Work is progressing well on driveway culverts across Wye River and Separation Creek

Tree pruning and management

As a part of Council's biannual review of the trees within the bushfire-affected areas, Aspect Tree Management has been awarded a contract for tree maintenance in Wye River and Separation Creek.

Works will consist of pruning trees, and removing branches, trees and dead wood deemed necessary. The tree management works follow the independent Arborist's report on the health of all trees on Council land, with a focus on public safety.

The work is scheduled to commence on Tuesday 2 October 2018 and will take approximately three weeks to complete. We have notified residents in proximity of tree works.

Traffic management operations will be in effect where required during these works.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused during these works. This important monitoring and the routine tree maintenance helps to promote the regeneration of the environment post-bushfire.



Trees in Wye River

Stanway Drive stabilisation works

Over the past two weeks we have completed several parts of this project, including the soil nailing, erosion matting, and kerbing on the high side of Stanway Drive.

During the coming fortnight we will complete work on the creek side kerbing and asphalt the road. We will undertake reinstatement works and clean up the area.

On 8 October we will also begin planting more than 8000 Indigenous plants.

We were planning to install approximately 6000 plants, however Council's contractor had to clear more shrubs/small plants to carry out the soil nailing on the upper embankment.

To replant the area, we have obtained extra funding for approximately 2000 additional Indigenous plants.

This funding is through Australian-State Government National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) Flood Recovery Program.

There will be local access to Stanway Drive all next week while road works are being completed.

One way access from Iluka Extension to Stanway Drive will be available from 15 October.



Stanway Drive stabilisation works are nearing completion

New funding for Community Renewal Plan projects

The opening of the upgraded Wye River CFA on Sept 15 saw announcements by Minister Neville about the Community Renewal Plan.

Three additional items were funded – a new walk linking Wye River to Jamieson Creek, a Feasibility Study for linked walks between Torquay and Apollo Bay, and weed and pest management in fire affected areas of the National Park.

The Wye Sep Kennett Renewal Association welcomed the ongoing commitment of Government to the recovery of the fire affected community.

For more information:

<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/180915-New-Wye-River-CFA-Station-Benefiting-The-Whole-Community.pdf>

A map of the new walk is on the following page.



Map of a newly-funded walk linking Wye River to Jamieson Creek