



## Road projects drive community resilience

Enhanced community resilience in all weather was a key factor in Council providing almost \$2 million in budget funding for two key road projects at Apple Tree Creek and Coonarr Beach.

A culvert on Stocks Road at Apple Tree Creek will be upgraded to address the isolation of local residents in the Hamanns Road area while a 2.75km section of Coonarr Beach Road will be sealed to a six-metre width.

Roads and drainage portfolio spokesman Cr Bill Trevor said the two projects were identified by Council as key community safety initiatives.

"Residents of Hamanns Road and Duguid Road at Apple Tree Creek can experience isolation for up to six hours when the crossing floods, blocking access to the highway and other nearby roads," he said.

"Council explored four design options before deciding that an upgrade to the culvert on Stocks Road and realigning sections of Creevey Road to avoid low areas, would be the most suitable course of action."

Cr Trevor said Council will invest \$1.285 million in the project, which will also provide a wider benefit to all residents of Apple Tree Creek.

"Coonarr Beach Road is a section of unsealed road connecting Coonarr Road with the Esplanade," he said.

"This project, valued at \$640,000, will provide a safer travel route for residents of Coonarr Beach Esplanade as well as benefiting the increasing numbers of visitors to the seaside location."

Cr Trevor said the Coonarr Beach Road upgrade will address the problem identified by residents of salt water crossing the road at a culvert location during king tides.

"Coonarr Beach has been growing in popularity with regional residents and has gained the attention of visitors who find the natural attributes of the area appealing," he said.

"The upgrade, which is expected to commence early in July, will address the concerns of local residents as well as providing a safer driving environment for all road users as it links the Coonarr Beach area with Goodwood Road and its major regional centres.

"Traffic management will be in place and the site supervisor will liaise with local residents who may be affected by the work."

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