



Media Release

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FLOOD & STORM DAMAGE – TENTERFIELD SHIRE AREA

Following the weather event during the week, flood and storm damage has affected the entire Tenterfield Local Government Area.

Council staff have been working on road closures and assessments, but limited accessibility has made it difficult to understand the full extent of the damage.

As we are able to get to effected areas, our focus will be on securing essential access, making closed roads passable and then assessing damage so we can prioritise repair work. Some repairs will be temporary to restore access, with permanent restoration works to follow as resources become available.

For the next few weeks all motorists are advised to drive our roads with caution, as some damage is not immediately identifiable and can present itself in the days and weeks following an event – particularly if there is further rain on an already vulnerable network.

For information regarding road closures, Council advises motorists to visit the *My Road Info* website prior to planning their journey, where information is provided as it becomes available.

<https://northernrivers.myroadinfo.com.au/overview.asp>

Two current major closures are:

- Bruxner Way at Blacks Creek west of Mingoola – estimated that crews will have the road passable with a temporary side track in place by Saturday 27 March;
- Rivertree Road at the Maryland River bridge – estimated that crews will have the road passable on or before Thursday 1 April.

Mayor Peter Petty will be out on the weekend checking the Shire area but had this request for the community.

"Please be patient. Council crews will assess all areas but restoration works are going to take some time. In the meantime, please drive to the road conditions as large potholes have formed not only on our local roads but are evident on the New England and Bruxner Highways."