

# Flood Recovery Update

Spring 2017



## FLOOD RECOVERY WORKS IN PROGRESS



*Figure 1: Markwood Breakaway rock chute overtopped with water late Winter 2017*

Works are progressing under North East CMA's Flood Recovery Program funded from the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) for works to protect essential public assets. Over the winter period, the Flood Recovery Team has been busy finalising site budgets for approved sites with a total of 22 sites reinspected to determine accurate costings and quantities of materials required. Works are expected to recommence in October when conditions dry out. For all sites with ongoing management responsibilities including fencing, revegetation etc. all landholders will be required to enter into a 10 year Management Agreement. These agreements will clearly state who is responsible for works and on-going management.

Works are continuing on the Little Snowy Creek upstream of Eskdale with the arrival of timber piles with construction expected to commence October 2017. Over 2000 piles will be delivered, covering approximately 4km of creek frontage and protecting essential public infrastructure.

Recent high flows in the Ovens River has seen the Markwood Breakaway rock chute overtop with flows on several occasions, providing a controlled outflow into the Markwood flow path, allowing sufficient water to stay in the Ovens channel, helping to maintain channel capacity and improve flood protection to landholders downstream. North East CMA staff have been happy with how the structure has operated and will continue monitoring throughout Spring



*Figure 2: Timber piles destined for the Little Snowy Creek being unloaded onsite*

## FLOOD RECOVERY FUNDING UPDATE

**NDRRA Round 1:** A total of 56 sites were approved under the NDRRA Round 1 submission that met the NDRRA eligibility criteria of repairs and protection of essential public assets. Works have commenced at a number of the sites and development of the full works schedule is underway. Landholders will be notified in the coming months of when their site works are scheduled to commence.

**NDRRA Round 2:** A NDRRA Round 2 submission was initially made in July 2017 but a request for further information from the State and a review of our costing model resulted in a resubmission being made in mid-September. There are 25 sites included in this submission. The outcome of this claim will not be known until at least mid- October. Landholders with sites still pending are encouraged to apply through the Landholder and Community Grants program which is open now until 9am 11 October 2017.

**NDRRA Round 3:** The inspection period for NDRRA is now closed. North East CMA's Flood Recovery Team are preparing a final bid for the National Disaster Recovery and Relief Arrangements for essential public infrastructure to the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF). The submission is planned for late October 2017 and landholders will be provided with an update on funding as soon as possible. Landholders assessed as unsuccessful under the NDRRA criteria can also apply for a Working on Water (WoW) permit. Permit fees will be waived until December 2017.

## COMING UP

As the warmer months move in, North East CMA's Flood Recovery Team will commence work on NDRRA sites identified as a priority. Staff will be in contact with landholders to establish dates for commencement of works.

As mentioned above, all landholders with NDRRA sites or sites where North East CMA have provided funding for works to be undertaken, will be required to enter into a management agreement. Flood Recovery staff will be in contact with landholders to arrange suitable times/locations to discuss agreements. Alternatively, agreements can be mailed out and signed copies returned to North East CMA.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Understanding your Management Agreement: <http://www.necma.vic.gov.au/Portals/0/Images/Pages/Flood%20Recovery/Management%20Agreement%20Fact%20Sheet%20PDF1.pdf?ver=2017-09-14-133333-357>
- FAQ'S: <http://www.necma.vic.gov.au/Projects/Current/projects/Flood-Recovery>
- North East CMA Flood Recovery website: <http://www.necma.vic.gov.au/Projects/Current-projects/Flood-Recovery>
- Working on Waterways Permits: <http://www.necma.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Programs-Initiatives/Undertake-Works-on-Waterways>

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