

THE ROAD TO RECOVERY FOR WALGETT SHIRE

With the main flood peak having passed through the Collarenebri and Walgett, Council's General Manager Mike Urquhart is still urging motorists to drive to the conditions and obey road signs as both sealed and unsealed roads have sustained serious widespread flood damage during the recent flood event, and are in need of extensive repair.

Mr. Urquhart said "Council staff had been working tirelessly over the past fortnight assessing roads for damage and undertaking emergency repairs on many of the shire roads and highways to keep them open and in a trafficable state. Unfortunately, we just don't have the resources to inspect every last metre of road, so I would ask property owners and motorists if they can assist with this process by reporting damage to Council, either by phoning or lodging a customer action request on the Council webpage. To date the responses has been terrific with motorists and many landowners sending in information of road damage locations, and in many instances they have included photos of the road damage".

Council will lodge a claim with Transport NSW to access funding for the road repairs who in-turn will visit the Shire to inspect the road network in accordance with Council's flood damage claim. In the mean-time road repairs will be undertaken to restore access for property owners, while the more extensive road repairs of gravel re-sheeting, heavy patching and resealing are done as part of the continuing works program.

