

Isaac Regional Council Local Recovery Plan



As an organisation we are unwavering in our commitment to securing a prosperous and resilient future for our people.



Mayor:
Cr Anne Baker



CEO:
Mr Gary Stevenson

RECOVERY NARRATIVE

Values

- **Professionalism** – we will display accountability, openness, transparency and integrity.
- **Continuous improvement** – all aspects of the organisation’s operations are encouraged through a progressive and creative approach.
- **Excellence** – the manner in which we approach all aspects of the business for the Isaac Region ensures the highest possible outcome will be achieved.
- **Procedural consistency** – there is a consistent approach to the way in which Council conducts its business across the region.
- **Customer focus** – we identify and meet the needs of all customers in a responsive and equitable manner.
- **Team work and coordination** – we work together to achieve a common goal.
- **Safety and wellbeing** – we are all committed to working safely and caring for each other’s wellbeing.

Local Recovery Group

- Established 2 April 2017.
- Chaired by Mayor, Cr Anne Baker.
- Group combines Human and Social, Economic, Environment and Infrastructure (Building, Roads and Transport) lines of recovery.
- Key stakeholders: lead state government agencies, community groups, non-government organisations/agencies, local businesses and trade associations, service providers and other invested parties.
- Four recovery themes:
 1. **Response:** Ensure community safety.
 2. **Rebuilding:** Bring the community forward to a new normal.
 3. **Restoration:** Working together to repair and re-establish the community linkages across all lines of recovery.
 4. **Resilience:** Embed the principle in all activities to mitigate, improve and build betterment for the community.

DAMAGE AND IMPACTS

Human and Social

- 14 households destroyed/uninhabitable.
- Significant number of parks and public spaces unsafe/unavailable.
- 41 requests for “Temporary Emergency Accommodation”.
- 17 home contents damaged or destroyed.
- Community wellbeing: feeling of isolation, loss, anxiety and fear.

Economic

- Mining and resource industry impacts due to ceasing operations, isolation of staff, damage to assets and delay in railway damage being rectified to access coal port terminals for exports.
- Agriculture industry – livestock and cropping – loss of earnings at a significant level.
- Extended disruptions to transport routes for product freight to saleyards/market, particularly the cattle producers facing long term delays in repairs to roads to allow heavy vehicle access.
- Loss of local services and supplies e.g. Lotus Creek Service Station.
- Aquaculture industry – loss of earnings at a significant level.
- Loss of income/profits to small businesses – power outages, damage, staff isolation.

Environment

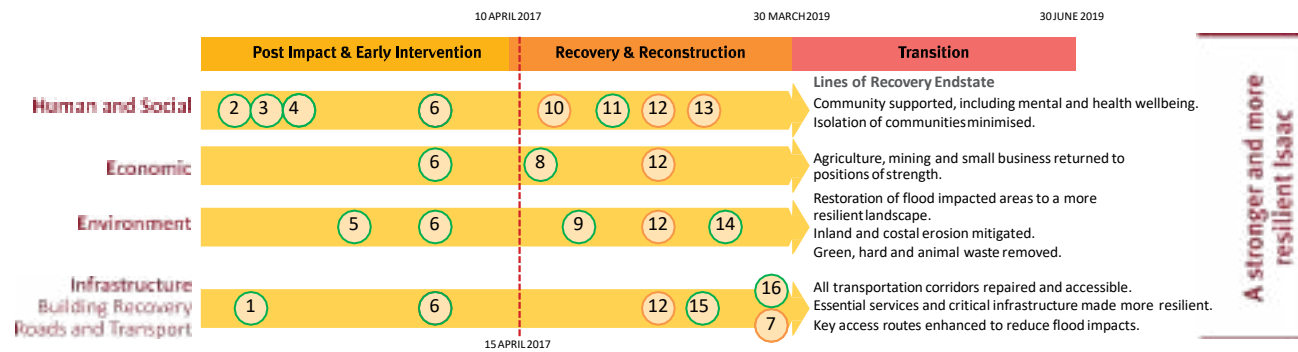
- Coastal erosion evident at the Carmila and Clairview Beach fronts.
- Upper Fitzroy River Basin and coastal river catchment erosion.
- Significant green waste generated.
- Significant hard waste generated.
- Sewage overflow.

- Biosecurity concerns within the aquaculture and agriculture industries.
- Public health concerns including mosquitos and water quality.
- Loss and disposal of wildlife and livestock.

Infrastructure (Building, Roads and Transport)

- All townships, outlying areas and key transport routes were isolated for varying lengths of time due to flooding, bridge floodway damage including, but not limited to:
 - Marlborough-Sarina Rd. Still limited access to local 4WD traffic only
 - Peak Downs Hwy
 - Sutton Developmental Rd
 - Croydon-St Lawrence Rd cut at Main Creek Bridge, still limited access Fitzroy Developmental Rd cut for 72 hours due to flooding at two crossings
 - Carmila West Rd cut due to extensive damage and remains not trafficable
 - May Downs Rd was inundated across an extended chainage due to flooding for up to 14 days and road remains closed
 - Collaroy Killarney Rd and Carfax Rd sustained damage yet to be assessed.
- Bridges along key roads damaged.
- Power disconnected to homes – full power restored after a number of days.
- Telecommunications disrupted and offline for a significant number of days.
- Moranbah Airport closed to normal operations for a number of days.
- Water and sewage treatment plants effected.
- Six river height monitoring stations damaged.
- Council’s Wide Area Network (WAN) directly impacted, impeding response and business continuity.

LINES OF RECOVERY



A stronger and more resilient Isaac

LOCAL RECOVERY OBJECTIVES

1. Essential services (power, water, waste, telecommunications) repaired and restored.
2. Displaced households settled in temporary accommodation.
3. Emergency funding (personal hardship etc.) granted/approved.
4. Community support mechanisms implemented.
5. Green and hard waste removed and adequately processed.
6. Impact assessments completed.
7. Coordinated reconstruction and betterment for the extensive road transport network, state and local controlled.
8. Priority restoration and improved resilience of supply chain (key transport routes for primary producers and resource sector, e.g. Marlborough-Sarina Rd, May Downs Rd and Peak Downs Highway).
9. Carmila and Clairview foreshore rehabilitation and erosion mitigation works implemented.
10. Long term repairs and improvements to telecommunication infrastructure.
11. Improved resilience of the energy supply infrastructure is achieved.
12. Develop and implement strategies for greater flood resilience in the Upper Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchments.
13. Restoration of community facilities to the Lotus Creek and Clarke Creek communities.
14. Empower local businesses to improve their resilience to disasters.
15. Confidence in the tourism market is restored.
16. Establishment of evacuation and response infrastructure for at risk communities.

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