

Castlemaine and Campbells Creek Levee Banks Project

Fact sheet

Background

Many homes and buildings in Castlemaine, Campbells Creek and Chewton have been flooded or impacted by rising levels of Barkers Creek, Forest Creek and Campbells Creek during periods of high rainfall.

Following severe flooding events in 2010, 2011 and 2012 the North Central Catchment Management Authority contracted GHD to develop a Flood Management Plan for Castlemaine, Campbells Creek and Chewton. The plan has a number of recommendations to reduce the impact of flooding. The recommendations include:

- Carry out infrastructure activities – build six levee banks and undertake waterway improvements
- Develop a strategic plan for urban waterways
- Review flood warning systems
- Amend the planning scheme to adopt flood model mapping.

Following community consultation Council adopted the plan in 2015.

The project

This project is focused on the infrastructure-related recommendations – the levee banks and waterway improvements. These will considerably reduce the impact of major flood events on nearby homes, businesses and community assets like buildings, roads and footpaths.

Council endorsed conceptual designs for four levees and the waterway improvement activities following community consultation in 2016 and 2017. These included:

- 100m earthen and concrete levee at Central Cabins and Van Park in Castlemaine
- 430m earthen and concrete levee at Elizabeth Street in Castlemaine
- 580m earthen and concrete levee at Campbells Creek township
- 50m earthen levee at National School Lane in Campbells Creek
- Waterway improvements downstream of Alexandra Bridge in Campbells Creek.

Council did not obtain community support for the two levees at Gingell Street. Therefore these are not included as part of this project.



Where we are now

We are in the Development phase of this project. Within this phase we will finalise designs and secure all required permits and approvals so the levees can be built.

Please note this phase DOES NOT include construction of the levees. Construction will only begin once all the permits and approvals are obtained, funding has been sourced and the budget is approved by Council.

We expect to complete the Development phase of the project in 2021.



More information

We aim to keep the community updated as this project progresses. Our website has further details on the background to this project including a history of floods over the last ten years and frequently asked questions. Find more information at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/levees.

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