

Newstead Flood Study



SHAPE

Mount Alexander

What you said

The community provided feedback in a number of key areas and we heard many individual stories.



Online Community Consultation

There were over **261** visits to the Shape page and **two** online submissions received



Drop-in Community Consultation

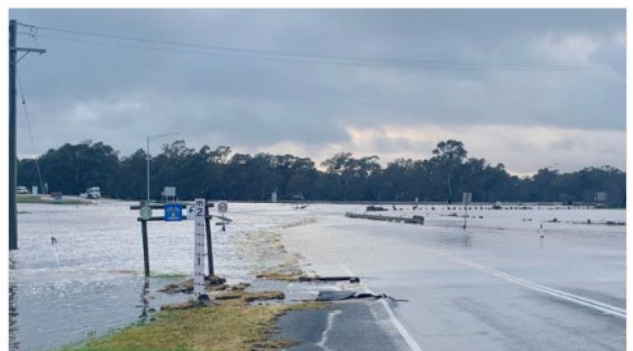
Six people wanting to be kept updated and **one** hard copy submission received

How we engaged

We delivered Stage 1 of consultation through our online engagement platform Shape, and a drop-in session at Newstead Mechanics Hall on 19 June 2024.

We promoted both the Shape page and the drop-in session through the following channels:

- Letterbox drop to potentially flood-impacted Newstead residents
- Text messages to previously flood-impacted Newstead residents
- Vulnerable residents were approached directly with information and a flyer during a visit from Council's Home Support Program team
- Council News
- Shire News in June 2024 edition
- Posters and flyers in key locations
- Requested cross promotion support from Newstead members of the Flood Study Project Steering Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 12/06/2024



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Thank you for sharing your knowledge on Newstead flood events, which will help us update flood modelling maps.

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What we heard

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The levee bank was leaking at a substantial flow rate from a fox or rabbit burrow close to the levee's base level. This became apparent in the early evening and was detected by accident. It is apparent that:

- The supposedly impervious clay core of the levee, isn't
- Maintenance of the levee has been non-existent for at least a decade and the batters only mowed properly some months after the event
- Part of the levee is allegedly on private land - how did this happen?

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I've lived in Newstead since 1986 and seen at least four floods. Each time they have got progressively worse.

- I don't understand why the river has been allowed to fill up on the side of the bakery with gum trees for years.
- There is also massive erosion, you can see from the roots of the gum trees along the bank and the timber pylons put up many years ago to help with the erosion.
- Further around on the other side of the river (hotel side), there used to be willow trees which actually did help stop erosion, but now it is exposed, has eroded and is covered with deep tracks from 4WD – it is an eyesore. Prior to the willows being removed I often used to see turtles and the odd platypus. This was prior to the willow removal. I'm sorry to sound negative but it takes more than planting wattle trees along the river to look after it.
- The river could be an asset if it was looked after properly and pleasant to walk along.
- I also would like to see cars banned (apart from the owners of the cattle in the paddocks) from driving along the river during winter months, they have made such a mess.
- It is simple to park near the levy banks and walk.

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