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## Current Road Works

We thank you for your patience this year as we work through road maintenance and the funding claims process following continued natural disaster events and unprecedented wet weather.

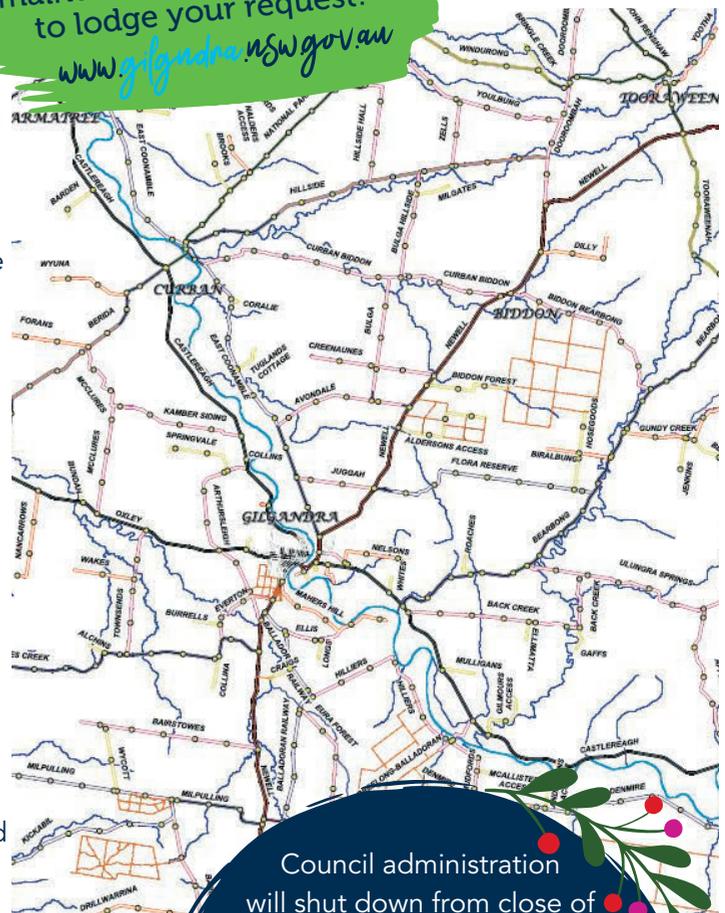
After each rain event Council's road maintenance crews are working to restore access before resuming normal maintenance activities. With harvest now well underway it is Council's priority to have key rural roads accessible for machinery and trucks.

Gravel supplies are running short due to increased demand with extensive road repairs required across the state. Where smaller gravel is not available larger sized rock fill has been utilised to fill washes. Motorists are advised to proceed with caution along any unsealed roads.

Weather conditions have restricted Council's ability to do more permanent repairs. In many instances Council crews are unable to get the heavy plant, and in some cases even small plant, on the roads to complete the works needed.

To complete the works required, over and above the normal maintenance program, Council relies on funding from State and Federal Government. To receive this funding Council must adhere to strict operational and reporting guidelines. One of these stipulations under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) is that funds must be used to restore roads to their previous condition, not for betterment. The DRFA is for the flood damage incurred through 2019 -2022, there has been eight natural disaster declarations related to Gilgandra LGA during this period. Council is currently undertaking the assessment process for the latest round of funding.

Please see over page for more details on further funding opportunities that Council has applied for.



Council administration will shut down from close of business Thursday, 22 December to Tuesday, 3 January 2023. Over this period you are able to contact our on-call team by phoning 6817 8800 and following the prompts.

We wish you and your families a safe and happy holidays and all the best for 2023!

## Funding Opportunities

### Fixing Local and Rural Roads, Pothole Repair

This is a \$50 million Transport for NSW grant program to supplement existing funding and support additional efforts by Council in the short-term repair of priority potholes and road repairs on local and regional roads.

Funding under this program aims to alleviate the considerable cost being incurred by councils to maintain their roads to an acceptable standard, improving everyday journeys for regional communities.

Council submitted an application for the Fixing Local and Rural Roads, Pothole Repair Round on 8 November 2022. An outcome on the application is expected in December 2022 with works expected to commence from January 2023.

### Infrastructure Betterment Fund

This \$200 million program supports the repair and rebuilding of public assets directly damaged by the bushfires of 2019/20 and flood events of 2021 and early 2022.

The fund will promote rebuilding infrastructure in a way that reduces vulnerability to future disasters, provides continuity of essential services and lowers the risk of economic impact due to a natural disaster.

Council will be submitting a formal application under this program, with applications closing on 15 December 2022. An outcome is expected in January 2023 with works to commence from early 2023. If this application is successful, resulting funds will be used for the Baronne Creek floodway upgrade.

## Road Closures

Council operates with a precautionary approach following significant rainfall from both a safety and damage perspective, closing roads when necessary. During a closure, the roads listed are closed to all traffic with exception to emergency vehicles. Council will provide road updates as soon as our crews are able to assess the damage across the network.

We apologise for any inconveniences that arise and appreciate your cooperation to help ensure we stay safe and prevent further damage, resulting in increased repair costs, on our rural roads.

Our customer service team is available to log requests or concerns you may have; you can do this by contacting council on 6817 8800 or through our website. If you'd like to subscribe to our roads update list please email [enjoy@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:enjoy@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au)



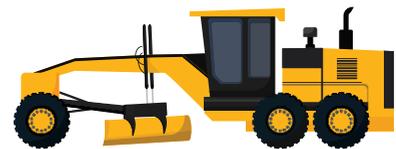
Total Road Network:  
1,308.2 km

#### Rural Roads

1,248.8 km: Total  
970.4 km: Unsealed  
277.4 km: Sealed

#### Regional Roads

60.4 km: Total  
13.1 km: Unsealed  
47.3 km: Sealed



\$3,500 Approximate average daily cost to operate a grader crew



Cost of constructing a new sealed road:

- Up to \$700,000 per km (rural road)
- Up to \$1.4 million per km (urban road)

This very high cost means we need to carefully prioritise which roads we seal.

### GSC 2022/23 Budget Allocation

Sealed Roads \$625k  
Unsealed Roads \$1.8M  
Urban Roads \$270k  
Regional Roads \$400k  
Bridge Loan repayment \$270k

