

Residents update

McCrae landslide recovery



28 March 2025

Shire update

We would like to share with you the letter we received recently from the Hon Nick Staikos MP – Minister for Local Government. Please find attached. The state government has confirmed they do not consider the McCrae landslide event to be eligible for funding under its Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

We will continue to advocate strongly to both the state and federal governments for funding to help support affected residents. We are preparing a motion to be tabled at the Australian Local Government Association's Annual General Assembly in Canberra in July – in order to discuss proposed changes to DRFA criteria.

Geotechnical update

With monitoring continuing in the exclusion zone, please find attached displacement monitoring data for the period 12am 7 March to 11.59pm 13 March 2025. This data is from the GPS sensors, survey prisms, tilt sensors and radar.

Please note, this is raw data only for the period indicated above. We are unable to form opinions from this data as yet – it still needs to be analysed, interpreted and peer reviewed.

Monitoring is continuing and more data is required.

You may have received an email or letter notifying you of a visual inspection PSM is doing across the whole escarpment. We are asking for consent to enter private property in order for the geotechnical engineers to assess slope conditions. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Works update

The CCTV pipe inspection of the existing Shire drainage network in the McCrae area is now complete and we are reviewing the footage. We've identified some sections of pipe around Coburn Avenue that are due for replacement and are scheduling those works in the coming weeks. Our preliminary view is that this is of no significance to the landslide investigation.

We are also working with South East Water on additional borehole testing. In early May we will be installing piezometers near or over the existing stormwater or sewer trenches in the area. Sensors installed into the piezometers measure water levels at defined intervals. The intent is to assess groundwater flow in those areas. Please see the attached map for proposed locations of the boreholes.