

Robinvale Levee Works Starts in June

Work on the upgraded Robinvale levee bank project will start in June.

The much-awaited levee project will enhance flood protection for the Robinvale township, and in turn, potentially allow for land rezoning and housing development.

Swan Hill Rural City Council Director Infrastructure Svetla Petkova said the existing town levee was built during the 1956 flood event, and needed upgrading.

"While it was successful at protecting the township, it was later identified to have poor structural integrity. And while there is no immediate risk to the township, the levee is likely to continue to deteriorate and in the longer-term will fail if no action is taken," Ms Petkova said.

"We have been working with State Government agencies, including Emergency Management Victoria, DELWP, Parks Victoria, Lower Murray Water and Mallee CMA, to develop an updated levee design.

"We have robust Cultural Management and Wildlife Management plans in place and the contractor will be required to adhere to those plans at all times.

"When putting the design together, we have also worked to minimise the impact on vegetation in the area."

The project includes:

- Upgrade and reconstruction of the current levee bank from Higgins Roads to Smythe Road, and construction of a new section of levee Along the Smythe Road.
- Seven pedestrian access points along the levee to provide access to the river, without compromising the levee's integrity.
- Development of a seasonal wetland along Smythe Road, utilising the existing drainage network. This new feature aims



Levee reconstruction location.

to improve local biodiversity by providing habitat to local animal species and an additional landmark for visitors and the community.

The project is funded by Commonwealth and DELWP through Emergency Management Victoria via Natural Resilience Grant Scheme, plus Council contribution. Work is expected to take 5 months to complete.

If you have questions or comments about the levee project, please contact Council Project Manager Dmitry Belyakov on 5036 2333, or email them to council@swanhill.vic.gov.au.