

Mayor thanks staff, community for flood response

Kyogle Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland has thanked staff and the community for their response to the unfolding natural disaster caused by Cyclone Alfred.

Although flooding in most areas is easing, Cr Mulholland said the area was not out of the woods yet, with heavy localised rain forecast for today.

“We are hopeful that the worst of the flooding has passed, but with more rain forecast people should remain alert and keep informed of flood warnings,” she said.

“And while it should go without saying, I’ll repeat again that if a road or bridge is flooded, then you should not under any circumstances drive into flood waters. If its flooded, forget it!”

Cr Mulholland said Council staff had been working all weekend monitoring roads and bridges.

“Once the situation eased, staff were out and about working to ensure people had access either by clearing fallen trees, removing debris off roads and bridges and where possible ensuring bridge approaches are safe,” she said.

“I could not be prouder of the work Council staff have done.

“That work will continue in the coming days and weeks ahead, and I ask for your patience as staff work their way through the many issues created by this flood event.

“Council is doing its best to open all its facilities, as well as roads and bridges and people can stay up to date with what’s happening by monitoring Council’s Facebook page and website.”

Cr Mulholland also praised the community for their response to the cyclone, saying the vast majority were prepared and obeyed advice to stay indoors.

“I would also like to acknowledge the work of the SES, the Rural Fire Service, the ADF (Australian Defence Force) and community volunteers in keeping our communities safe as the cyclone came through and the resulting flood occurred,” Cr Mulholland said.

“They do incredible work, often in dangerous and trying conditions, and I know the community is behind me when I say thank you very much.”

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