

## Shire of Lake Grace

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## Shire of Lake Grace Road Update

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The Lake Grace Shire administration continues to work on progressing flood affected damages throughout the Shire. The first step in this process was having all of the roads inspected and photographed, to determine which roads could be opened to local traffic. This process has now been completed.

During this initial inspection, the event was declared a natural disaster, which has triggered WA Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA) funding assistance for repair to damaged sections of roads.

It should be noted that if the Shire undertakes any repair works to damaged sections of roads prior to the secondary assessment, the repair works will disqualify that section of road from funding.

The Shire has on Friday 24 February 2017, engaged WML Consultants as third party engineers to undertake a compliance inspection of the claim to be made by the Shire, an action that is required under the funding arrangements. The initial estimate of damage is in the vicinity of \$9-10,000,000.

On a positive note, the Shire is very much in front in this process, and we have been very fortunate to gain the services of WML Consultants. The compliance inspections will commence Wednesday 1 March 2017.

Additional road signs have been ordered for our temporarily closed roads. As soon as the signs arrive they will be placed on damaged roads to help road users travelling our network.

In the meantime, please remember to take extreme care when travelling roads as we attempt to rectify these problems.

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