



Renmark Paringa Council

Media Statement

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Renmark Paringa Council – Flood Response and Heavy Rainfall Event Update

Heavy Rainfall Event Update:

The Renmark Paringa communities received a significant amount of rain last night with 95.6mm recorded at the Renmark Airport. This downpour is half of our region's annual rainfall and was received in approximately two hours. There was some localised flooding, which resulted in some properties and businesses being damaged from inundation. However, most of the flooding in the township has drained away relatively well.

Council is preparing to close stormwater outlets once River levels rise above the outlets themselves. Council has sourced industrial size pumps to allow the pumping of stormwater over levee banks after rainfall events, if and as required. Once the pumps are distributed across the stormwater network, the necessary stormwater outlets will be closed off to prevent flooding due to backflow. Further communications with the community will occur at this time.

Flood Response Update:

Having commenced the assessment of the 38-kilometre levee bank network in the Renmark Paringa Council area in collaboration with flood hazard leaders, the Department for the Environment and Water and the South Australian State Emergency Services, Council were able to begin works on remediating priority areas immediately.

On Friday 21 October 2022, Council engaged local contractor, Alvanos Earthmoving to begin stripping vegetation from the Hospital Bank in preparation for engineering works to commence (see photo below). Prior to the rainfall event on Sunday 23 October, approximately 70 percent of the works had been completed.

Alvanos Earthmoving also commenced raising clay material to be used for engineering works from a floodplain site on Goolwa Street (see photo below). This material is being stockpiled at a location on Ral Ral Ave, in close proximity to the Hospital/Hale St levees which were identified as priority areas.

Earlier today Council held a meeting with seven Riverland Earthmoving businesses to prepare them for mobilisation. Council's Mayor Neil Martinson said, "it's fantastic to have all these businesses in a room together and see a genuine commitment from those in the region wanting to protect our community. These are unprecedented times but banding together is the best shot we have of keeping our community safe".

Council has created a new page on its website, titled '[River Murray Flood Advice](#)' which will contain all Council updates and links to relevant State and Federal Government information sources.

All media enquiries can be directed to: Tony Siviour, Chief Executive Officer on 8580 3000 or email council@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au

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Removing vegetation to prepare the Hospital Levee for remediation works.





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Raising clay to be stockpiled for use on levee remediation

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