

BUILDING BACK A BETTER CABONNE

Cabonne Recovery Plan

DECEMBER 2023 - PROGRESS REPORT





12-MONTHS ON - MAYOR KEVIN BEATTY

It has now been more 12-months since the November 2022 floods.

I would also like to acknowledge our community members, our true heroes, who have had to endure and restore homes, businesses and properties after they were inundated with flood waters on 13 and 14 November 2022.

Our region has seen many flood events - but nothing quite like November 2022. I want to commend the community on your strength and resilience, but also thank you for your support and guidance over the past 12-months as Council have been navigating this challenging time.

We knew at the start that the road to recovery would not be quick - and we know there is still so much work to be done.

Thankfully, Cabonne has been included in the \$100m Central West Recovery Package announced in November 2023.


Council has been consistently advocating for support through NSW and Federal Government for our recovery, and the Central West Recovery Package funding will help to deliver community infrastructure and road-betterment.

Most importantly the funding will also help residents to rebuild, raise, retrofit, and in some instances buy-back some of the 426 homes impacted by the floods.

Council is also working through development of a road repair program, with around \$80m of road works needing to be complete over the next 2 years.

Cabonne Council staff are continuing to stretch resources to try and restore communities. This has included helping to sandbag homes and businesses; assisting with cleanup efforts; undertaking emergency road repairs to restore access; applying for funding to contribute to the very large bill for recovery; and activating communities through events, communication, services and projects.

Thankfully, the 2024 looks positive for Cabonne with some great community projects, road repairs and upgrades, and continued flood recovery being delivered.



In June 2023, the Cabonne Recovery Plan was adopted by Council, marking a significant milestone in our journey towards recovery. This comprehensive plan outlined the priority actions that needed to be undertaken and completed to ensure the successful revitalisation of our region.

The ongoing process of recovery has required a collective effort from all stakeholders involved, including government agencies, community organisations, businesses and individuals.

Over the past six months, we have witnessed the tangible results of our collective efforts. Numerous significant actions have been undertaken, each contributing to the overall progress of our recovery. From infrastructure repairs and restoration projects to community support initiatives and economic revitalisation efforts, we have been working tirelessly to rebuild Cabonne stronger and more resilient than ever before.

The recovery process is an ongoing journey, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to completing all priority actions outlined in the Cabonne Recovery Plan.

5 PRIORITY AREAS OF RECOVERY



Building Back Better Community Infrastructure



Building Back Business & the Regional Economy



Building Back a Better Environment



Building Back Better Communities & Supporting Recovery



Managing Council Resources/Recovery Planning and Oversight

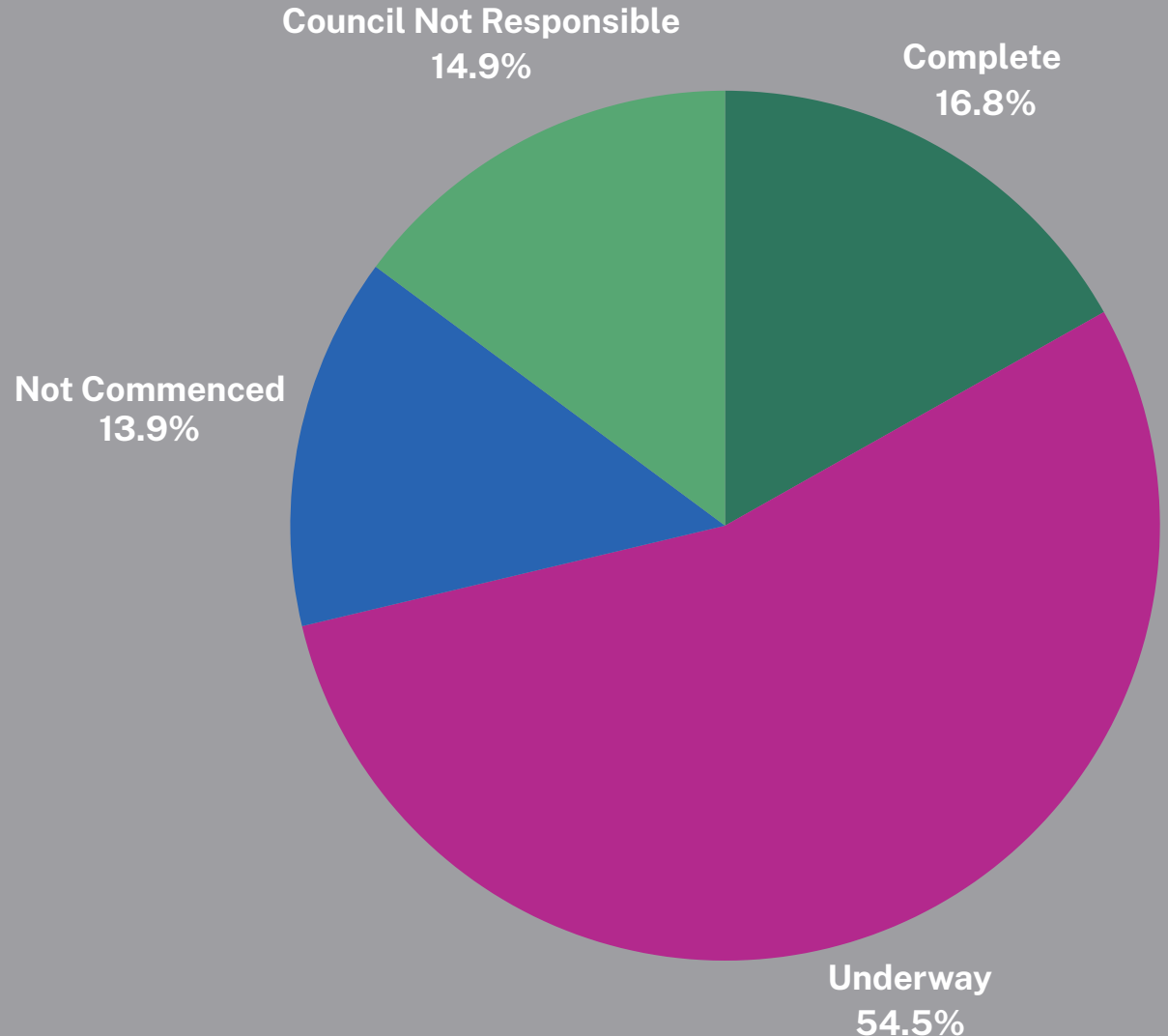
PROGRESS AT A GLANCE

The Priority actions outlined in the Cabonne Recovery Plan are broken down into 5 main categories:

- Building Back Better Community Infrastructure
- Building Back Business & the Regional Economy
- Building Back a Better Environment
- Building Back Better Communities & supporting Recovery
- Managing Council Resources/Recovery Planning and Oversight

There are a total of **101** key projects and activities outlined across the 5 categories. Of these 101 actions:

- **17** actions and projects have already been completed.
- **55** actions and projects are currently underway.
- **14** actions and projects have not yet commenced.
- **15** actions and projects are not actions that Council is responsible for, however Council remains committed to supporting these endeavours.



Since the adoption of the Cabonne Recovery Plan, significant progress has been made in undertaking and completing priority actions identified within the plan. The following outcomes demonstrate the extent of the progress made in each category:

These outcomes demonstrate the commitment and dedication of Council and its stakeholders in addressing the immediate and long-term needs of the Cabonne region. While progress has been made, it is important to acknowledge that there are still actions underway and some yet to be commenced. Council remains steadfast in its efforts to fully restore our community and build resilience against future disasters.

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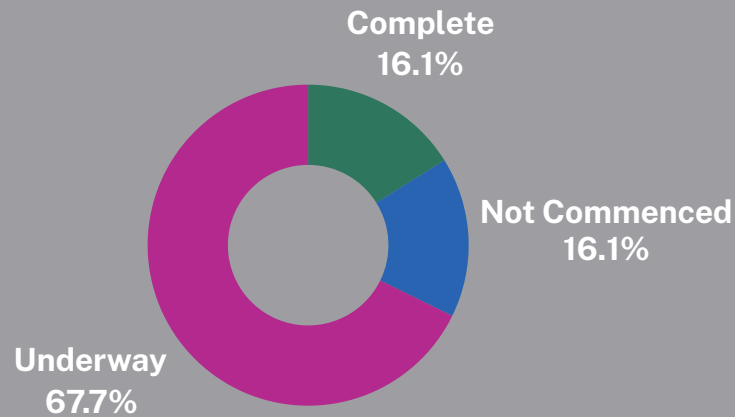


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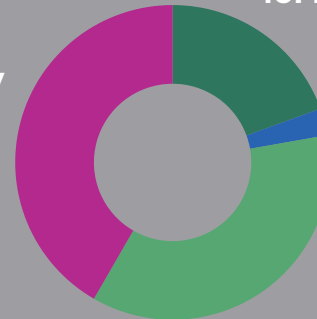
***Building Back
A Better
Environment***

Complete
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***Building Back
Better
Community
Infrastructure***



Underway
41.7%



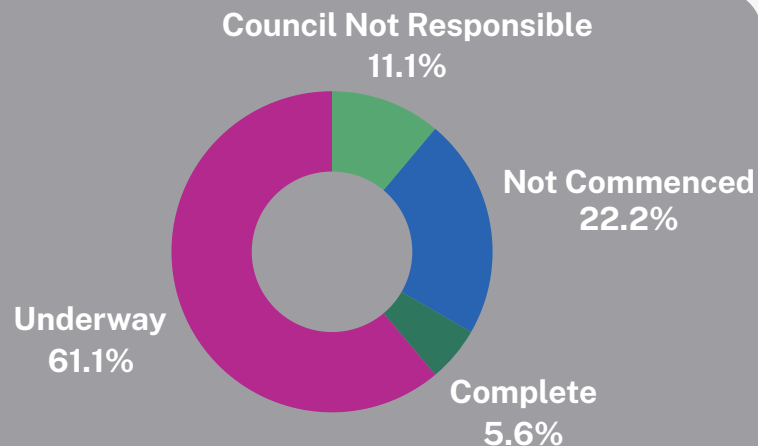
Complete
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Not Commenced
2.8%

***Building Back
Better
Communities
& Supporting
Recovery***

Council Not Responsible
36.1%

***Building Back
Business and
the Regional
Economy***



Council Not Responsible
11.1%

Not Commenced
22.2%

Complete
5.6%

Underway
62.5%



Complete
37.5%

***Managing Council
Resources/
Recovery Planning
& Oversight***

1. Building Back Better Community Infrastructure

COUNCIL'S ROLE: ADVOCACY & DELIVERY

PROGRESS OF KEY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Significant progress has been made in the priority actions under the category of Building Back Better Community Infrastructure.

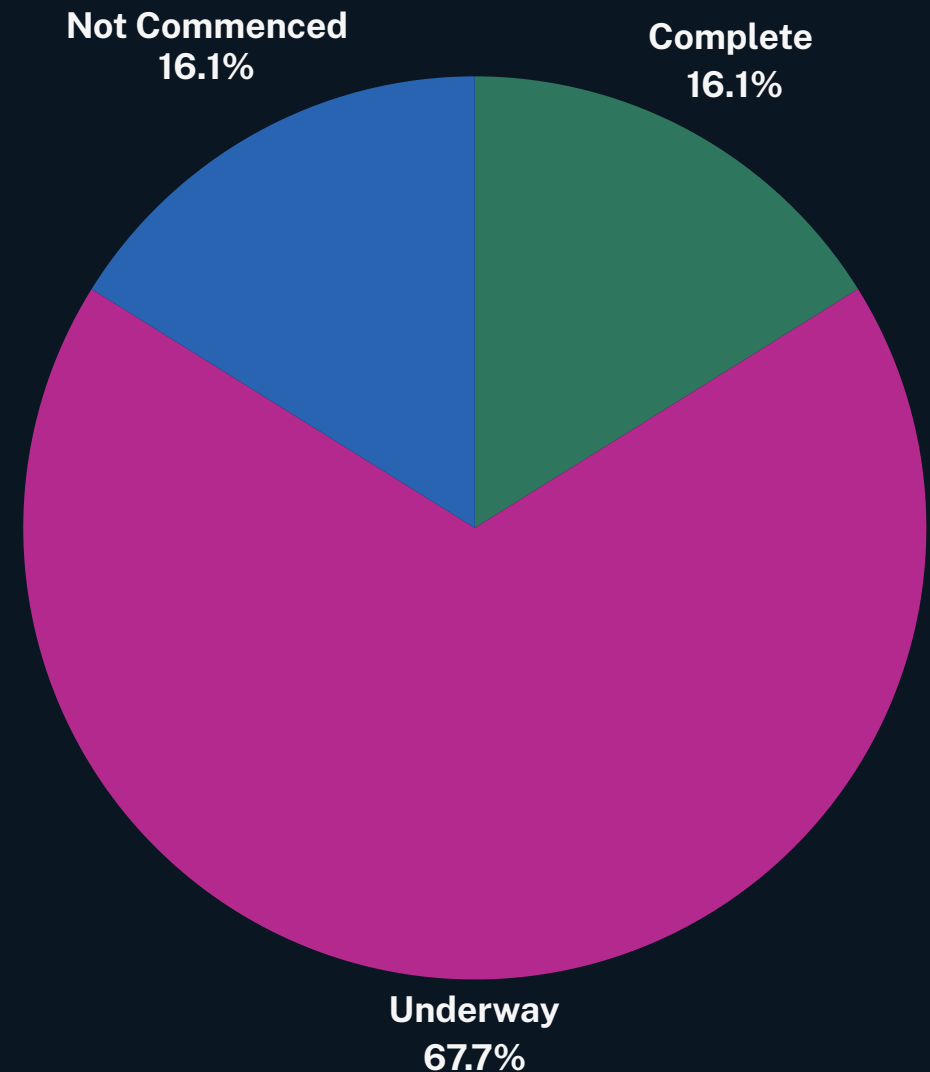
Out of the total thirty-one actions identified, five have been successfully completed.

Additionally, twenty-one actions are currently underway, indicating the active efforts being made to address the remaining infrastructure needs.

These ongoing projects include the repair, restoration and maintenance of critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and public facilities that were severely affected by the flood.

Through collaboration with government agencies and the allocation of funding, several infrastructure projects have been completed, enhancing the safety and accessibility of our region.

While there are still five actions that have not yet commenced, Council remains focused on ensuring that all priority actions are initiated in a timely manner to expedite the recovery process and build a more resilient community.



BUILDING BACK BETTER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

KEY



Complete











Underway



Not commenced



Council Not Responsible

1.1	ROADS	
1.1.1	 Rebuild and ensure sustainability of road works across Cabonne LGA.	\$18.9 worth of road repairs undertaken since November 2022. Council currently seeking funding for an additional \$80m of repairs to be delivered over the next two years across LGA.
1.2	BRIDGES	
1.2.1	 Removal and clean-up of Canowindra railway and rail bridge.	Initial clean-up completed - including removal of vegetation and debris. UGL committed to removing the old rail line. Not yet complete.
1.2.2	 Reinstate Canowindra Swinging Bridge.	Reopened in June 2023.
1.2.3	 Removal of vegetation and silt at Canowindra twin bridges.	Completed by Council and Avcon and NSW Environment Protection Authority.
1.2.4	 Rebuild of Canomodine Bridge.	Council is currently considering tenders for the rebuild of Canomodine Bridge. Works are due to be complete before the end of 2024.
1.2.5	 Rebuild of the Nyrang Creek Bridge between Canowindra and Eugowra to better resist future flooding.	Council is currently considering tenders for the rebuild of Nyrang Creek Bridge. Works are due to be complete before the end of 2024.
1.2.6	 Replacement of Cudal Swinging Bridge and improved design to accommodate future floods.	Reports have been submitted to Transport for NSW to support the tender process for the replacement of Cudal Swinging Bridge.
1.2.7	 Improve road access on bridge to Dean Park.	Reports have been submitted to Transport for NSW to support the tender process to improve road access on the bridge to Dean Park in Cudal.

BUILDING BACK BETTER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

KEY



Complete











Underway



Not commenced



Council Not Responsible

1.2	BRIDGES	
1.2.8	 Replace Apex Bridge at Eugowra.	Complete.
1.2.9	 Replacement of the Mandagery Creek Bridge and Eugowra Creek Bridge at Eugowra to ensure structures are stronger, safer and can provide access for heavy vehicles and pedestrians.	Council is currently seeking funding arrangements in order to undertake this project.
1.2.10	 Keep footpath separate on the rebuild of the Mandagery Creek bridge at Manildra which was originally community funded.	A request to reinstate the footbridge in Manildra has been made to Transport for NSW, under Natural Disaster Arrangements.
1.2.11	 Extend the Molong Rail Bridge to increase waterway capacity, flow, and hazard reduction.	An Initial creek clean-up and dredging was funded through the NSW Government. Council continues to work with NSW Government engineers on long-term solutions.
1.3	STREETS AND FOOTPATHS	
1.3.1	 Road and drainage surveying within town limits in Molong, Canowindra, Eugowra, Cudal and Manildra.	These actions and projects are currently being investigated by Council.
1.3.2	 Active transport footpaths and bridges in Molong, Mullion Creek, Cargo, Cudal, Cumnock, Eugowra, Manildra, and Canowindra.	New footpaths have/are currently being installed across Cabonne, in line with Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan.
1.3.3	 Resurfacing of town streets in Canowindra - including culvert, gutter, and drainage cleanouts.	Gutter and drainage cleanouts are completed by Council staff on an as-needed basis.
1.3.4	 Replacement and update property numbering/urban & rural addressing identification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Canowindra • Eugowra 	Not commenced.

BUILDING BACK BETTER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

KEY



Complete



Not commenced



Underway



Council Not Responsible

1.3

STREETS AND FOOTPATHS

1.3.5



Replace and restore concrete footpaths in Eugowra.

New footpaths have/are currently being installed across Cabonne, in line with the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan. Seeking funding for additional footpaths.

1.3.6



Reactivate and ensure pedestrian access and mobility through footpaths, bridges, paths, lighting etc in Manildra.

New footpaths have/are currently being installed across Cabonne, in line with the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan. Currently no suitable funding source to address other concerns.

1.4

SEWAGE, STORMWATER, DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT

1.4.1



Flood mitigation and resilience including gauges, studies, and communications.

Council has received funding to install new gauges upstream of Molong, Eugowra, Canowindra and Cudal. Engaging with SES on installation.

1.4.2



Development of flood, stormwater, and drainage studies and improvements - including movement of drainage reserves to rivers and creeks.

The draft report for the Molong Flood Study has been received and is being considered by Council. Flood Studies are commencing for Eugowra and Canowindra.

1.4.3



Invest and utilise temporary flood box-wall mitigation.

Council has been successful in receiving \$1.35 million from the NSW Governments Disaster Ready Fund. A portion of these funds will be utilised for temporary box-wall flood barriers. Engaging with the contractor on installation training for Council, the community and Emergency Services personnel.

1.4.4



Commission and implement priority recommendations from flood and drainage studies across flood impacted towns and villages.

Floodplain risk management plans will be developed from flood studies that are currently being commenced. The plans will be utilised to seek further funding opportunities for mitigation projects in the future.

1.4.5



Finalise and implement key recommendations from the Molong Flood Study and the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

A Molong Floodplain Risk Management Plan will be developed from the Molong Food Study. Key recommendations will be incorporated into Council actions.

1.4.6



New sewerage pump station Eugowra.

Flood-damaged components of the Eugowra sewerage pump station were replaced/installed in November of 2023.

BUILDING BACK BETTER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

KEY



Complete



Not commenced



Underway



Council Not Responsible

1.5

WATER SUPPLY

1.5.1



Molong infrastructure growth strategy including update of water, wastewater infrastructure to support new flood-resilient residential, retail and industry growth.

Council is currently seeking funding opportunities to undertake these priority projects.

1.6

SPORT AND RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE

1.6.1



Restore impacted swimming pools, and ensure better protection from future floods.

Flood-impacted swimming pools have been restored. All Cabonne swimming pools are once again operational.

1.6.2



Review and activate the plans of management/masterplanning for key impacted Showgrounds.

Underway.

1.6.3



Restore or replace the lighting at the Eugowra sports ground.

Not commenced. Council currently exploring funding options.

1.6.4



Flood proofing and repurposing enhanced female changerooms in Manildra and Eugowra.

Underway. Manildra has commenced. Seeking additional funding for Eugowra.

1.6.5



Refurbishment of sport and recreation facilities at Jack Huxley Oval, Manildra Tennis Courts, and Manildra Golf Club.

Underway. Preliminary works undertaken. Council is currently exploring funding options to support relocation and betterment.

1.6.6



Investigate a flood resistant multi-sport and recreation precinct for Molong.

Underway. Council is - in conjunction with user-groups - currently exploring funding options to support relocation and betterment.



2. Building Back Business & the Regional Economy

COUNCIL'S ROLE: ADVOCACY

PROGRESS OF KEY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Significant progress has been made in building back business and revitalising the regional economy in Cabonne.

With eleven actions currently underway, we are actively working towards creating a thriving business environment that fosters growth and prosperity.

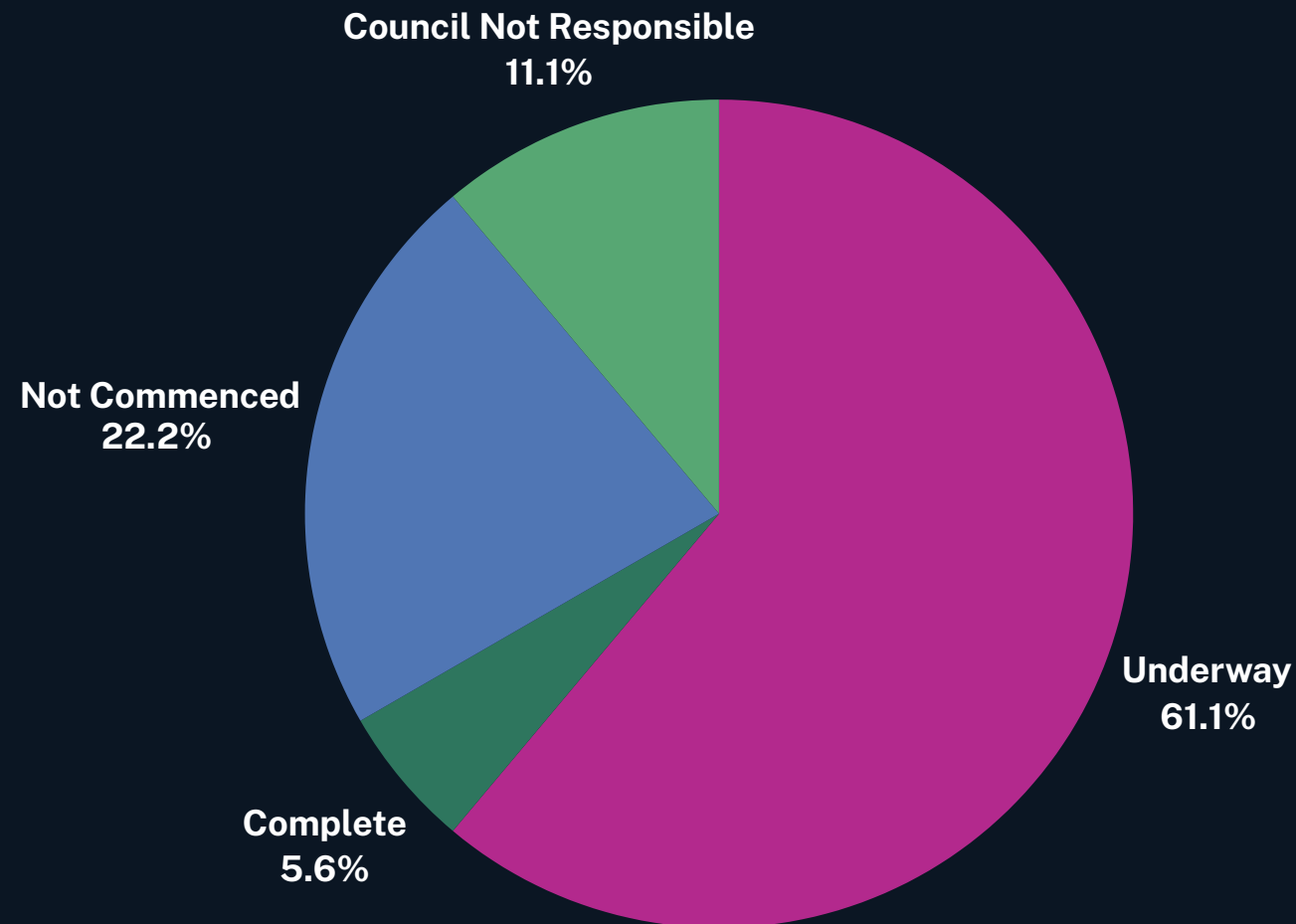
These actions include providing support to local businesses, facilitating access to grants and promoting tourism and investment opportunities in the region.

By focusing on these initiatives, we aim to stimulate economic recovery and create sustainable employment opportunities for our community.

Additionally, we have successfully completed one action, further demonstrating our commitment to rebuilding a resilient economy.

While there are still four actions that have not yet commenced, we are actively working towards initiating these projects in the near future.

It is important to note that there are two actions in this category that Council is not responsible for, but we remain committed to collaborating with relevant stakeholders to ensure their successful implementation.



BUILDING BACK BUSINESS AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMY

KEY



Complete



Underway



Not commenced



Council Not Responsible

2.1

DONATIONS

2.1.1



Encourage locals to spend locally through donation vouchers that utilise local businesses.

Not commenced.

2.2

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS

2.2.2



Activation of Canowindra and Molong Town Centres to develop Canowindra and Molong as key regional destinations

In Molong, the first two stages of the Molong Activation Project are now complete. the final two stages will begin in the new year.
Stage one of the Canowindra Activation Project is now complete.

2.3

TOURISM & THE VISITOR ECONOMY

2.3.1



Restore and enhance community amenities and presentation to revitalise our towns and villages and to support a returning visitor economy.

On ongoing commitment for Council.

2.3.2



Enable businesses through development of a government investment support attraction package to bring new businesses to the Shire.

Not commenced.

2.3.3



Promotion of Cabonne region and businesses through advertising and marketing - "Spend, Eat, Play and Stay".

Not commenced.

2.3.4



Build on existing tourism strengths and signature attractions across Cabonne town and villages to support recovery.

Council continues to develop relationships with our communities and various organisations, such as Orange360, Central West Joint Organisation and Regional Development Australia to support tourism across the Cabonne region.

BUILDING BACK BUSINESS AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMY

KEY



Complete



Underway



Not commenced



Council Not Responsible

2.3

TOURISM & THE VISITOR ECONOMY

2.3.5



Improve town and village entrance and way-finding signage to welcome visitors and promote businesses, facilities, and visitor experiences.

Council continues to work closely with experts, our communities and various organisations to support tourism across the Cabonne region.

2.3.6



Expand accommodation offerings to support greater tourism.

Council Not Responsible.

2.3.7



Create opportunities for temporary usages to vacant shopfronts.

Various vacant shop fronts have been utilised for temporary community purposes across Cabonne, including seasonal/promotional decorations for upcoming local events.

2.3.8



Assist towns and villages to restore heritage buildings and sites across the Shire.

Council released a heritage program to support business owners to rebuild and refurbish heritage properties.

2.4

BUSINESS SUPPORT

2.4.1



Assist businesses to navigate the planning process through a concierge service, including working the NSW Government's Property Assessment program.

Underway.

2.4.2



Facilitate and assist in identifying future industrial land opportunities across the Shire.

Complete.

2.4.3



Ensure Councils planning instruments appropriately support sustainable and flood-resilient business development.

Underway.

2.4.4



Increase the visitor economy by redevelopment of Canowindra railway precinct for community and business use.

Not commenced.

BUILDING BACK BUSINESS AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMY

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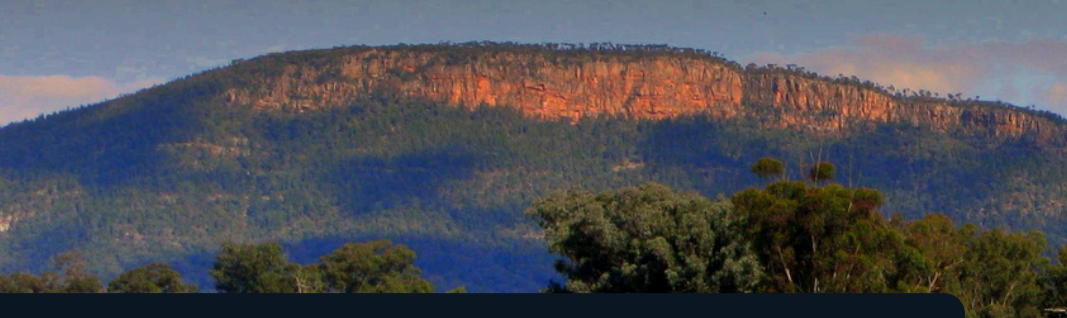
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⌚ Underway

— Council Not Responsible

2.4	BUSINESS SUPPORT	
2.4.5	<div><div>—</div>Recognise and support agriculture as the key industry of Eugowra.</div>	Council not Responsible.
2.4.6	<div><div>⌚</div>Restore empty, damaged shops and businesses and advocate to government to encourage building owners not to leave buildings empty and facades deteriorating.</div>	Underway.
2.5	FUNDING AND RESOURCES	
2.5.1	<div><div>⌚</div>Floodgate Business Package to Cabonne businesses to better prepare for future flood events. Equip businesses with flood mitigation strategies including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Floodgates or other design engineering solutions.• Fit out• Painting and front facade improvements• Bespoke floodgates</div>	Underway.
2.5.2	<div><div>⌚</div>Assist businesses in navigating and accessing services and grants.</div>	In conjunction with Service NSW, Council remains committed to assisting local businesses in accessing recovery services, as well as promoting and assisting businesses in the application process for available grants.



3. Building Back A Better Environment

COUNCIL'S ROLE: ADVOCACY, FACILITATION & DELIVERY

PROGRESS OF KEY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Significant progress has been made in efforts for Building Back a Better Environment.

There are a total of nine priority actions for this category outlined in the Cabonne Recovery Plan.

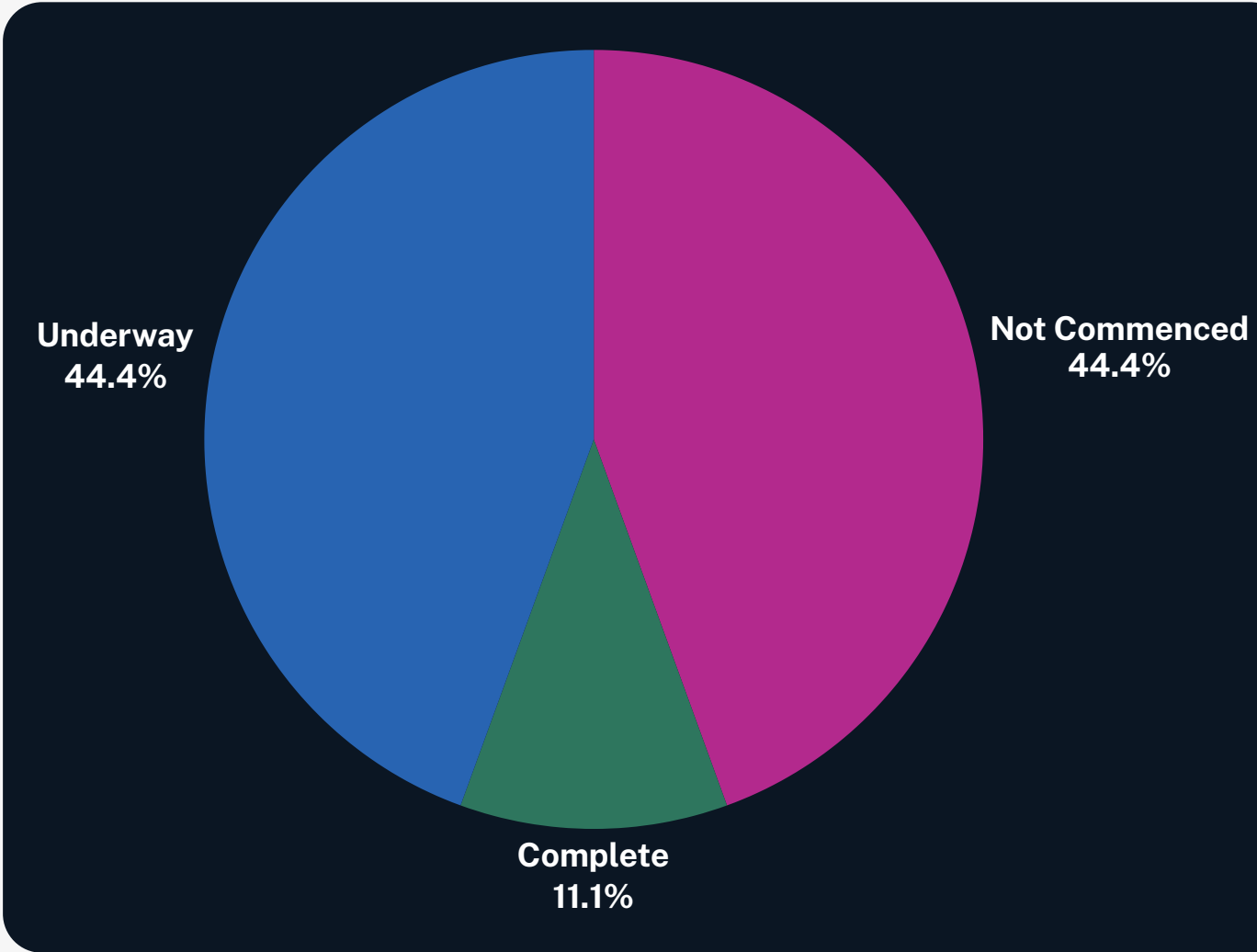
Of these actions, four have not yet commenced. one has been completed, and four are currently underway.

These actions are crucial in ensuring the restoration and preservation of our natural environment in the aftermath of the flood event.



By implementing land, environment and water control measures and initiatives, we aim to mitigate future risks and protect our region's unique ecosystems.


The completion of these actions will contribute to a more sustainable and resilient future for Cabonne.





By prioritising environmental sustainability, we aim to protect our natural resources, mitigate future risks, and ensure a resilient and prosperous future for our community.



BUILDING BACK A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

KEY
 Complete
 Not commenced

 Underway
 Council Not Responsible

3.1	PLANNING	
3.1.1	 Update Land Use, Environment, Flood Plans, and relevant strategies.	This remains an ongoing commitment for Council.
3.1.2	 Investigate options around storm water harvesting, new outlets, and a storm surge facility in Molong.	Not commenced.
3.2	FUTURE PROOFING	
3.2.1	 Climate mitigation and adaptation strategies - including review of high risk assets.	Underway. Actions within the Cabonne Recovery Plan incorporate climate adaptation and climate mitigation strategies. Council continues to is pursue 'betterment' options over like-for-like replacements for capital works projects.
3.3	CONSERVATION OF NATIVE HABITATS	
3.3.1	 Protect the platypus and other protected flora and fauna habitats.	Council continues to abide by pre-existing legislation for protected species management.

BUILDING BACK A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

KEY



Complete



Underway



Not commenced



Council Not Responsible

3.4

LEVEE BANKS

3.4.1



Investigate development of permanent levee bank/overflow channel at Molong.

Not commenced. Levee options will be considered as part of the Molong Flood Study that Council is currently undertaking.

3.4.2



Investigate development of permanent levee bank/overflow channel at Canowindra.

Not commenced. Levee options will be considered as part of the Canowindra Flood Study that Council is currently undertaking.

3.4.3



Investigate development of extension of Puzzle Flat levee bank at Eugowra.

Not commenced. Levee options will be considered as part of the Eugowra Flood Study that Council is currently undertaking.

3.5

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP AND RESTORATION

3.5.1



Clean-up works of man-made flood debris along the Molong, Cudal, Canowindra and Eugowra waterways.

Council staff have supported work by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Avcon in clearing large flood debris from waterways around Eugowra, Cudal, Manildra, Murga, Toogong and Molong. This included the removal of hazardous materials. Since February 2023, more than 2,476m of debris has been removed.

3.5.2



Environment recovery package for weed management and restoration of impacted riverbanks and waterways.

Underway



4. Building Back Better Communities & Supporting Recovery

COUNCIL'S ROLE: ADVOCACY

PROGRESS OF KEY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

In our commitment to building back better communities and supporting the recovery of Cabonne, significant progress in the implementation of priority actions has been undertaken.

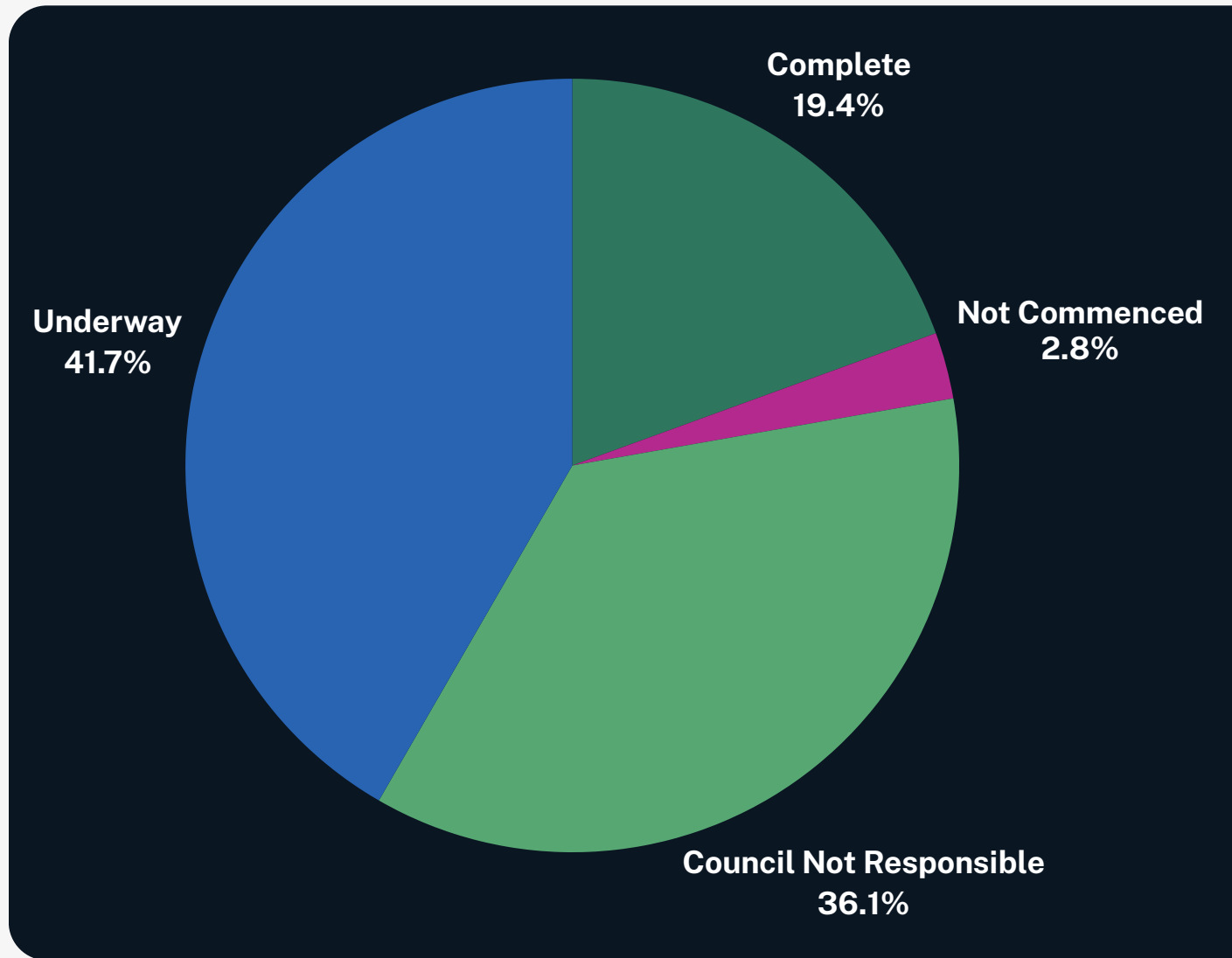
To date, we have successfully completed seven actions, which include vital initiatives aimed at restoring community infrastructure, providing assistance to affected households and businesses and supporting the local visitor economy.

Additionally, we have fifteen actions currently underway, demonstrating our dedication to ensuring a comprehensive and sustainable recovery for our community.

Although there is one action that has not yet commenced, we remain confident in our ability to address this in due course.

Furthermore, it is important to note that there are thirteen actions for which Council is not responsible, highlighting the collaborative efforts between various stakeholders in our recovery journey.

Together, we are building back stronger, more resilient communities in Cabonne.



BUILDING BACK BETTER COMMUNITIES & SUPPORTING RECOVERY

KEY



Complete



Underway



Not commenced



Council Not Responsible

4.1

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

4.1.1



Investigate establishment of Emergency SMS system across the Shire.

The 2023-24 Australian Federal Budget announced plans for the creation of a new *National Messaging System* to help protect people and property – with targeted, real-time information to mobile phones during an emergency. This action remains a responsibility of the Federal Government.

4.1.2



Investigate improvement to emergency early warning systems such as sirens and SMS in each town and village.

The 2023-24 Australian Federal Budget announced plans for investments in *safer communities* with \$236 million over 10 years committed to improving flood forecasting and warnings. This action remains a responsibility of the Federal Government.

4.2

HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE

4.2.1



Ongoing provision of emergency housing and demolitions until permanent solutions including:

- Demolition Assessment Program
- Pods on Private Property Program
- Caravans at Home Program.

The NSW Reconstruction Authority are responsible for the delivery of these programs. Council continues to work closely with the NSW Reconstruction Authority to provide the necessary support needed for the rollout and continuation of these programs.

4.2.2



Continue with the existing flood buy-back scheme and prioritise candidates appropriately across impacted town and villages.

Underway.

4.2.3



Funding for the creation of a resilient housing package - including buy-back, house-raising, and financial support to rebuild and get back into homes.

In November 2023, the Federal and State Governments announced \$100m in funding to help the NSW Central West region recover from the devastating flood events to impact the region. Including \$40m for a Central West Housing Program. Cabonne will share in this pool of funding with other impacted LGA's of Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan.

4.2.4



Ongoing provision of the Disaster Relief Grant.

Underway.

BUILDING BACK BETTER COMMUNITIES & SUPPORTING RECOVERY

KEY



Complete



Underway



Not commenced



Council Not Responsible

4.2

HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE

4.2.5



Re-establish self-care units in Eugowra.

The works to the Eugowra Self-Care Units are complete.

4.2.6



Activate potential suitable land-holdings for development including enabling critical infrastructure support packages for Eugowra.

Council is currently working the the NSW Reconstruction Authority around possible land options under the Central West Recovery Package.

4.2.7



Support and fund the development of the Molong Infrastructure Growth Strategy.

Council is currently seeking funding opportunities to undertake this project.

4.3

PLACE ACTIVATION

4.3.1



Activation projects including flood infrastructure projects for Eugowra in line with the revised Eugowra Community Master Plan.

Under the \$100m Central West Recovery Package, \$25m has been committed to a Community Assets Program. This project is being considered under this program. Cabonne will share in this limited pool of funding with other impacted LGA's of Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan.

4.3.2



Action of activities as per existing 'Activate Cabonne' program and town and villages Master Plans.

Under the \$100m Central West Recovery Package, \$25m has been committed to a Community Assets Program. This project is being considered under this program. Cabonne will share in this limited pool of funding with other impacted LGA's of Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan.

4.3.3



Seek funding opportunities and support for key projects from town and village masterplans.

Under the \$100m Central West Recovery Package, \$25m has been committed to a Community Assets Program. This project is being considered under this program. Cabonne will share in this limited pool of funding with other impacted LGA's of Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan. Cabonne Council is committed to seeking further funding opportunities for the delivery of this program.

BUILDING BACK BETTER COMMUNITIES & SUPPORTING RECOVERY






KEY

✓ Complete

🔄 Underway

✗ Not commenced

— Council Not Responsible

4.4	HEALTH SERVICES	
4.4.1	 Ensure ongoing mental health support for all impacted communities.	The Western NSW Primary Health Network is offering Wellbeing and Resilience grants to flood affected communities in central western NSW. The grants will facilitate the delivery of community led and focused wellbeing initiatives.
4.4.2	 Attract and improve access to medical services to Cudal.	Through the support of Council, a doctor services are currently scheduled in Cudal for one day per week.
4.4.3	 Re-establish the Eugowra Medical Centre and support sustainable GP services.	In June 2023 repairs and refurbishment works to the Eugowra Medical Centre were completed. The building was officially opened in November 2023.
4.5	SUPPORT SERVICES	
4.5.1	 Improve insurance response and relationships with impacted communities.	Council Not Responsible. This is a Federal House of Representatives inquiry - 'Inquiry into insurers' responses to 2022 major floods claims.'
4.5.2	 Review of established centralised emergency evacuation points in each town, and ensure appropriate equipment e.g. generator.	Council Not Responsible. Council continues to have ongoing discussions with Emergency Management agencies regarding the establishment of these evacuation points.

BUILDING BACK BETTER COMMUNITIES & SUPPORTING RECOVERY

KEY



Complete









Underway



Not commenced



Council Not Responsible

4.6	CLEAN UP	
4.6.1	 Ensure community input into future planning for responses, particularly around impacts of unsolicited help and removal of property.	Council Not Responsible.
4.6.2	 Support establishment of town and village emergency response plans.	Council Not Responsible.
4.7	COMMUNITY SERVICES	
4.7.1	 Refurbishment of the Cabonne Home Support (CHS) Centre in Canowindra.	The Refurbishment works to the CHS centre in Canowindra are scheduled to be completed over the next two year period.
4.7.2	 Rebuild a new permanent Eugowra Community Children's Centre out of the flood zone and in suitable location.	Council has been working closely with the ECCC to establish a temporary site located at the Eugowra Showground. The Occupation Certificate for the temporary site has been issued.
4.7.3	 Support the return of the Eugowra CWA Hall.	Council Not Responsible. The Eugowra CWA Hall rebuild is a matter for CWA's insurer.
4.7.4	 Establish new Eugowra Multi-purpose Centre as an evacuation and recovery centre.	Additional funding from the Disaster Ready Fund, OLG and the Building Better Regions Fund has been received to support evacuation components of the Eugowra Multipurpose Centre rebuild.

BUILDING BACK BETTER COMMUNITIES & SUPPORTING RECOVERY

KEY



Complete








Not commenced



Underway



Council Not Responsible

4.7	COMMUNITY SERVICES	
4.7.5	 Reinstate police residence in Eugowra.	Council not Responsible.
4.7.6	 Re-establish Eugowra Rural Transaction Centre.	The Eugowra Rural Transaction Centre officially reopened in December 2023.
4.7.7	 Investigate optimum position and management of caravan parks including flood warning systems.	Not commenced.
4.7.8	 Restore the existing police station in Molong.	Council not Responsible.
4.7.9	 Relocate the Molong Central School Agricultural Plot to flood-resilient area.	Council not Responsible.

BUILDING BACK BETTER COMMUNITIES & SUPPORTING RECOVERY

KEY



Complete



Underway



Not commenced



Council Not Responsible

4.8

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

4.8.1



Support localised communications strategies.

Council continues to provide communications updates through various channels including through local media, social media, household mailouts and letterbox drops, e-newsletters, via radio, through local progress associations and on Council's website.

4.8.2



Help build resilience in the community to natural disasters.

Council continues to build resilience in the community through ongoing capacity building initiatives, providing resources and information for services available, and fostering a collaborative approach with stakeholders.

4.8.3



Facilitating community events support events that bring people together.

Council continues to facilitate and support community events across Cabonne. Examples of these activities include: Christmas events across Cabonne, Field Days, Small Business events, Eugowra Woodfired, Anniversary events and more.

4.9

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

4.9.1



Appoint a Community Recovery Officer to support recovery across Shire.

Council's Community Recovery Officer commenced in June 2023 for a contract period of one year.

BUILDING BACK BETTER COMMUNITIES & SUPPORTING RECOVERY

KEY



Complete






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4.10	COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	
4.10.1	 Build capacity, support, and make use of community groups to provide practical support (CWA, Lions, St Vincents De Paul, etc).	Council Not Responsible.
4.10.2	 Work with local schools to engage students in volunteering opportunities to support recovery.	Council not Responsible.
4.10.3	 Strengthen emergency services including through localised training opportunities for SES and RFS.	Council not Responsible.



5. Managing Council Resources/ Recovery Planning & Oversight

COUNCILS ROLE: DELIVERY

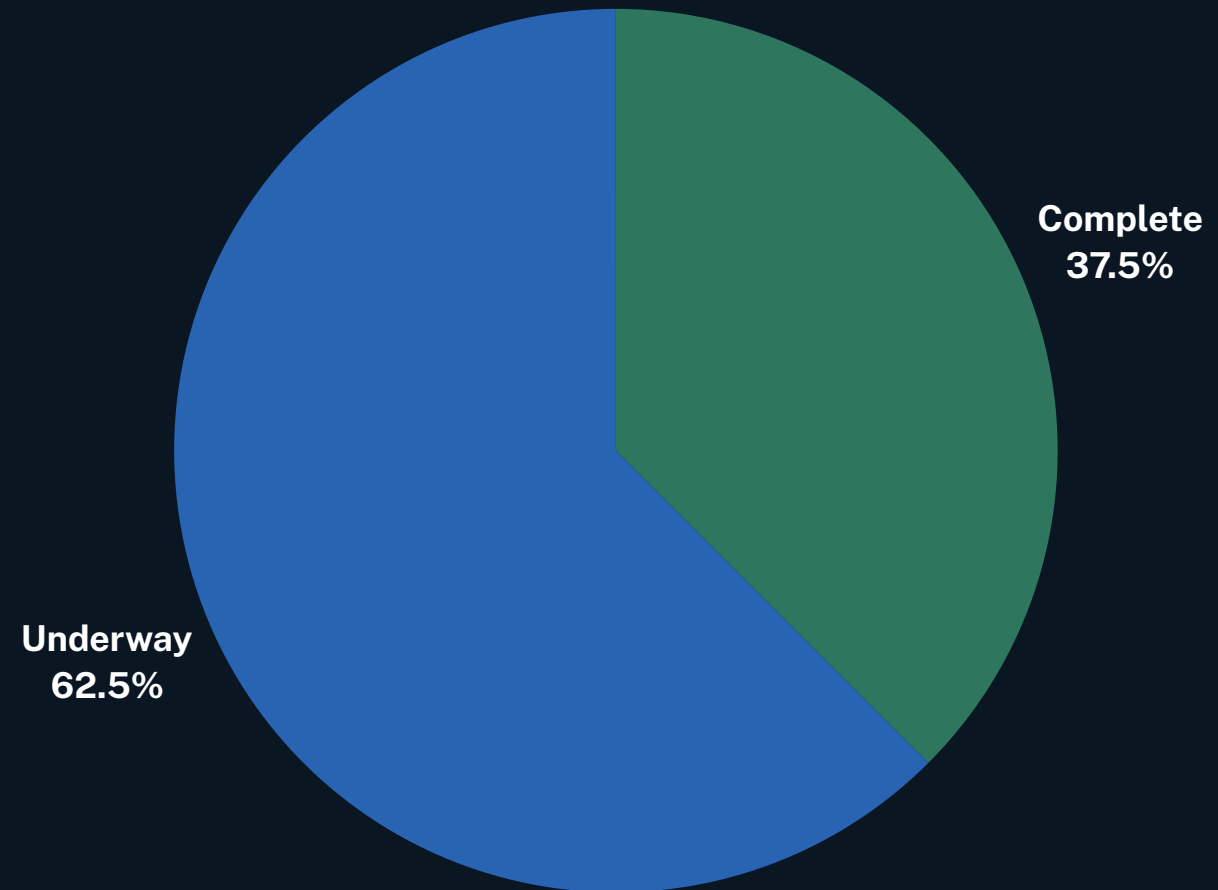
PROGRESS OF KEY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

During the recovery process in Cabonne, Council has successfully completed three of eight key actions related to managing council resources, recovery planning, and oversight.

These actions play a crucial role in ensuring the efficient allocation of resources and the effective implementation of the Cabonne Recovery Plan.

Through careful planning and oversight, Council has been able to streamline processes, monitor progress, and make informed decisions to support the community's recovery process.

By completing these actions, Council has demonstrated its commitment to responsible resource management and effective governance, laying a strong foundation for the successful implementation of the recovery plan.



MANAGING COUNCIL RESOURCES/ RECOVERY PLANNING & OVERSIGHT

KEY



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Underway



Not commenced



Council Not Responsible

5.1

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

5.1



In consultation with community develop and then implement the Cabonne Recovery Plan – Building Back a Better Cabonne.

The Cabonne Recovery Plan was finalised in June 2023.

5.2



Deliver a new suite of IP&R plans integrating actions from the recovery plan, and then monitor and report on progress to achieve the agreed strategies and actions.

Recovery Plan actions have been incorporated into both Councils delivery program and operational plan.

5.3



Undertake long term financial and asset management planning incorporating the damage to council and community assets and infrastructure and the impact on future capacity to deliver agreed levels of service.

Long term financial and asset management planning forms part of Council's ongoing IP&R requirements.

5.4



Develop new workforce management strategies to ensure council has the capacity and capability to deliver the plans.

The 2022-26 workforce strategy was developed and implemented into Council in 2022.

5.5



Strengthen engagement between council and community and provide information needed to make decisions for individuals and communities as a whole.

Council continues to maintain and provide communications through various channels including through local media, social media, household mailouts and letterbox drops, e-newsletters, via radio, through local progress associations and on Council's website.

5.6



Establish local recovery committee and community advisory groups with mechanisms for reporting on recovery activities and input from community on recovery priorities.

Working with our communities, Council has established both the *Cabonne Local Recovery Committee* and the *Eugowra Recovery Advisory Committee* with chosen representatives of the community. Council hosts these committee meetings on a monthly basis.

5.7



Advocate to other levels of government for ongoing support and funding.

Council continues to advocate to all levels of government for support and funding.

5.8



Deliver key actions and projects from the Cabonne Recovery Plan, ensuring alignment with Council's relevant rainfall mitigation strategy and the draft Cabonne Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

Actions within the Cabonne Recovery Plan incorporate climate adaptation and climate mitigation strategies. Council continues to pursue 'betterment' options over like-for-like replacements for capital works projects.



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