



**WHAT WE DO:**

QRA is charged with managing and coordinating the Government’s program of recovery and reconstruction works within disaster-affected communities, with a focus on working with our state and local government partners to deliver best practice administration of public reconstruction and resilience funds. QRA is also the state’s lead agency responsible for disaster recovery and resilience policy, working collaboratively with agencies and stakeholders to improve risk reduction and disaster preparedness.

**OUR VISION:**  
Stronger, safer, resilient Queensland communities.

**OUR PURPOSE:**  
Coordinate action to improve the resilience of Queensland communities and facilitate locally-led disaster recovery.

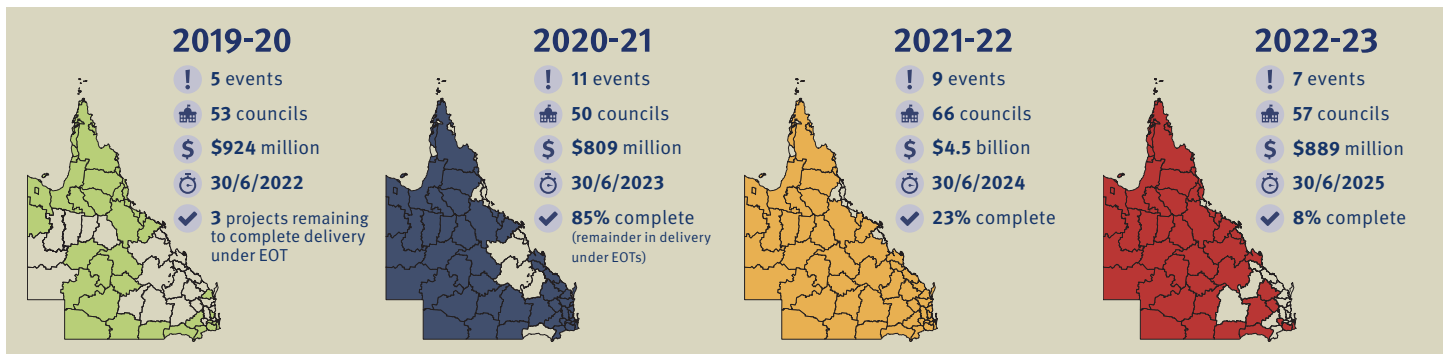
**DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND RESILIENCE GRANTS PROGRAM**

QRA is currently administering a recovery and reconstruction program under the joint Commonwealth State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) worth \$7.2 billion arising from 32 events from the 2019-20 to 2022-23 disaster seasons in the delivery and/or acquittal phase.

**CURRENT STATEWIDE PROGRAM**

**!** 32 events      **🏛️** 76 councils with an active program      **💰** \$7.2 billion



**IN JULY**

Following the end of the 2022-23 financial year, the focus of QRA’s activities in the administration of disaster assistance and resilience grants now shifts to supporting council and state delivery agents to compile and lodge their submission support eligibility of works delivered to 30 June 2023. Following this, QRA will complete eligibility assessments by 31 December 2023 to meet annual DRFA audit and claim requirements to the Commonwealth.

Under the DRFA, the estimated reconstruction cost (ERC) associated with the massive 2022 disaster season must also be established by 31 December 2023. Expected to be in the region of \$2.5 billion across the 66 council areas impacted in 2022, the task of finalising the ERC in accordance with DRFA requirements is significant and will be a key focus area for QRA over the next six months.

Concurrent with these significant assessment tasks, QRA also remains on the ground monitoring and supporting delivery agents to complete their programs in work in delivery, including around 125 projects from the 2020 and 2021 events’ programs that are being completed under extensions of time.

## RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

The Resilience and Recovery team within QRA provides leadership, coordination, direction and advice for the development and implementation of disaster resilience and recovery planning, policy, funding, and support.

To deliver on this commitment, roles and responsibilities are dispersed between and across levels of government and with key stakeholders.

### RECOVERY

QRA works extensively on natural disaster preparedness and recovery planning with stakeholders and communities impacted by major disaster events, increasing capability and awareness through active participation and providing support for local recovery governance.

### Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements activations – 2023-24 disaster season

The start of the new financial year has seen no activation of the DRFA for any event in July. The QRA Activations team is assessing a request for the activation of REPA for Bulloo Shire Council. The RLO is travelling out to Bulloo to work with Council and provide assistance with assessing extent of damage, noting the same weather event may have impacted Quilpie Shire also. QRA is working with those councils to support their activation requests.

Preseason preparedness activities are underway including the facilitation of DRFA training and capability development across local and state government and non-government organisations.

### Monitoring and Evaluation of Disaster Recovery Programs

QRA has commenced the monitoring and evaluation of the disaster recovery programs included in the extraordinary assistance package for the 2021-22 Southern Queensland Flooding events. The monitoring and evaluation team has been meeting with delivery agents to help inform an understanding of the status of the programs so they can be monitored throughout delivery. Workshops have been delivered with external consultants to capture insights, develop current status reports, prioritisation and risk assessments.

The proposed evaluations will examine the effectiveness, efficiency, appropriateness and implementation of the programs and consider whether the programs support disaster affected communities to become more sustainable and resilient. QRA has developed an overarching Disaster Recovery Evaluation Framework, which will form the basis for the evaluations undertaken and reporting developed.

### South East QLD Flood Reconstruction Monitoring – 15 Months

Between 10-14 July, QRA officers undertook the 15 Month Damage Assessment and Reconstruction Monitoring (DARM) on properties affected by the 2021-22 Southern Queensland Flooding events. Over 45 QRA officers assisted in assessing almost 2000 properties across 14 local government areas in South-East Queensland. Officers from Community recovery also joined forces with QRA teams in Ipswich and Brisbane to provide on the ground support to members of the community that required it.

In addition, representatives from the NSW Reconstruction Authority watched DARM being conducted by QRA in Ipswich and the QRA Resilience and Recovery team continue to provide our counterparts in NSW support in their development of a reconstruction monitoring capability.

DARM results found that of the homes and businesses impacted by the severe flooding in early 2022, almost 90% of homes impacted are no longer showing signs of damage. Of the 1960 properties assessed by the teams from 10-14 July 2023, 1025 were identified as no longer damaged. 935 properties remain damaged with 403 still deemed uninhabitable. This is the final post-disaster damage assessment operation for the 2021-22 Southern Queensland Flooding events. Data collected during the operation will be disseminated to relevant Councils and State Agencies to assist in the recovery of impacted communities.



QRA Officers during recent 15 Month post – SE QLD Floods DARM

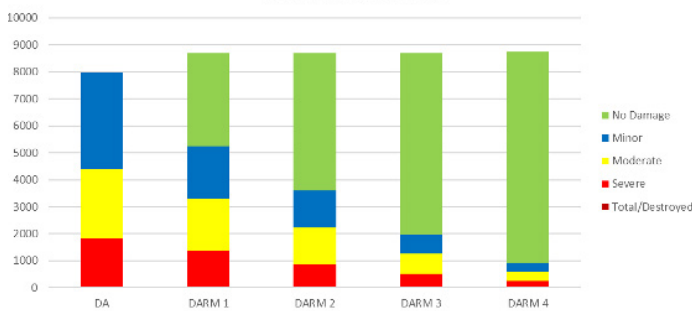


QRA CEO Jake Ellwood doorknocking during 15 month post – SE QLD Floods DARM



QRA and NSW Reconstruction Authority staff during 15 month post – SE QLD Floods DARM

South East Queensland Rainfall and Flooding, 22 February - 5 April 2022  
DARM Rate of Recovery



Graph showing the damage assessed during the 4 DARM operations since the flooding (at 3-months, 6-months, 12-months, and 15 months post-event)

### Engagement with Local Governments, other stakeholders, and the community

Throughout July, QRA Resilience and Recovery Officers (RRO) continued to engage with Local Governments and external stakeholders across the state. QRA’s Recovery team co-facilitated Recovery Exercise Infinitus with the Queensland Police Service (QPS), NSW Reconstruction Authority and Border Regional Organisation of Council, in St George, Balonne. The exercise brought together approximately 100 participants from multiple agencies including Local Government and State agencies. The aim of the exercise was to compare the respective recovery arrangements in NSW and Queensland, and identify areas that currently work well and areas where improvements can be made and gaps identified. A report will be developed and distributed to attendees.

QRA is also continuing to deliver Disaster Funding Arrangement training across the state. In recent training delivered at the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Kedron facility, participants included council and stakeholder staff from Brisbane City Council, Redland City Council, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council & QPS. A DFA training session was also recently held at Mareeba Shire Council and attended by participants from the surrounding region.

Preparation for the upcoming 2023-24 disaster season is well underway, with many LGAs currently developing, updating and finalising recovery sub-plans such as Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council and Mapoon Shire Council. RROs have also travelled to Mareeba Shire Council to deliver a recovery sub-plan workshop to assist the development of a recovery sub-plan and strengthen recovery capability in the region. The workshop was well received by Council and supporting agencies. The QFES EMC facilitated a Cyclone exercise that afternoon, which reinforced the learnings from the sub-plan workshop.



Resilience and Recovery Officer Siobhan Hessian presenting at the Cross-Border Recovery Exercise Infinitus

## DRFA Category C & D extraordinary assistance packages in delivery

### 2022-23 Northern and Central Qld Monsoon and Flooding event

Continuous rainfall throughout December 2022 and continuing into April 2023 caused significant long-term flooding and isolation for many councils in North West Queensland. QRA Regional Liaison Officers and RROs continue to work alongside councils, state agencies and Non-Government Organisations to support the recovery effort across the region.

QRA has been working with state Functional Recovery Groups and agencies to develop a suite of exceptional circumstances funding packages to support families and small businesses, primary producers and not-for-profit organisations severely impacted by the Northern and Central Qld Monsoon and Flooding event 2023.

Phase one and two of the Category C & D packages comprise:

Phase 1 – \$11.75 million	Phase 2 – \$5.25 million
<p><b>Primary producers</b></p> <p>Grants of up to \$75,000 are available for affected producers to hire or purchase equipment and materials, clean up, remove debris, replace fencing and other costs associated with the recovery process.</p>	<p><b>Mental Health</b></p> <p>\$1 million for community mental health to deliver targeted services to the people of Boulia, Burke, Carpentaria, Doomadgee and Mount Isa, supporting individuals, families and business owners who are doing it tough.</p>
<p><b>Small business and Not For Profits</b></p> <p>Grants of up to \$50,000 are available for affected small businesses and not for profits to hire or purchase equipment and materials, clean up, remove debris, replace or repair damaged infrastructure and stock and other costs associated with the recovery process.</p>	<p><b>Local Recovery and Resilience Grants</b></p> <p>\$4.25 million – grants of \$1 million each for the councils of Boulia, Carpentaria and Doomadgee, and \$1.25 million for Burke, to help with immediate recovery needs, upgrading damaged community infrastructure, buying equipment critical to community response, and to help build back to a more resilient standard..</p>
<p><b>Livestock recovery</b></p> <p>\$5.75 million – Coordinated livestock support and disposal package is to reimburse primary producers, local governments and non-government organisations for the extraordinary costs of undertaking livestock welfare activities in impacted areas.</p>	<p>QRA is continuing to work with councils, state agencies and the Commonwealth to determine what further recovery assistance and support may be required.</p>

## RESILIENT HOMES FUND

As at 31 July, 6548 homeowners have registered their interest in the **Resilient Homes Fund** with 5076 registrations active. Of these, 684 people registered their interest in the Voluntary Home Buy-Back program, 1598 in the house-raising and 1989 in the retrofit, with 805 people unsure which option is best suited to their individual needs.

Rollout of the **Voluntary Home Buy-Back** component of the Resilient Homes Fund has continued in Brisbane, Ipswich, Logan, Sunshine Coast, Fraser Coast, Gympie, Moreton Bay, Lockyer Valley, Goondiwindi, Somerset, Gold Coast and Noosa local government areas. As at 31 July, there have been 784 valuation inspections undertaken, 633 offers presented, 474 offers accepted and 285 contracts settled. Demolition of purchased properties has also commenced in multiple Councils, with 76 scheduled and 91 complete.

Further details: [Resilient Homes Fund Eligibility and funding factsheet](#)

### Property Level Flood Information Portals

Procurement for the Property Level Flood Information Portals (“the Portals”) continues, with offers currently being evaluated in order to deliver the project. The Portals project has the principal aim of assisting residents to understand, be more informed and better prepared for future flooding events by giving them access to flood risk information specific to their property.

Delivery of the Portals will enable any member of the public in an eligible local government area to enter their address into a locally hosted platform and obtain key information about flooding at their property. Where data is limited, the system will still be implemented using existing datasets and allow for updates as new data becomes available.

The project is funded under the Resilient Homes Fund.

### Flood studies, risk assessment and management strategies and intelligence systems (WP3)

The Peer Review and Technical Advisory Panel and the flood team continue to support councils in delivering their funded flood risk management projects under the \$31 million Flood Risk Management Program. \$18.25 million is available to 36 councils across 127 projects to invest in flood studies, flood risk management plans, and flood warning intelligence systems, so they’re better prepared for the threat of natural disaster.

This package is one of three made available through the \$31 million Flood Risk Management Program, which is funded through the 2021-22 DRFA extraordinary assistance package.

Other packages under the program include support for community engagement and education around disaster preparedness; and for remote sensing technology to create 3D maps and models of environments, to better understand potential risks.

## Emergency Response Fund - Flood Warning Infrastructure Network Program (FWIN 2.0)

QRA undertook two information sessions with 23 local councils, the Department of Transport and Main Roads, and the Bureau of Meteorology. The program was well received with high interest in upgrading and improving Queensland’s Flood Warning Network. The QRA is working with the Bureau to finalise funding opportunities within high priority catchment for flood forecasting infrastructure assets. Funding guidelines are being finalised and will be submitted to NEMA for approval.

The ERF FWIN program consists of \$7 million being made available through the \$75 million Emergency Response Fund for Queensland Flood Warning Infrastructure across 23 councils impacted by the 2022 South East Queensland flooding event. All elements of Flood Warning Systems will be eligible for funding under this program to improve Queensland’s Flood Warning Infrastructure.

Along with the announcement of FWIN 2.0, the Flood Risk Management team has also launched the Flood Warning Infrastructure Network website, now live at [www.qra.qld.gov.au/fwlin](http://www.qra.qld.gov.au/fwlin)

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu on the left with items like 'Flood risk and resilience', 'Queensland Flood Risk Management Framework', 'Flood risk metrics', 'Flood Warning Infrastructure Network', 'Queensland Strategic Flood Warning Infrastructure Plan', 'Asset types (FWIN)', 'Working together (FWIN)', 'Standards and guidelines (FWIN)', 'Bureau of Meteorology - National Disaster Warning Network', 'Local Government Masterplans and investment overview (FWIN)', and 'Flood classifications in Queensland'. The main content area includes a heading 'Flood Warning Infrastructure Network', a section 'On this page:' with links to 'About Queensland's Flood Warning Infrastructure Network (FWIN)', 'Strategic approach, investment and funding', 'Asset types, standards and guidelines, and flood classifications', and 'Working together'. Below this is 'About Queensland's Flood Warning Infrastructure Network (FWIN)' with a paragraph explaining the importance of flood warnings and a link to more details. At the bottom, there is a section 'Strategic approach, investment and funding' with three small images: a flood warning sign, a map of Queensland, and a flooded landscape.

## RESILIENCE

QRA is responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of whole-of-government policies for managing flood risks and improving the resilience of communities and facilitating mitigation against potential disasters.

As the most disaster-prone state in Australia and with on-going disaster impacts across the state, QRA is continually considering new ways to improve the safety and resilience of Queensland communities. This includes building trusted, reciprocal and robust relationships with community leaders, thought-leaders, and local, state, Commonwealth and international partners, and participating in a wide range of activities to inform our policies.

## Non-DRFA Resilience Funding Programs

Along with QRA’s lead role in managing and coordinating Queensland’s program of recovery and reconstruction funding within disaster-impacted communities, QRA also administers a range of disaster resilience funding programs on behalf of the State.

A number of resilience funding programs are currently in delivery helping to strengthen the disaster resilience and preparedness of Queensland communities.

### STATE OF ACTIVE NON-DRFA (RESILIENCE) GRANTS PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY QRA – AS AT 31 JULY 2023

Program	Approved \$	Approved projects	Projects completed
Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (2019-20)	\$13.1M	68	57
Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (2020-21) – includes \$6M Managing Disaster Risk	\$19.1M	82	18
Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (2021-22) – includes \$6M Managing Disaster Risk	\$19.1M	53	In-delivery
Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (2022-23)	\$10.1M	24	In-delivery
North Queensland Natural Disasters Mitigation Program	\$10M	22	In-delivery
Recovery and Resilience Grants - Stream 1 (2020-21)	\$11.5M	14 councils funded for 66 projects	In-delivery*
National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program (2020-21)	\$9.9M	3	In-delivery
National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program (2021-22)	\$0.894M	2	In-delivery

\* For this funding program completed full council projects will be displayed once all individual projects for that council have been completed.

## Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (2022-23)

Round four of the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (QRRRF) 2022-23 was announced to successful applicants on the 14 July 2023. 24 projects across 23 councils were approved state-wide, at a value of more than \$10.49 million. The QRRRF program is to help communities mitigate and manage the risks associated with natural disasters. This program is jointly funded by the Commonwealth Government (\$4.5 million) and the Queensland Government \$5.9 million).

## Reforms to the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements

QRA is implementing a number of disaster management reforms arising from two significant reviews – a review of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (the QFES Review) and a review of Queensland’s Disaster Management Arrangements (QDMA Review).

Recommendations from these reviews will see an increase to QRA’s responsibilities in the areas of resilience, risk reduction and disaster preparedness. Broadly, the resulting changes are:

- Transitioning of some disaster management functions from QFES to QRA (including hazard and risk, community engagement and some communications campaigns)
- Establishing a State Recovery and Resilience Group (SRRG) within the QDMA to provide strategic leadership on Resilience, Recovery, Prevention and Preparedness
- Expanding the remit of Functional Recovery Groups (FRGs) to include resilience
- Legislating the role of the State Recovery Policy and Planning Coordinator (SRPPC)
- Establishing clear lines of reporting from a State Recovery Coordinator to the SRPPC
- Transferring Ministerial responsibility for DRFA activations to the Minister responsible for QRA
- Increasing QRA staffing by 30 FTE to support these additional functions.

A Reform Implementation Taskforce (RIT) led by Queensland Police Service, has been established to address these two reform pieces. QRA is engaged in the RIT program of work and is collaborating with other agencies to progress the recommendations.

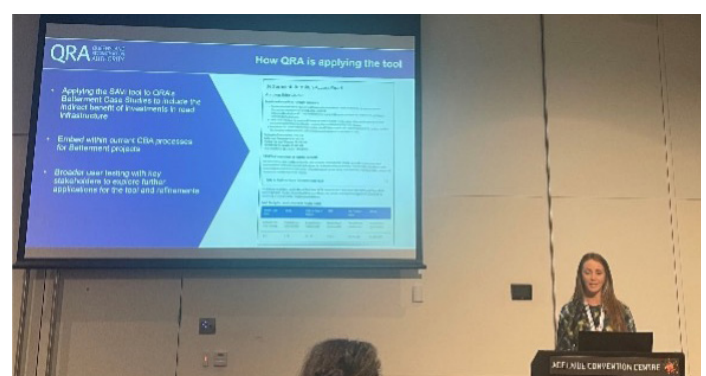
On 24 July, QRA participated in an in-person and virtual ‘Townhall’, an engagement session facilitated by the RIT for staff impacted by changes to disaster management responsibilities.

## Climate Adaptation Conference 2023

This month, QRA participated in the Climate Adaptation Conference 2023 - Australia’s preeminent event focused exclusively on climate vulnerability, impacts and adaptation. The event brought together leading adaptation professionals to present, share knowledge and experience, to network and strengthen the growing community of adaptation practice and research in Australia.

Jimmy Scott, General Manager Coordination and Integration, participated in a panel session on Living with extreme events, sharing QRA’s leading work in disaster resilience and recovery and highlighting Queensland’s experience in building back better. Rebecca Morris, Director Policy, presented on the [Sustainable Asset Valuation initiative \(SAVi\) Tool pilot project](#) which aims to value the intangible benefits of resilient road infrastructure projects. The tool was developed by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), in collaboration with QRA and has been tested against a range of Queensland Betterment Projects. Following the presentation, Rebecca joined a panel of experts from the insurance industry, CSIRO and Climate-KIC to discuss valuation techniques.

Through engaging with, and hearing from, experts across the nation QRA was given the opportunity to share experiences and learn how we can adapt to the changing climate and transform our approaches to climate and disaster risk management, to improve the resilience of our communities now and into the future.



**INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION**

QRA has established an Integration and Coordination function to drive an integrated and coordinated approach to QRA’s service delivery, ensuring the best possible recovery and resilience outcomes for Queensland communities.

The Division’s first priority is to establish the State Recovery and Resilience Group, a key recommendation of the Inspector General of Emergency Management (IGEM) review of the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements (QDMA) and guide the development of Functional Recovery and Resilience Groups (FRRGs).

The establishment of the SRRG and FRRGs most practically embeds resilience and greater interagency coordination as business as usual and is a key element to support the implementation of the Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience 2022-27.

The Division will also work with QRA’s leadership team to support the coordination of QRA external engagement and service delivery functions and to drive improved

engagement and collaboration with all stakeholders. Importantly, the Division will draw on organisational expertise and experience, along with key stakeholders across state, local and federal government, private sector, academia, non-government organisations to influence the wider policy agenda, and ensure that QRA continues to be an internationally recognised, national leader.



**GET READY QUEENSLAND (GRQ)**

GRQ is a year-round, community resilience program that helps Queenslanders prepare for disasters. The program integrates a state-wide research driven awareness campaign led by QRA, alongside a grass roots grants program providing \$2M across Queensland’s 77 councils and the Weipa Town Authority to deliver locally-led disaster preparedness initiatives.

**Johnathan Thurston renews commitment to Getting Ready**

Rugby league icon Johnathan Thurston has reconfirmed his commitment to encouraging Queenslanders to prepare for extreme weather by signing on as ambassador of GRQ for another two years. The Queensland superstar became GRQ Ambassador in 2019 and notably amplified public and media interest, elevating the program’s outreach and effectiveness.

Research conducted in 2022 has confirmed the positive impact of JT’s involvement in the program:

**Awareness:** An impressive 87% of Queenslanders know Johnathan Thurston. This level of recognition underscores the reach and effectiveness of Thurston’s advocacy efforts.

**Brand Recognition:** 83% of the surveyed population could identify Johnathan Thurston as the official ambassador for Get Ready Queensland. This further establishes the effectiveness of the partnership in promoting the program’s key messages.

**Endorsement:** 76% of respondents acknowledged that Johnathan Thurston is a compelling and effective spokesperson for GRQ. His ability to resonate with the audience and communicate the importance of preparedness has bolstered the program’s impact.

**Continued Partnership**

The renewal of Johnathan Thurston’s commitment to Get Ready Queensland for another two years is welcome news. By continuing his ambassadorship, Thurston will be able to build upon the momentum created since 2019 and further amplify the campaign’s reach and efficacy.



*GRQ Ambassador Johnathan Thurston with gives some young fans a life-long memory at the GRQ Week launch in 2022*

**PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT**

**SEQ FLOOD RECOVERY APPROACHES 90 PER CENT MILESTONE**

Of the approximately 8,700 homes and businesses identified as damaged following the catastrophic South East Queensland floods of 2022, 7,769 properties are now damage free.

This marks a current recovery rate of close to 90 per cent across 17 local government areas, from the Gold Coast to North Burnett and out to Western Downs.

In early July, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), assisted by Community Recovery Officers from the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts, conducted the fourth and final round of damage assessments for the 2022 SEQ floods.

More than two-thirds of properties that had outstanding damage during assessments in February and March 2023 were identified in these recent July assessments as being no longer damaged or only needing minor repairs.

QRA damage assessment and reconstruction monitoring (DARM) is an important part of Queensland’s disaster recovery process, capturing vital information that’s used to ensure impacted communities receive the assistance they need to recover.

As part of this latest DARM operation, QRA officers assessed 1,960 properties across 14 local government authorities throughout the south-east.

With almost 90 per cent of properties impacted by the 2022 floods no longer showing signs of damage we’re now concluding DARM for this event, however, we urge those in need of ongoing support to call our Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349.

Although we can’t stop natural disasters, we can strengthen our state’s resilience to them, and activities like DARM are critical to that.

QRA’s next DARM operation will take place in north-west Queensland following the record-breaking 2022-23 monsoon season.



*QRA CEO Major General Jake Ellwood, with QRA staff and Community Recovery Officers*



*DARM assessments in action – July 2023*



*QRA CEO Major General Jake Ellwood and Anthony Rea in Ipswich*



**PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT**

**FINAL STAGE OF FLOOD RECOVERY WORKS COMPLETED AT LOCKYER CREEK BRIDGE**

The final stage of flood repairs at Lockyer Creek Bridge on Gatton–Helidon Road were completed in late April 2023.

The bridge suffered severe erosion damage caused by unprecedented heavy rainfall and flooding events between February and March 2022, and again in May 2022. Pavement on the eastern approach to the bridge was also extensively damaged.

Immediately after the event, Transport and Main Roads conducted bridge inspections and undertook emergency works to make the road safe to reopen to traffic, including clearing broken pavement and completing temporary resurfacing.

Following completion of the design, reconstruction works were undertaken in December 2022 to repair erosion damage under Lockyer Creek Bridge and restore erosion protections.

In March 2023, further reconstruction works were undertaken to repair the eastern approach to Lockyer Creek Bridge. This involved pavement repairs to a 60-metre full-length section and two 40-metre half-width sections. The guardrail was also replaced.

Assistance will be provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).



*Lockyer Creek Bridge – abutment scouring (March 2022)*



*Lockyer Creek Bridge – restored rock protection (January 2023)*



*Gatton–Helidon Road – emergency works in progress at Lockyer Creek Bridge (March 2022)*



*Gatton–Helidon Road – pavement damage (March 2022)*



*Lockyer Creek Bridge – restored guardrail prior to final line-marking (March 2023)*

**PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT**

**EMERGENCY WORKS COMPLETED ON KEY NORTH-WEST ROUTE**

Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has reopened a key Gulf road link following widespread monsoonal flooding in February and March 2023.

The Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding event impacted the northern two-thirds of Queensland, with more than one-quarter of the state-controlled road network closed or under restricted access during the disaster event.

North-western Queensland was hardest hit when a tropical low dumped more than 500mm of rainfall over two days in early March 2023 in the Nicholson, Gregory and Leichhardt river catchments. Record flood levels were experienced at many townships around the Gulf of Carpentaria, including the isolated community of Burketown.

Gregory Downs–Camooweal Road was inundated for weeks, with major damage to unsealed sections. The road is an important north-western route linking Camooweal on the Queensland/Northern Territory border with Gregory, a pastoral town on the banks of the Gregory River about halfway between Camooweal and Burketown.

The road was temporarily closed for safety while emergency works were undertaken. Travellers were re-directed via the alternative route along the Barkly Highway through Cloncurry, north along the Burke Developmental Road and then west along the Wills Developmental Road (Julia Creek–Burketown).

TMR commenced emergency works, including grading and removing silt and debris, from the southern end of Gregory Downs–Camooweal Road on 29 March 2023. The road reopened on 21 June 2023 and emergency works were completed in late June 2023.

Damage sites requiring further repairs along Gregory Downs–Camooweal Road have been identified and reconstruction works are scheduled for completion by late December 2023, weather permitting.

Further damage assessments and repairs are underway on other impacted roads, with the full extent of damage anticipated to be significant.

Assistance will be provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).



*Gregory Downs–Camooweal Road – washouts following Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding (February 2023)*



*Gregory Downs–Camooweal Road – damage from Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding (April 2023)*



*Gregory Downs–Camooweal Road – river gravel over road at Police Creek (March 2023)*



*Gregory Downs–Camooweal Road – water over road at Seymour River (February 2023)*



*Gregory Downs–Camooweal Road – emergency works to remove gravel from road (June 2023)*