



ROADS

NEW BRIDGE OVER WHITEHEADS CREEK

Mitchell Shire Council is seeking a commitment from the State Government to build a multi-span bridge on Delatite Road over Whiteheads Creek to improve motorist and pedestrian safety.

THE ASK

\$800,000 for a new multi-span bridge on Delatite Road over Whiteheads Creek to replace an existing low lying, single lane Ford crossing which regularly floods even during smaller flood events.

THE BENEFITS

The construction of a bridge over the Whiteheads Creek will improve motorist and pedestrian safety and ensure road network connectivity is maintained during flooding events of the Whiteheads Creek.

CURRENT SITUATION

Mitchell Shire has a current population of approximately 45,000¹ and is one of the fastest growing councils in Victoria². In the next 25-30 years, our population is expected to grow to over 230,000³.

Seymour is the major town situated in the north of the Shire. It has a current population of 6,500 and is expected to grow to over 20,000 in the next 30 years⁴.

Whiteheads Creek catchment is 100km², and floods regularly. Currently, there is a low lying, single land ford crossing, and a number of rescues have been undertaken of motorists who have been stranded after attempting to use the ford during a flooding event.

Tragically, in 2016, this area of road was the cause of a fatality, after floodwaters swept a local man's van off the road, after a night of heavy rain⁵.

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