



## 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 45,000<sup>1</sup> and is one of the fastest growing councils in Victoria<sup>2</sup>. In the next 25-30 years, our population is expected to grow to over 230,000<sup>3</sup>.

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 years<sup>4</sup>.

Whiteheads Creek catchment is 100km<sup>2</sup>, 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 rain<sup>5</sup>.

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