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A number of creeks direct stormwater to the main township and then eventually through a series of earthen and concrete channels and drainage infrastructure. Bruce Street (the Main Street) is the main pathway for moving stormwater through the town and historically the most impacted location within the township.

Mayor Peter Matthey said that Council has had a significant ongoing investment in stormwater management infrastructure over the last ten years including a retention dam, earthen retention basin, drain upgrades and box culverts under Bruce Street. Box culverts under the Thiele Highway and drainage through the golf course and substantial intersection upgrades to Bruce Street and 3 Chain Road. A realignment of the intersection and stormwater upgrades from a concrete channel in Bruce Street to the water course on the Northern side of Bruce Street. Also improvements in Hannan Street to the underground stormwater system, side entry pits, kerbing and property access points.

However, Mayor Matthey recognises with the frequency and intensity of these events seemingly becoming more regular, Council needs to fast track a stormwater management plan for the entirety of Eudunda. Residents can't keep getting flooded, the existing systems are a mixture of old and new, some of the older systems are as old as the township itself and are no longer fit for purpose. While any new system will not be able to foresee every future storm event, a new system could be developed over the life of the Council asset management plan to improve the stormwater issues and help mitigate flooding.

The township has changed and development has created new challenges for the ageing system, some of which relate to the geometry of Eudunda itself, this will be difficult to overcome and will take time to design and implement Mayor Matthey said.

While Council develops a new stormwater management plan, Council will be seeking financial assistance from the Stormwater Management Authority, it will also continue to undertake mitigation works with some improvement work to one of the earthen channels scheduled in the coming year.



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