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Dear Resident/Business Owner

Bushman's Dam Flood Repair Project – Have Your Say

Parkes Shire Council is seeking community feedback on the Bushman's Dam Flood Repair Project, funded by the New South Wales Government under the Community Asset Program 2024.

Following the Natural Disaster in November 2022, which resulted in widespread flooding and damage across the Shire, Council submitted funding applications for impacted community assets. Bushman's Dam was successfully approved for funding of approximately \$670,000 to undertake restoration works. The project will primarily involve cleaning of the dam, retaining wall repairs and footpath reinstatement.

In addition to essential restoration works, Council will explore opportunities to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of the area. These improvements will complement the recent upgrades to the Splash Park and playground, with the aim of creating a cohesive, accessible and inclusive recreational precinct for the community.

What is being proposed

The proposed works aim to address ongoing flood management challenges and improve the long-term resilience of the site during significant rain events. In addition to improving flood capacity, the project presents an opportunity to enhance safety, accessibility and the overall functionality of the area.

Council is committed to listening to community feedback to help inform the final design and ensure an appropriate balance between preserving the character of Bushman's Dam and delivering infrastructure that meets future needs.

Community Consultation

Council invites community feedback on this proposal via the Have Your Say survey available on Council's website, or by scanning the QR code below.





Any written submissions should be emailed to council@parkes.nsw.gov.au or addressed to

General Manager
Parkes Shire Council
PO Box 337
PARKES NSW 2870

You may also complete the survey using the hard copy provided and return it in the enclosed paid postage envelope. All survey and written submissions close at **10:00am on 24 March 2026**.

Should you require any further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Project Officer, Miss Bronte O'Shannessy, on 02 6861 2333.

Yours faithfully



Logan Hignett
DIRECTOR OPERATIONS

DISCLAIMER

Parkes Shire Council invites you to participate in a survey (online and via hard copies) to provide feedback on this proposal.

Council wants you to know, as part of engaging with the survey, Council will be collecting your personal information to understand community views on the proposed changes to Bushman Dam, Parkes. This survey information is collected under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) and providing your information is voluntary, however, without it, we may not be able to consider your submission.

Your data will be stored securely and may be shared with consultants assisting the Council. You have the right to access and correct your personal information. For more details, see our Privacy Management Plan.

By completing this survey you acknowledge, in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 1998, that your submission received by Council from you containing personal information may be made public when the matter goes before Council for consideration, as it may be included in Council's Business Papers and stored on the website.

Thank you for your interest in this exhibition. By completing the feedback form, you agree to our privacy policy.

1. *How often do you visit Bushman's Dam?*

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|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> Never |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a year | |

2. *What is your connection to Bushman's Dam? (Select all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I live nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> I operate a business nearby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I regularly use the area for recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> I am a general Parkes resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I occasionally visit | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

Comments/Feedback _____
