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Repair work on Lake Anderson and retention basin to start

Repair work to Chiltern's water retention basin and Lake Anderson embankment will take place over the coming weeks.

The works are expected to reduce the impacts of floods in the future. The work on the Chiltern North Road Retention Basin is planned to commence on 20 July and take about three weeks. It will involve fixing the earthen structure, lime stabilisation and topsoiling of the embankments, and completion of a sand filter and bypass spillway.

Work on the Lake Anderson embankment will begin on 8 August and take about two weeks. The work will involve the construction of a sand filter and strengthening of the embankment with rock fill in the north-west corner near the swimming pool. The pool fence on the east side will be moved to accommodate the larger embankment. This work will ensure the integrity of the lake wall, which suffered from seepage after the floods last year.

Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said that works to the Chiltern retention basin began last year, but were not completed before the floods hit.

"In the floods last year, Chiltern took a bit of a battering. Houses and businesses were inundated, roads were closed and Council infrastructure was badly damaged," Cr Pockley said. "The floods were a one-in-100 year event. The intensity of the rain and strong wind over a short period of time was unprecedented, and this was the major reason for the flood damage. Now that some time has passed we have had a chance to reassess and plan future works in Chiltern. We are hoping that these works will help prevent the level of damage Chiltern suffered last year from occurring again."

Cr Pockley said repair work on roads damaged in last year's floods was also about to start.

"Council recently awarded a contract to undertake repair work in the western district of the Shire from Chiltern to Wahgunyah. Council applied for funding from the State Government's Disaster Relief Fund, which means the process took a bit longer before repairs could start. We hope to appoint a tender for the eastern part of the Shire in the next few months," Cr Pockley said.

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