



Memo to: Councillor Hill

Copy to: Mayor Watton, all Councillors, General Manager, Directors, Senior Leadership Group and Communications & Engagement Team

From: Cameron Clark, Acting Director Works and Infrastructure

Subject: Bathurst Street Sawyers Gully - Unsealed Road Maintenance

Date: 13 February 2026

Reference: CRM 1088/2026

Dear Councillor Hill

I refer to your enquiry on behalf of a resident, regarding maintenance on the unsealed section at Bathurst Street, Sawyers Gully:

Hi,

The below email has been sent to me by a local resident inquiring about maintenance on the unsealed section of Bathurst Street, in Sawyers Gully. Is it possible if this area has not recently been covered under the unsealed road schedule that council staff investigate to verify reports of conditions in this area?

Good Morning Mr Hill,

I apologise in regards to the email, but I had gotten it from Dan.

I would just like to raise that yet again Bathurst Street, Sawyers Gully has become extremely dangerous and unstable in some parts.

Before the rain last night it was terrible so you could imagine what it is like now.

As someone who lives along here and have done for 15 years, using this road daily with a horse float, it is simply dangerous to float a horse along this road, going well under the 50km speed limit or not.

I had a horse injury itself the last time (6 months ago) when the road was in this condition, just due to the fact you can not dodge the holes or ruts.

Not to mention also owning low cars as well as 4wd's, the low cars can not travel on the road in this state.

It has been 6 months since this road even had any attention to it, and even then immediately after being done it is not in the best condition, the drains are not done properly so the road goes back to the way it was after 1 down pour.

When we first moved in the road was tendered to every 3 months, now it is lucky to reach the 6 month mark and not without calling council to make everyone aware it is in need of care.

My question is, when can it be considered to tar the remainder of the road that is not currently tarred if the upkeep can't even be done in a timely manner?

I think at this stage I would be talking on behalf of everyone that lives on this road.

I appreciate the job that everyone does in council including yourself but this issue has been raised too many times to not be considered for it to be tarred.

It may not be that easy I am aware, but some consideration and potentially have it put forward to be done in the near future.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this.

I hope the road can be safe again soon.

Council officers have investigated the subject matter and advise as follows:

- Works have been programmed to carry out repairs on the road.
- These works are expected to be completed by the end of February 2026, subject to weather conditions.
- The cost of upgrading and sealing unsealed roads is significant. Council's Existing Unsealed Road Policy outlines the criteria for sealing unsealed roads, and in accordance with this policy, the unsealed section of Bathurst Street is not planned for upgrade or sealing.

Please note a copy of this memo will be uploaded to the Council website.