

## **Update on WANDRRA Funding**

The Shire of Narembeen apologises for the delay in road repairs due to storm damage around the Shire.

The Office of Emergency Management has advised as follows:-

The new Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon. Fran Logan MLA has signed Western Australia's proposal to use local government day labour to repair or re-construct roads damaged by the flooding. The proposal is now with the Federal Minister for Justice, Michael Keenan MP for consideration of proposed options to progress the day labour issue.

With the current events taking place in Queensland and New South Wales, Michael Keenan's office is working through its top priorities.

Our multi-agency working group is continuing to draft the framework and endeavour to be ready to consult with the Commonwealth when they have confirmed their preferred position.

A working group, including State Government agencies and local government representatives, has been developing a proposal for approval by the Commonwealth Government to use local government day labour to repair or re-construct roads damaged by the flooding.

The working group is currently examining the implications of the proposal which seeks to provide flexibility for local governments to repair or re-construct roads in a cost-effective and timely manner. Under the WANDRRA arrangements local governments cannot claim most of the costs associated with using their internal workforce to undertake these works.

The new Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon. Fran Logan MLA, is aware of the extent of the damage caused by the flooding and seeks a speedy resolution of the matter that best meets the needs of local governments. The Minister wants to ensure the full cost implications for local governments and the State Government are fully considered.