As you will remember, the flood events in June 2016 caused significant damage to infrastructure in our municipality. It has been a long process for the council with repairs, but I’m pleased to report that there has been great progress with the Lapoinya Road timber bridge over the Flowerdale River and the stormwater infrastructure at Smarts Road, Dowlings Creek. A new dual lane concrete bridge on Lapoinya Road is now complete, except for some additional minor roadworks at the approaches, which will be done in the next couple of weeks. A dual lane concrete bridge has also been constructed on Smarts Road and will be finished after some guard rail works, which have been scheduled for completion within a couple of weeks. Photos showing a contrast of what the bridges looked like after the floods and how they look now can be viewed on the council’s Facebook page.

The first information session for the Australian Masters Games was held in Wynyard last week. The Masters Games run from October 21 to 28, with more than 5000 athletes expected to participate in various sports. BMX, football, sailing, canoe, kayak, stand-up paddle board, archery, volleyball, fly fishing and trail running will all be played in our area and organisers are looking for volunteers to help out with these events. For more information you visit www.australianmastersgames.com

A reminder that construction works are now underway for a roundabout at the intersection of Dodgin and Goldie Streets. These are expected to last about 12 weeks. I ask for the public’s patience during this time as it may cause short-term disruption, but will have a long-term benefit.