COUNCIL is expected to start urgent repairs very soon on three bridges damaged by storms last month. Last week Council agreed to proceed with urgent repairs on the bridges on Lapoinya Road, Ingleford Road and Smarts Road. The total cost of replacing the three bridges is about $1.9 million, including contingencies. Council expects to receive 75% of this sum to be refunded through the Tasmanian Disaster Relief and Recovery arrangements, leaving an own source funding requirement of $478,000. Works on all three roads are expected to be complete by September 2016. Council has already completed landslip repair works on Lowries Road, which demonstrates the speed at which we have been able to react to these issues. However, there are still a number of projects to be complete and I thank residents for their patience during this time and hope all repairs will be done within the next six months.

IF YOU know someone in the community who goes above and beyond, now is the time to nominate them for a Tasmanian Community Achievement Award. The awards, which are now in their tenth year, are designed to encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions individuals, communities and businesses are making throughout Tasmania. There are a number of categories including in the areas of health achievement, sustainability and many more. For more information please visit www.awardsaustralia.com or contact 6234 9677.