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Council thanks flood volunteers

The Huon Valley Council would like to thank all the volunteers and emergency services workers who worked through the night on Thursday 14 July to help locals cope with the floods.

The Huon River peaked at 4.3 metres and delivered the worst flooding in more than 20 years before subsiding in the afternoon.

Council workers and SES volunteers helped sandbag shops to try and stop the water in the Main Road, which reached 60cm deep in some places, from inundating the local businesses.

They were out at night as the river rose, and continued to work with Tasmanian Police throughout the early morning.

As the town gets back to business, Huon Valley Mayor Peter Coad says he was proud of the way Council and emergency services worked together.

“Council’s Emergency Management Team, headed by Municipal Coordinator Rebecca Bell did a great job through the night. Coordinating resources and ensuring relevant information got to the right people would not have been easy given those circumstances.

“Workers from the depot, the Council’s Environmental Health Officers, the Executive Services team and animal control officers, along with the Customer Service staff all played their part in ensuring the damage was mitigated where possible.



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“We then moved into the recovery phase, which is helping the businesses and residents clean up.

“It’s an unfortunate part of living where we live, but the resilience the community showed during the emergency is heartening. It’s when communities such as ours are threatened that we come together to help each other out, and that is evident from the recent floods” he said.



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