



MINUTES

FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SOUTHERN AREA)

at 5.00 pm

Thursday 25 February 2021

In Attendance

D Figliomeni – Councillor Delegate (Chair), A Monk – Transport for NSW, J Humphries – SES Illawarra/South Coast Region, A Aquiar – SES Illawarra/South Coast Region, R Laine – Department of Planning Industry & Environment, A Clarke – Community Representative, R Thompson - Consultant, H Sommerville – Consultant, D Green – Land Use Planning Manager, I Ghetti – Transport and Stormwater Services Manager (Acting), O Garrat-Symes – Floodplain Management Engineer, S Srbinovski – Senior Stormwater Development Engineer, J Harris – Floodplain and Stormwater Unit Leader (Acting), R Dorman – Administration Officer



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1 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.1 Welcome and Introduction

In line with NSW Health guidelines about Novel Coronavirus, we have made some changes to the way we are engaging the community, to keep our staff and people in our community safe. Instead of having face-to-face conversations with people, meetings are currently being conducted via Teams.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

The traditional owners of the land were acknowledged.

1.3 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Cr Walters, G Towers, S Milling, C San Gil, J Conran, P Newcombe, T McClure and N Pomfret.

1.4 Disclosures of Interests

Nil

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 August 2019 were accepted.

2 FLOOD MANAGEMENT UPDATE

2.1 Flood Study Reviews

Flood study reviews for all main catchments (Mullet Creek, Brooks Creek, Duck Creek, Minnegang Creek and Kully Bay) have been completed and adopted by Council.

Update provided and accepted.

2.2 Macquarie Rivulet Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan review

Macquarie Rivulet Flood Study is under review, led by Shellharbour City Council.

For information.

2.3 Lake Illawarra Flood Study review

Consideration is being given to the review of the Lake Illawarra Flood Study and Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan between Wollongong City Council and Shellharbour City Council.

2.4 Mullet Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan

The consultant provided an update of the Flood Study Review as part of the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. The Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan will continue and, once the preferred options have been identified, these will be presented to the committee prior to public exhibition.

2.5 Duck Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan

Wollongong City Council is exploring the option to carry out the Duck Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan in house, pending agreement from Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. This is expected to be largely a planning and development control focussed study as there is little existing risk in this catchment.

2.6 Minnegang Creek and Kully Bay Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan

Council is planning to apply for funding for the joint review of the Minnegang Creek and Kully Bay Floodplain Risk Management Plan. The funding applications close in March and we expect to find out if we are successful later in the year (2/3 funding as part of the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Grants).

2.7 Brooks Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan

Council is planning to apply for funding for the review of the Brooks Creek Floodplain Risk Management Plan. The funding applications close in March and we expect to find out if we are successful later in the year (2/3 funding as part of the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Grants).

2.8 Implementation of Flood Mitigation Options

Brooks Creek Catchment:

- Byamee Street Debris control Structure – design underway.

Mullet Creek Catchment:

- Install Flap gate on pipe below Kanahooka Road – completed
- Fowlers Road extension – provide reliable access to Horsley and West Dapto during the 1% AEP Flood – completed.
- Voluntary House Purchase – 23 Burringbar Street, Dapto – completed.

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Actions from previous meeting:

- SES to provide flood rescue data along Northcliffe Drive area – data has been received by Council.
- Council to investigate flood alert box and flood barriers respectively at the bottom of Mt Ousley Road and Warrawong Shopping Centre – Council has investigated flood alert box and note it is privately owned. Discussions with owners have taken place regarding getting the system operational. The flood barriers are a matter of development consent for the Shopping Centre and have been followed up with the owners.
- Council to inspect the area downstream of Anama Street to consider potential debris that may block downstream culverts – it was noted that this catchment is in Fairy and Cabbage Creek catchment and would be better suited to the Central Floodplain Committee. Notwithstanding this, Council has recently carried out works to reduce vegetation that may contribute to flooding in this section of creek.

3.2 New Business

SES Review of Studies:

J Humphries of SES asked generally regarding consultation with SES for Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan and how this would be carried out. Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the guidelines from the State Government, which require consultation with SES on the draft plan.

4 NEXT MEETING

A date for the next meeting is yet to be decided.

5 CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 5.34pm.

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