

FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NORTHERN AREA



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Thursday 4 June 2026 at 4.30 PM

In Attendance

Cr Richard Martin (Chair)	Councillor Delegate
Shaza Raini	Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water
Andrew Monk	Transport for NSW
Amanda Pollock	SES Illawarra/South Coast Region
Warwick Erwin	Community Member
Nathan McBriarty	Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning (Council)
Manel Mariner	Floodplain and Stormwater Manager (Council)
David Green	Land Use Planning Manager (Council)
Yelia Pandika	Floodplain Management Engineer (Council)
Motiur Rahman	Floodplain Management Engineer (Council)
Ali Sevenler	Floodplain Management Engineer (Council)
Clare Robinson	Emergency Management Officer (Council)
Erin Askew	WMA Water (Consultant)

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1 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1.1 Welcome and Introduction

Committee members introduced themselves, including Councillors, Council staff, community representative and State Government agencies representatives.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Richard Martin gave an acknowledgement of Country.

1.3 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of:

- Cr Jess Whittaker (Councillor Delegate)
- Cr Ryan Morris (Councillor Delegate)
- Graham Towers (Department of Planning & Environment – Southern Region)
- Nathan Pomfret (Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water)
- Kristian Kumbier (Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water)
- Stuart Milling (Transport for NSW)
- Matthew Boys (Transport for NSW)
- Dylan Whitelaw (SES Illawarra/South Coast Region)
- Susan Jarnason (Community Member)

- Ray Piatek (Council)
- Elliot Jones (Council)
- Josh Heins (Council)
- Thao Doan (Council)
- Rhys Thorpe (Council)

1.4 Disclosures of Interests

No disclosures of interest were raised.

2 FLOOD MANAGEMENT UPDATE

2.1 Hewitts Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan

Erin Askew from WMA Water delivered an insightful presentation on the final draft of the Hewitts Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. She guided the audience through the study area, clearly explaining flood behaviour across the landscape and what it means for the community's flood risk exposure. Key outcomes are:

- The presentation explains Flood Risk Management Process, current stage and future approval pathway.
- The study considered a spectrum of flood mitigation measures across the catchment, assessed and ranked them based on a range of criteria including economic, social, environmental and others.
- The study recommended a selection of mitigation measures covering property modification measures, flood modification measures and response modification measures.
- Community feedback from April 2024 flood event has been considered in preparation of the plan.

- The presentation highlighted the strong level of community engagement in this project, noting the positive and supportive feedback that shape the final plan.
- Community representative Warwick Erwin raised question about the implementation timeframe of the recommended flood modification measures. Erin explained that next step is investigation and detailed design of the recommended measures before they go for construction. ISP manager Nathan McBriarty indicated that implementation will be based on priority and depends on available (State/Federal) funding and Council resources. Council delivers these infrastructure projects through its Infrastructure Delivery Program. DCCEEW representative provided overview of the funding application timeline and limitations of budget.
- The presentation sought the committee's endorsement to support adoption of the Plan by Council.

Committee voted unanimously to endorse the Hewitts Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan for Council adoption.

2.2 Memorial Drive Debris Control Structure

Manel Mariner from Council updated the committee on the completion of Memorial Drive Debris Control Structure.

2.3 Otford Causeway

Manel Mariner from Council updated the committee on the upcoming installation of flood signs at the Otford Causeway.

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Community Education

Discussion was held regarding community expectations around communication and updates. Council will continue to work with the community to maintain transparency and provide updates with timelines or milestones of committed projects approved in the Delivery Program or Infrastructure Delivery Program.

4 NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

5 CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 5.40pm.