

FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – NORTHERN AREA



3 May 2023

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

Under the NSW Government's Floodplain Development Manual (2005), a Floodplain Risk Management Committee is required to assist Councils in the development and implementation of Floodplain Risk Management Plans across their respective Local Government Areas. A Floodplain Risk Management Committee for the Central Area has been formed to oversee this process for the Hewitts Creek, Collins Creek and Towradgi Creek catchments.

MEMBERS

Cr Mithra Cox	Councillor Delegate
Cr Richard Martin	Councillor Delegate
Cr Cameron Walters	Councillor Delegate
Andrew Monk	Transport NSW
Nathan Pomfret	Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Stuart Milling	Transport NSW
Graham Towers	Planning NSW
Rodney Whalan	SES Illawarra/South Coast Region
Shaza Raini	Environment NSW
Jen Byrne	Community Representative
Robert Smith	Community Representative
Jeremy Morgan	Manager Infrastructure Strategy and Planning
Andrew Heaven	Development Engineering Manager
David Green	Land Use Planning Manager

INVITED

Isabelle Ghetti	Transport and Stormwater Services Manager
Manel Mariner	Floodplain + Stormwater Unit Leader
Ray Piatek	Senior Stormwater and Floodplain Design Engineer
Yelia Pandika	Floodplain Management Engineer
Robert Dinaro	Floodplain Management Engineer
Ali Sevenler	Floodplain Management Engineer
Clare Robinson	Emergency Management Officer
Glenda Fewings	Administration Officer (Minutes)
Erin Askew	WMA Water (Consultant)
David Tetley	Catchment Management Solutions (Consultant)

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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 safe. Instead of having face-to-face conversations with people, meetings are currently being conducted via Teams.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

“We pay our respects to and acknowledge the traditional custodians of Dharawal Country, the land on which we meet, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and those emerging. We also extend our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present here today.”

1.3 Nomination of Chair

[Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council - Monday, 27 June 2022 \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

1.4 Apologies

TBA

1.5 Disclosures of Interests

To be advised in the meeting.

1.6 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on (3 November 2022)

[Minutes from previous meeting](#)

2 FLOOD MANAGEMENT UPDATE

2.1 Towradgi Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan

Public exhibition of the document closed on 21 November 2022. Following the closure of the exhibition period, the submissions received from the community have been consolidated/reviewed. An overview of the submissions received and how they have been considered in the final draft plan will be provided at the meeting.

It is proposed that the committee recommend that Council adopt the Towradgi Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (2023).

2.2 Hewitt's Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan

An update on the progress of this project will be presented at the meeting.

Following recent flooding in the catchment and consultation with local residents, additional potential options were identified for consideration.

When a draft is ready for exhibition we will and action the minutes of the previous meeting related to this matter, being:

- the reports are to be presented to committee prior to exhibition.
- Cr Martin requested advice be provided to Thirroul Village Committee and Northern Illawarra Residents Action Group as part of the exhibition.

- When an update is available, Lachlan Street residents to be provided with an update by Council officers, prior to the exhibition

2.3 Collins Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan

An update on the progress of this project will be presented at the meeting.

2.4 Update on Implementation of Floodplain Risk Management Plans

Implementation of recommended engineered measures by the FRMSPs is undertaken under the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP).

The *senior Stormwater and Floodplain Design Engineer* will provide an update on the following projects that will provide flood mitigations benefits to our community:

- **Bellambi Gully Flood Mitigation Scheme** – Funding received through National Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Program for Stage 1 and 2. Further funding for stage 3 has been sought from NSW Flood Recovery Resilience Grant Program and awaiting an outcome. Tender process is in progress with works expected to start on stage 1 and 2 in the next months.
- **Gordon Hutton Park Debris Control Structure** – Design has been completed and tender awarded for construction.
- **Russell Vale Golf Course Debris Control Structure** – Design has been completed and tender awarded for construction.
- **Albert Street/Memorial Drive Debris Control Structure** – Design in progress and approvals are being sought to finalise.
- **Brompton Road Debris Control Structure** – Design has been completed and tender awarded for construction.
- **Ursula Road Scheme** – Flood mitigation works in the vicinity of Ursula Road, Benelong Street and Trinity Row are proposed. The concept design has been completed and detailed design has been commenced in-house. In addition, Council has applied for funding under the Floodplain Management Program 2023 for implementation of the high priority option WC06 i.e., proposed levees at Franklin Avenue, Spinners Way and Benelong Street.

As importantly, other recommended flood mitigation measures include:

- raising flood awareness and providing flood information
- sharing flood intelligence and information with the SES
- updating our Planning and Development controls related to flooding

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

4 NEXT MEETING

To be advised

5 CLOSE MEETING