

MEETING NAME	Floodplain Risk Management Committee
ATTENDEES	Mike Nelson (Manager Assets, Transport and Engineering) Chair, Ian Berthon (Investigation & Design Engineer), Peter Nunn (Infrastructure Coordinator), Mark Ruddiman (Senior Strategic Planner, Shire Planning and Advocacy), Stephen Gardiner (Manager Shire Planning, Head of Advocacy), Assets, Transport and Engineering Administration Officer, Minute Taker. Mayor Matt Gould, Councillor Ally Dench Community Members: Ahmet Karafistan, Michael Beveridge, David Lazzaro Warick Honour -Principal Engineer, Water Resources Worley Consulting Wafaa Wasif (DCCEEW) Amanda Pollock (SES)
APOLOGIES	Councillor Paul Rogers, Glenn Becker, Janell Sercombe
DATE	4 June 2025
TIME	4pm

ITEM	NOTES
Attendance and Apologies	Noted
Confirmation of Minutes	Noted the April 2024 Minutes were confirmed at that time.
Declaration of Interest	Nil
Introduction from Council Staff and Community Members	Council staff present introduced themselves. Community members present introduced themselves.
Overview of the Terms of Reference, including Code of Conduct	The Chair Mike Nelson provided a verbal update and overview of Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct. Community members present signed Declaration form confirming understanding of Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct at the end of the meeting.

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Matters Arising from Previous Minutes	Wollondilly Flood Study update and Presentation given by Warick Honour (Principal Engineer, Water Resources Worley Consulting) • Warick Honour provided a history and update on the Wollondilly Flood study • ADAC files are being used to assist with model – Note. <u>ACTION</u> 1. A further report for the committee's consideration 2. Copy of presentation to be shared
	Stonequarry Risk Management Plan Implementation Projects
	Western Basin Feasibility • Warick Honour presented on the range of basin options explored • No option presenting a favourable benefit, noting all have significant costs (ie poor benefit cost ratio) • A discussion of bio diversity offset costs for the construction footprint confirmed that no bio diversity offsets are currently factored into costs and these would further reduce the BCR • A discussion of the consideration of options (multiple basins) noted that basins need to be located apart from each other to avoid 'overlaps' in ponding extents and small basins fill up too quickly to provide benefit in larger events <u>ACTION</u> 1. A further report for the committee's consideration 2. Copy of presentation to be shared

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	Floodway Improvement & Voluntary Purchase • Warick Honour presented on the range options explored • Two options with some merit are to be explored further • A discussion noted that existing businesses are experiencing difficulty after the 2016 event and even a lesser event may result in permanent closure. The discussion was unable to confirm if the damages tool used includes consideration of the economic impact if shops were unable to open after an event. • A discussion of flood gates like Venice uses at shops noted that the option has been considered in the adopted Risk Management Plan and the cost would be on shop owners. It would also be difficult to implement noting how quickly flood waters rise and the short warning time. It would result in lots of “false alarms” that would be disruptive to businesses. Also, floods don’t always happen during business hours. • A discussion noted that channel widening in general was examined in the Flood Plain Risk Management Study but it was not recommended for adoption in the Management plan. <u>ACTION</u> 1. A further report for the committee’s consideration 2. DCCEEW to confirm assumptions in damages tool and whether it includes consideration of shops remaining closed after an event 3. Copy of presentation to be shared

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	Menangle St and Picton Road Evacuation Route • Warick Honour presented on the range options explored and initial findings • Mainstream flooding (1% AEP event) is not influencing road culvert capacity • Analysis of culverts using 1hr storm for 1 in 500 AEP flood event to ensure capacity when needed • Need to work out how to quantify benefit • A Heritage culvert on Menangle St that needs to be taken into consideration was noted • A discussion of works identified on State Roads (both Menangle St and Picton Rd) noted that State be responsible for implementing? • costs and benefits need to be confirmed and benefits may be minor • Investigation works ongoing <u>ACTION</u> 1. A further report for the committee's consideration 2. Copy of Presentation to be shared
New Business	New Projects • Ian Berthon presented on the Risk Management Study of Villages (not started) • The scope to cover Warragamba / Silverdale, The Oaks, Appin, Bargo/Yanderra. • A new grant application is pending that seeks to embed Strategic Flood Management at Council in accordance with the Floodplain development manual.

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General Business	• The committee was asked to provide input for items to be discussed in future meeting, especially with respect to the Wollondilly Flood study: • Councillor Dench requested further information regarding the community feedback process from the Flood Study Engagement -how are we dealing with the information and how are we feeding back to the community? Is there any education back to the community? How are we using definitions and include a narrative for properties on the edge of flooding? Suggested Education and clarification on the meaning of technical terms such as 1 in 100 etc. How do we bring in the Insurance industry and engage with them? • A discussion noted that Council are using the draft flood information in the assessment of development applications. <u>ACTION</u> 1. At the next committee meeting a detailed presentation be given on the assessment of the feedback from the flood study engagement

MEETING CLOSE: 6:06pm

NEXT MEETING: 30 July 2025

REFERENCE: CM 10142#