

MEETING MINUTES

FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Attendees	Mike Nelson (Infrastructure Engineering) Chair, Ian Berthon (Senior Stormwater and Floodplain Engineer), Peter Nunn (Infrastructure Coordinator), Mark Ruddiman (Senior Strategic Planner, Shire Planning and Advocacy), Martin Cooper (Director Shire Futures), Aimee Lee (Development Services Team Leader), Sally Fairley (Infrastructure Engineering - Finance and Administration Officer) - Minute Taker. Mayor Matt Gould, Councillor Ally Dench Community Members: Michael Beveridge (online), David Lazzaro (online) Ahmet Karafistan (online), Wafaa Wasif (DCCEEW) (online) Harrison Pietsch (NSW SES) (online)
Apologies	Councillor Suzie Brandstater, Councillor Paul Rogers, Amanda Pollock (NSW SES), Janell Sercombe
Meeting Date	29 July 2026
Meeting Time	4pm

ITEM	ACTION / OFFICER
Attendance and Apologies	Noted
Confirmation of Minutes	Noted the November 2025 Minutes are accepted.
Matters Arising from Previous Minutes	The following items were completed in conjunction with the report to Council for adoption of the Wollondilly Flood Study: • FAQs Updated • New graphics and diagrams were produced • New explainer video was produced • Committee recommendation reported to Council • Councillor strategic workshop was held 10 February 2026

1. WOLLONDILLY FLOOD STUDY - COUNCIL ADOPTION	
1.1	The committee noted that the Wollondilly Flood Study was adopted by Council in May 2026
1.2	Presentation by Ian Berthon (Senior Stormwater and Floodplain Engineer). The Committee were shown the updated web site with the additional information Discussion noted that: • The web site does not currently explain how to request a review. • The web site does not currently provide information on the implications for development of land with flood mapping • The public mapping currently includes both the draft mapping and the final mapping. • Hazard mapping is available for the draft mapping but not the final mapping. • Flood mapping colours are repeated in different mapping layers and causing some confusion with community members. • The consultant is preparing a final set of mapping that includes the missing hazard mapping. • When the final mapping is received, it will be uploaded and the draft mapping removed. <u>Actions:</u> 1. Investigate inclusion of the review process on the web site 2. Investigate inclusion of information for development of flood mapped land. 3. Upload the full set of final flood mapping Review the colour palette and revise if appropriate.
2. UPDATES ON CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY	
2.1	Presentation by Peter Nunn (Infrastructure Coordinator). The Committee were shown details of the draft Climate Change and Natural Hazards SEPP from NSW Government. Discussion noted that:

	The SEPP is expected to be finalised (by DPHI) by the end of the year and set a range of minimum SSP emissions scenarios to be considered in future planning decisions. DCEEW are also expecting to finalise an update to FB01 - Understanding and Managing Flood Risk to provide additional guidance. The draft Climate Change SEPP was provided for information purposes only. More consideration of land use planning for climate change flood planning and communication challenges and opportunities will be presented back at a further meeting.
3. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN FOR WOLLONDILLY DETAILED FLOOD STUDY AREAS	
3.1	Presentation by Ian Berthon (Senior Stormwater and Floodplain Engineer). The Committee were taken through the draft program for the project. Discussion noted: The study area covers Warragamba, Silverdale, The Oaks, Appin, Bargo and Yanderra. Expected community engagement: • in early 2027 seeking suggestions for mitigation options from the community • in late 2027 for the exhibition of draft flood risk management studies
4. CONSOLIDATED STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT AT WOLLONDILLY	
4.1	Presentation by Ian Berthon (Senior Stormwater and Floodplain Engineer). The Committee were made aware of this new project comprising; • Governance of Flood Risk Management (FRM) • Flood Risk in Strategic Planning and Integrated Planning & Reporting (IP&R)

5. GRANT APPLICATIONS

5.1

Presentation by Ian Berthon (Senior Stormwater and Floodplain Engineer).

Discussion noted:

Recent Infrastructure Grant Applications

Burraborang Rd at Mt Hunter

Douglas Park Drive

Recent Successful Grant Applications

Radnor Road Bargo

Hawthorne and Johnston Roads Bargo

pNext round of Flood Grants in April 2027

Potential Projects

- More Detailed Studies – Douglas Park, Oakdale, Wilton & Buxton
- FRMS&P for Picton, Tahmoor and Thirlmere
- FRMS&P for Broadscale Study Area

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1

Discussion noted the benefits of more information on the FAQ sheet for the community wishing to develop.

Actions:

Develop a pathway option and more information on the FAQ sheet.

6.2

Discussion noted that Cameras have been installed at Stonequarry, Cobbitty and Buxton – they are operational only at this stage with the intention to make them public.

Actions:

Investigate public access to cameras.

Meeting close: 5pm

Next meeting: 23 September 2026 at Wollondilly Shire Council in the Banksia Boardroom at 4pm

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