

# 07 February 2023 – Floodplain Management Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

**9:30 am Spotted Gum Room**

**MidCoast Council Administration Centre**

**Yalawanyi Ganya**

**Meeting opened 9:32**

**Notetaker: Peter Hatton**

<b>Attending</b>	<p>Cr Alan Tickle -Chair          Cr David West – Deputy Chair          Evan Vale - MCC          Peter Hatton – MCC          Donna Hudson - MCC          Scott Nicholson - MCC          Lester Davis - SES          Michael Griffith - MCC          Eric Saville – Resident (Bulahdelah)          Greg Crisp – Resident (Taree)          Mathew Fawcett – Resident (Tinonee)          Kristi Petersen – (online) Resident (Hallidays Point)          Nigel McIntosh – (online) Resident (Gloucester)          Phil Buchanan – (online) DPE          Luke Evan – (online) RHELM          Caitlin Brookes - (online) RHELM          Matthieu Glatz – (online) MHL</p>
<b>Apologies</b>	Nil

<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<p><b>Introductions</b>            Each person attending the meeting introduced themselves.</p>		
<p><b>Acknowledgment of Country</b>            Chair Cr Tickle read the Acknowledgement of Country.</p>		
<p><b>Committee Induction</b>            Donna Hudson outlined and briefed members on the Induction process relative to committee members.</p>	<p>Links to relevant documents to be provided to committee members.</p> <p>Declaration of Interest Forms distributed to members.            (From the floor -</p>	<p>Donna Hudson</p> <p>Donna Hudson</p>

	<p>Chair – No conversations will be recorded in Meeting Notes, only actions resulting from the conversations).</p> <p>Confidentiality Agreement distributed to members with signed agreements returned to Donna.</p> <p>Supporting documentation –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of Reference</li> <li>• Committee Guidelines</li> <li>• Code of Conduct</li> </ul> <p>2023 Meeting Calendar –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 07 February (this meeting)</li> <li>• 09 May (next meeting)</li> <li>• 08 August</li> <li>• 07 November</li> </ul>	<p>Donna Hudson</p> <p>Refer link to documents – <a href="#">Floodplain Management Advisory Committee - MidCoast Council (nsw.gov.au)</a></p>
<p><b>Importance of Floodplain Management</b> Phil Buchanan (DPE)</p>	<p>Points of note-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Importance of floodplain management.</li> <li>• Project Grant Funding opportunities 2 (DPI) to 1(Council).</li> <li>• New Grant Funding to be released soon.</li> <li>• Funding opportunities include Voluntary House Raising on a 2 (DPI) to 1 (Resident) ratio noting that only addresses identified in a FRMS&amp;P can apply.</li> <li>• Refer attached presentation for more detail</li> </ul>	<p>Peter Hatton</p>
<p><b>MCC Floodplain Management Program Outline</b> Evan Vale (MCC)</p>	<p>Points of note –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2021 – 2022 wettest period in recent times with numerous events of significance in our area.</li> <li>• Current study for Upper Myall (Bulahdelah). Approval to proceed to exhibition will be sought out of session. Study to be distributed to members seeking comment with</li> </ul>	<p>Evan Vale</p> <p>Evan Vale</p>

	<p>next step seeking committee endorsement to proceed to exhibition. Refer Upper Myall (Bulahdelah) FRMS&amp;P meeting notes for details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPE funding gained for – Croakers Creek flood gate remediation. Feasibility studies for Taree CBD Levee, Wingham flood evacuation path, Gloucester caravan park evacuation route.</li> <li>• Flood and River Gauge communications inadequacies highlights need to seek best solutions for our area.</li> <li>• Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan sought for review of flooding early warning system and SES Flood Action Cards.</li> <li>• Refer attached presentation for more detail.</li> </ul>	<p>Evan Vale</p> <p>Evan Vale</p>
<b>Action:</b>	SES representative to keep the committee updated on SES local intelligence communications and intelligence.	Lester Davis (SES)
<b>Upper Myall (Bulahdelah) Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan</b> Matthieu Glatz (MHL)	<p>Points of note-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aims presented</li> <li>• Analysis included Highway as well as all relevant impacts.</li> <li>• Refer MCC Floodplain Management Outline for details of next step in FRMS&amp;P process.</li> <li>• Refer attached presentation for more detail</li> </ul>	
<b>Taree CBD Levee Feasibility Study</b> Luke Evans and Caitlin Brookes (Rhelm)	<p>Points of note-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feasibility study only</li> <li>• Suggested levee location in Victoria Street median</li> </ul>	

	<p>strip opposite Fotheringham Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Butterworth Place Carpark initially fills up with stormwater before any Victoria Street floodwater overtopping from the Manning River (note: flood gate located under Victoria Street prevents riverine floodwaters from entering the carpark prior to overtopping.</li> <li>• Consideration of measures to remove Butterworth Carparking water to alleviate CBD flooding.</li> <li>• Refer attached presentation for more detail.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>General Business</b> (from the floor)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nigel – questioned what the process was in regards to road closures during flooding events in relation to LiveTraffic content currency.</li> <li>• Evan - Provided update on Cedar Party gauge installation with new site just upstream of the railway bridge. Evan also briefed members on the proposed temporary access bypass that will be installed whilst the Cedar Party bridge replacement works are undertaken (more detail to be provided at next meeting).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting closed 11:50 am</b> Next meeting 09 May at Yalawanyi Ganya</p>		