
**FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN MURRAY ROOM ON
THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 2:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Scott Groat (Chair), Laurie Testoni (Councillor - Alternate), Steve Manwaring (DCCEEW), Josh Stanbury (NSW SES), Stephen Mortlock (Community Representative), Ian Parisotto (Community Representative), Paul Rossetto (Community Representative), John Kerrigan (Community Representative), Dan Williams (Torrent Consulting) (ZOOM)

Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) representative not in attendance. MI attend only as invited guests

Quorum = 3

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Water & Wastewater Manager, Durgananda Chaudhary, Engineering Design & Approvals Manager, Jason Carrozza, Governance Manager, Leanne Austin and Minute Secretary, Joanne Bollen

1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Ema Munro (Community Representative).

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Scott Groat that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 December 2024, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Members making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

Committee Member, Paul Rossetto

CL07 Response to Letter Received from Yenda Progress Association

Reason – I have family members and friends living and working in the potential flood zone if the Northern Branch Canal is over topped by Mirrool Creek flood waters again.

Committee Member, Ian Parisotto

Reason – EMR Emergency Breaching Protocols

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, informed the Committee that an induction process would be conducted during Clause 1 of the meeting. After the induction, Committee members would have the opportunity to review any declarations they have previously made. He emphasised his obligation to advise the Committee on declarations of interest.

Mr Stonestreet further clarified that when making a declaration, any reference to family members or friends would indicate either a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest or a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, rather than a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 INDUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS - MANDATORY

Leanne Austin, Governance Manager, provided an overview of the Committee induction process which Committee members may access on Council's website. Committee members are required to read the Code of Conduct policy and procedures, Code of Meeting Practice policy, Statements to the Media Policy, Social Media Policy, Information Protection Principles and Child Safe policy. Committee members are also required to complete the online policy acknowledgment form. Explanation was provided in relation to the requirement to declare any Conflicts of Interest Committee members may have in their consideration of Committee matters.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Paul Rossetto and Stephen Mortlock that the Committee members note the Committee Induction requirements and complete induction process outlined in this report.

Leanne Austin left the meeting, the time being 2:18pm.

CL02 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference of the Committee were reviewed and discussed.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Paul Rossetto and Councillor Laurie Testoni that the Committee adopt the Terms of Reference attached to the report, with the following changes made:

- Minimum number for quorum will be 5.
- 7 Community Representatives.

CL03 PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2025

The next meeting of the Floodplain Management Committee is scheduled for Thursday, 1 May 2025.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Paul Rossetto and Stephen Mortlock that the Committee note the proposed meeting dates for 2025.

CL04 REVIEW OF LAKE WYANGAN FLOOD STUDY AND FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN

Dan Williams from Torrent Consulting provided the Committee with an update on the review of the Lake Wyangan Flood Study and Plan.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Paul Rossetto and John Kerrigan that the Committee note the report.

Dan Williams left the meeting, the time being 3:10pm.

CL05 PROJECT UPDATE - HANWOOD STORMWATER PUMP AND LEVEE PROJECT

Water & Wastewater Manger, Durgananda Chaudhary's, update on the Hanwood Stormwater Pump and Levee Project was included in the Agenda.

Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, gave a verbal update on the progress of the project.

The main objective of the project is to provide the 1% AEP flood immunity to the Hanwood community.

The project has reached near completion stage, with the remaining works to be finalised by end of March/early April 2025.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Stephen Mortlock and Ian Parisotto that the Committee note the information.

CL06 PROJECT UPDATE - MCCORMACK ROAD YOOGALI LEVEE - STAGE 2 PROJECT

Water & Wastewater Manger, Durgananda Chaudhary's, update on the McCormack Road Yoogali Levee – Stage 2 Project was included in the Agenda.

Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, gave a verbal update on the progress of the project.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 works consist of a levee along McCormack Road and Burley Griffin Way and from McCormack Road to the railway line respectively.

With available funding Council has progressed with the Stage 2 works which consist of two parts:

- (i) Stage 2a - Raising of McCormack Road from Bosanquet Road to Newman Road; and
- (ii) Stage 2b – Raising DC605J channel bank as a levee from Bosanquet Road to Burley Griffin Way.

This project is scheduled to be completed by end of June 2025.

Mr Gordon advised the Committee that Council would investigate alternative construction

methodologies for Stage 3 of the project and report back to the Committee in the future.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Stephen Mortlock and Paul Rossetto that the Committee note the report.

Councillor Laurie Testoni left the meeting, the time being 3:46pm.

CL07 RESPONSE TO LETTER RECEIVED FROM YENDA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Paul Rossetto presented additional questions regarding the response to the Yenda Progress Association Inc. letter. These questions were taken on notice and a response will be drafted to present to the Committee for endorsement.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Stephen Mortlock and Paul Rossetto that the Floodplain Management Committee endorse the draft letter of response to Mr. Paul Rossetto of the Yenda Progress Association Inc. Mirrool Creek Flood spokesman.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Kerrigan and Paul Rossetto that the report be noted.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Leaking Pipe – Corner Beelbangera Road and Myall Park Road

Paul Rossetto raised the issue of a leaking irrigation pipe at the corner of Beelbangera Road and Myall Park Road near Yenda.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Paul Rossetto and John Kerrigan that:

- (a) Council write to Murrumbidgee Irrigation to request they fix the leak on an underground irrigation pipe at the corner of Beelbangera Road and Myall Park Road near Yenda.
- (b) Once the leak is repaired, Murrumbidgee Irrigation level the surface to accommodate slashing of grass but also to lower the surface to below the Myall Park Road crest to allow future flood water easier access down between the Beelbangera Road and railway line. This will take some pressure off the rising height of flood water trapped in Yenda by the railway line and Murrumbidgee Irrigation unused earth banks remnant from when an open irrigation channel was there.

8 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COMMITTEE

CC01 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Paul Rossetto and Ian Parisotto that the applications for membership from Joseph Dal Broi and Wendy Quayle be received and membership to the Committee be approved.

9 **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Floodplain Management Committee is to be held on Thursday, 1 May 2025 at 2:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 4:12pm.