

PRESENT

Councillor Greg Conkey OAM	Wagga Wagga City Council
Councillor Vanessa Keenan	Wagga Wagga City Council
Councillor Rod Kendall	Wagga Wagga City Council
Jenny Rolfe	Community Member
Ros Prangnell	Community Member
Brian Mahony	Community Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Thompson	General Manager (WWCC)
Barry Griffiths	State Emergency Service (SES)
Craig Ronan	State Emergency Service (SES)
Janice Summerhayes	Director Community Service
Carly Hood	Environmental Coordinator Community
Sam Robins	Town Planner
Andrew Mason	Project Manager
Scott Gray	Manager Executive Support
Belinda King	Business Support Officer (Minute Taker)

The meeting of the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee commenced at 8:34am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Wagga Wagga City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and extends our respect to all First Nations Peoples in Wagga Wagga. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers. We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of the Wiradjuri and First Nations communities.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

APOLOGIES

Steve Manwaring	Department Planning, Industry & Environment
Patricia Murray	Community Member

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES – 6 APRIL 2021 AND 6 JUNE 2021

Recommendation:

On the Motion of R Kendall and G Conkey

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 February be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Note that the recommendations contained in the minutes of 23 February 2021 were endorsed by Council on 22 March 2021.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 PROJECT UPDATES - VOFFS

Recommendation

On the Motion of R Kendall and B Mahony

That the Committee

- a Receive and note the recommendations from the report, noting the contributions and changes as a result of the Public Exhibition period**
- b Recommend that the final VOFFS project document be submitted to Council for adoption.**

Brian Mahony requested that the following points be noted in the minutes to ensure they were addressed as part of any future operational and technical plans.

Point 1 In regard to upgrading the Churches Plain Road(CPR) levee as covered in Flood Modification Measure UL01 (VOFFS report 8.4.1.1 pages 107-113). In raising the CPR levee the recommended 0.6m above the existing level, it is requested that particular attention be given to the potential breach point where the levee crosses the Churches plain road. This could involve constructing a permanent causeway (capital works project?) as discussed with local members and council representatives.

Point 2 It was noted and agreed in previous meetings that some form of a permanent pumping system be investigated for location at the Morgan and King street cross drainage points in the event of coincident overland and creek flooding events. This is particularly pertinent when there is a combination of blocked drains and over loaded internal drainage flow paths. The proposal that the SES should own and maintain a collection of mobile pumps for use in flood events (VOFFS report 8.4.1.7 page 130 and 8.2.1.5 page 101 Tarcutta) is problematic.

Point 3 Consideration should be given to conducting an investigation of cross drainage upgrades including the effect of recent developments in the relevant townships (as detailed in VOFFS report 9.1.3 page 139 and Appendix D page 139). While it is noted in 9.1.3 'that all proposed measures will be tabulated along with the options outlined in the flood study for discussion with council', it is believed the above issue of cross drainage in conjunction with recent town development be given particular weight. It is proposed that the increased runoff generated from recent

development is now diverted from the eastern side of Uranquinty to the western side, be directed in a new channel/drain along Yarragundry Street to Sandy Creek in the vicinity of the intersection of Uranquinty Cross Road and Baker Street.

Point 4 On the issue of freeboard assessment I concede that there is enough information in the VOFFS report.

Councillor Rod Kendall: It is all about safety and to adopt the freeboard, planners needs something to work with and to make a decision on, as long as it adopted as resolution to be clear and upfront, somewhere along the line the decision makers need to make a very clear decision, was 300 mm when they meet back in May.

RP-2 PROJECT UPDATES – MOFFS

Recommendation

On the Motion of R Kendall and B Mahony

That the Committee

- a Receive and note the recommendations from the report, noting the contributions and changes as a result of the Public Exhibition period.**
- b Recommend that the final MOFFS project documents be submitted to Council for adoption.**

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

No Questions With Notice were received.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Peter Thompson provided an update on the Flood Risk Management Study and Plan Peer Review, advising that there were a number of statements in the report that required review. The final document is expected to be provided to Wagga Wagga City Council on 16 July 2021, after which it will be circulated to the Committee.

CLOSED COMMITTEE

The Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee rose at 9:06am.