

Lismore Floodplain Risk Management Committee

Meeting Notice

Lismore City Council acknowledges the people of the Bundjalung nation, traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

MEMBERS ONLY are requested to attend.

Members of the Community Reference Group are invited to attend as observers.

A meeting of the Floodplain Management Committee will be held at the Council Chambers on Thursday, 29 February 2024 at 1:00 pm

21 February 2024



ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A guiding checklist for councillors, staff and community committees

Ethical decision making

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with government policy, Council's objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of interest?
- Do you stand to gain personally at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

Conflict of interest

A conflict of interest is a clash between private interest and public duty. There are two types of conflict:

- Pecuniary – an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to yourself or another person or entity defined in part 4 of the Lismore City Council Code of Conduct with whom you are associated.
- Non-pecuniary – a private or personal interest that you have that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Lismore City Council Code of Conduct. These commonly arise out of family or personal relationships, or out of involvement in sporting, social, religious or other cultural groups and associations, and may include an interest of a financial nature.

The test for conflict of interest

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closely tied to the layperson's definition of "corruption" – using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest.

Identifying problems

- Do I have private interests affected by a matter I am officially involved in?
- Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?
- Do my private interests' conflict with my official role?

Disclosure and participation in meetings

- A councillor or a member of a Council Committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the Council or Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- The councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Council or Committee:
 - a. at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or Committee, or
 - b. at any time during which the Council or Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

No Knowledge - a person does not breach this clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.

Non-pecuniary Interests - Must be disclosed in meetings.

There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-pecuniary conflicts of interests must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (eg. participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as of the provisions in the Code of Conduct (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

2. Apologies and Leave of Absence

3. Confirmation of Minutes

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Business

Subject	CSIRO - Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative update
TRIM Record No	BP24/172:EF19/237-6
Prepared by	Senior Strategic Planner
Reason	
Strategic Theme	Leadership and participation
Strategy	We collaborate with other agencies to achieve great outcomes.
Action	Embrace a partnership approach to achieve community outcomes.

Executive Summary

Dr Jai Vaze, Project Leader, Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative (NRRI) at CSIRO, will provide a progress update on the NRRI.

Recommendation

That the Committee:

1. Notes the presentation.

Information

Dr Jai Vaze, Project Leader, Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative (NRRI) at CSIRO, will provide a progress update on the NRRI.

Attachment/s

1. [Download](#) NRRI progress update LCC 29Feb2024

Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative (NRRI)

- The Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative is funded by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and includes two main streams of work.

- **First six months (July to Nov 2022) - Completed**

Rapid review and assessment –

- **to** review existing flood mitigation/resilience projects, consult with the 7 flood-affected LGA in the region, and prioritise the most effective intervention options.

- **to** characterise the 2022 floods (catchment and climate conditions which led to the floods) against past flooding history for the region.

- **Hydrodynamic modelling (~ 30 June 2025)**

Detailed modelling –

- **to** generate high quality digital elevation datasets for the Northern Rivers region.

- **to** collect bathymetry for the Richmond and Tweed rivers.

- **to** develop and implement detailed hydrological and hydrodynamic models for the Richmond River Catchment to undertake flood mitigation scenario analysis.



Business

Subject	Lismore 2022 Post Flood Event Analysis Report
TRIM Record No	BP24/169:EF19/237-6
Prepared by	Senior Strategic Planner
Reason	
Strategic Theme	An inclusive and healthy community
Strategy	Our community is safe, happy and healthy.
Action	Maintain public health, safety and amenity.

Executive Summary

A post flood event analysis has been undertaken following the February and March 2022 floods. Consultant Engeny will present the findings of the analysis.

Recommendation

That the Committee:

1. Note the report and presentation.

Information

A post flood event analysis was commissioned by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) (formerly Department of Planning and Environment) following the February and March 2022 floods. Post-flood data collection and behavioural analysis forms are an essential part of the data collection stage within the Flood Risk Management Process outlined in the Flood Risk Management Manual and the accompanying delivery under the flood risk management framework FG01 Guideline.

The report, developed by consultant Engeny, collates information, and assesses the impacts of the February/March 2022 floods. The purpose of this report is to use existing tools and models in the catchment to support understanding of flood impacts on the community, and to ensure that flood behaviour is documented and understood. This is particularly important where a flood is larger than previous historic events or the largest in recent history. This information contributes to better outcomes in future studies under the flood risk management process led by Council.

This report details the post-event analyses for the February and March 2022 flood events in Lismore. It provides conclusions regarding the performance of Engeny's hydrologic and hydraulic model in replicating the February 2022 event, the magnitude of the events with limitations, the flood behaviour, and the resultant flood damages.

Engeny will present on the findings of the post flood event analysis.

Attachment/s

1. Lismore 2022 Post Flood Event Analysis (Over 7 pages)

Business

Subject	Update from NSW Reconstruction Authority
TRIM Record No	BP24/192:EF19/237-6
Prepared by	Senior Strategic Planner
Reason	
Strategic Theme	Leadership and participation
Strategy	We collaborate with other agencies to achieve great outcomes.
Action	Embrace a partnership approach to achieve community outcomes.

Executive Summary

NSW Reconstruction Authority's Kristie Clarke and Jamie Simmonds will provide an update on the Authority's programs in Lismore.

Recommendation

That:

1. the Committee note the presentation.

Information

NSW Reconstruction Authority's Kristie Clarke and Jamie Simmonds will provide an update on the Authority's programs.

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

Business

Subject	Update to Council's flood information documents
TRIM Record No	BP24/174:EF19/237-6
Prepared by	Senior Strategic Planner
Reason	Request from Committee member
Strategic Theme	An inclusive and healthy community
Strategy	Our community is safe, happy and healthy.
Action	Maintain public health, safety and amenity.

Executive Summary

Councillor Rob has requested that the Committee investigate updating the flood information documents provided by Council to the community. This includes Last Roads Out, Flood Levels, and History of Lismore flood events documents.

Recommendation

That the Committee:

1. Recommend Council update its Flood Levels and History of Lismore flood events documentation and present to the next FRMC meeting.
2. Recommend Council liaise with SES to update the Last Roads Out information.

Information

Council has a role in providing up-to-date information to the community regarding natural disasters, including floods.

Council's website has section on 'flood information' that provides information on categorisation of floods as minor, moderate and major, with a chart depicting heights of previous flood events over 6m (at the Lismore Rowing Club gauge) in the Lismore LGA.

Councillor Rob has requested that the Committee consider updating information provided on the website, and has provided three documents for consideration:

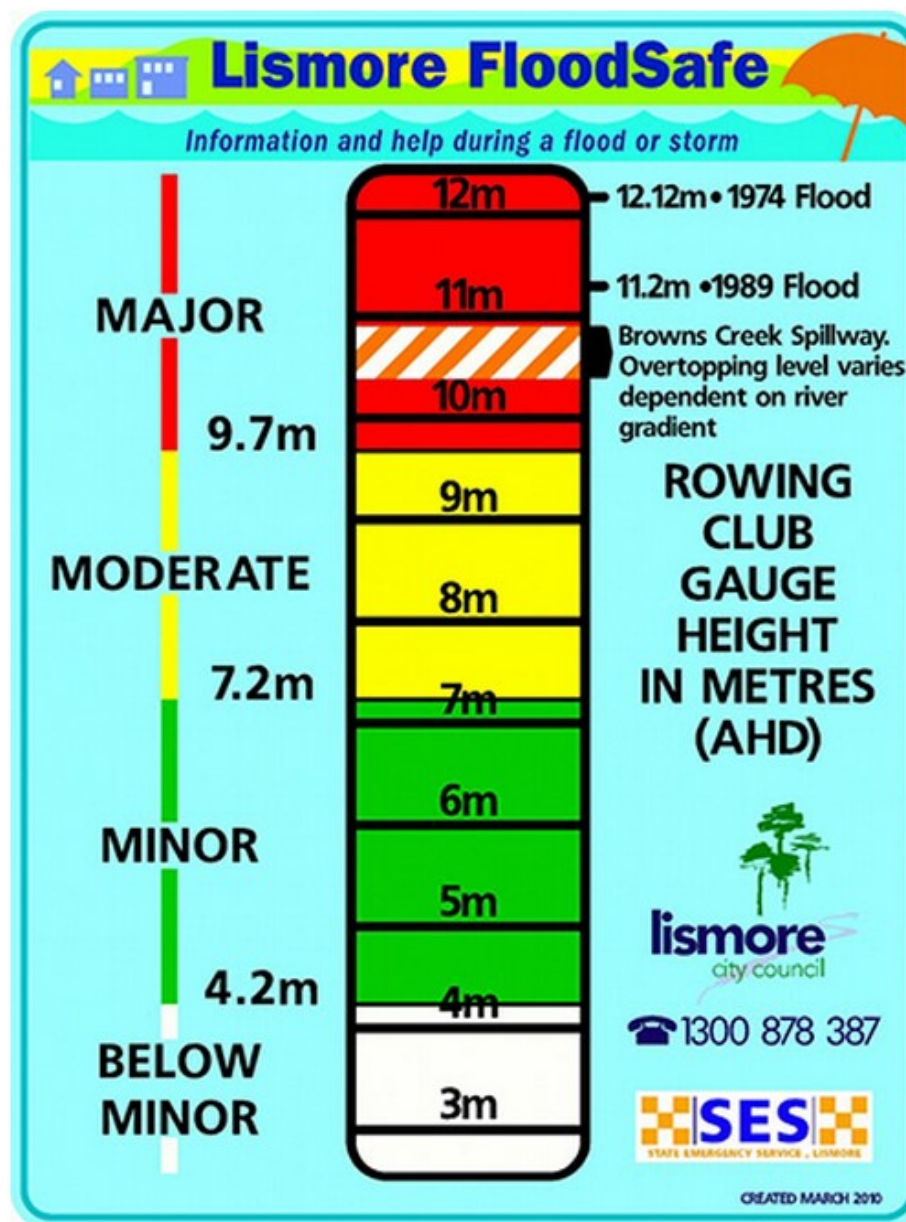
- Lismore Flood Levels – a height measurement bar that includes demarcation of minor, moderate and major floods, as well as information on specific floods and emergency contact details.
- Last Roads Out – a document with evacuation routes based on the last roads to be inundated during a flood event.
- History of Lismore flood events – a chart detailing the heights of known floods higher than the minor flood level at the Lismore Rowing Club gauge.

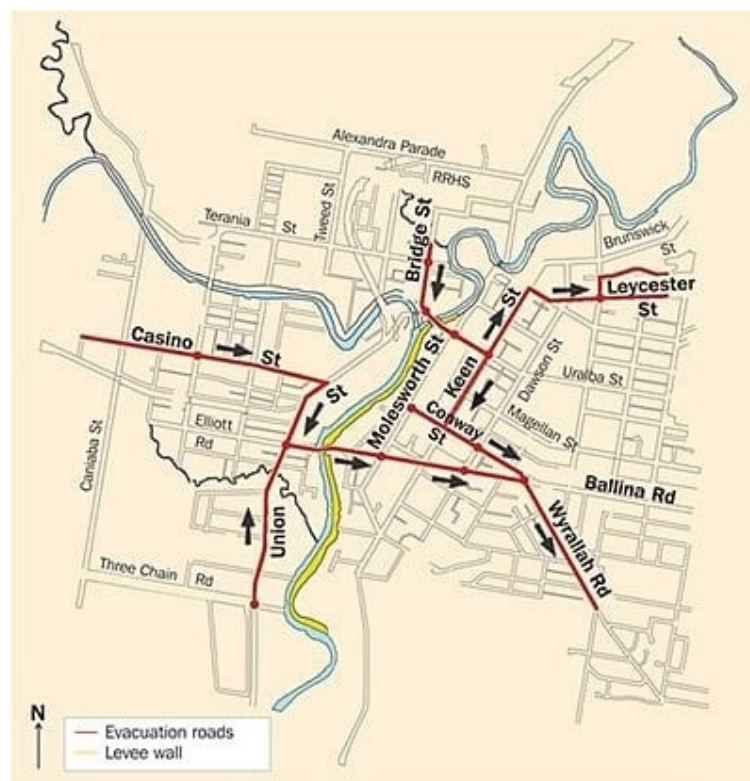
Following an update to Council's website in 2023, currently only the 'History of Lismore flood events' document is provided on the website. A 'last roads out' map is provided on the SES website but is not replicated on Council's website. A Flood Levels graphic is no longer hosted on Council's website.

A copy of the historic 'Lismore Flood Levels' document, and the current 'Last Roads Out' and 'History of Lismore flood events' documents are provided as attachments. Councillor Rob's suggested documents are also provided as attachments.

Attachment/s

1. [↓](#) Lismore Flood Levels - historic
2. [↓](#) Lismore Last Roads Out - current
3. [↓](#) History of Lismore flood events - current
4. [↓](#) Lismore Flood Levels - suggested
5. [↓](#) Lismore Last Roads Out - suggested
6. [↓](#) History of Lismore flood events - suggested

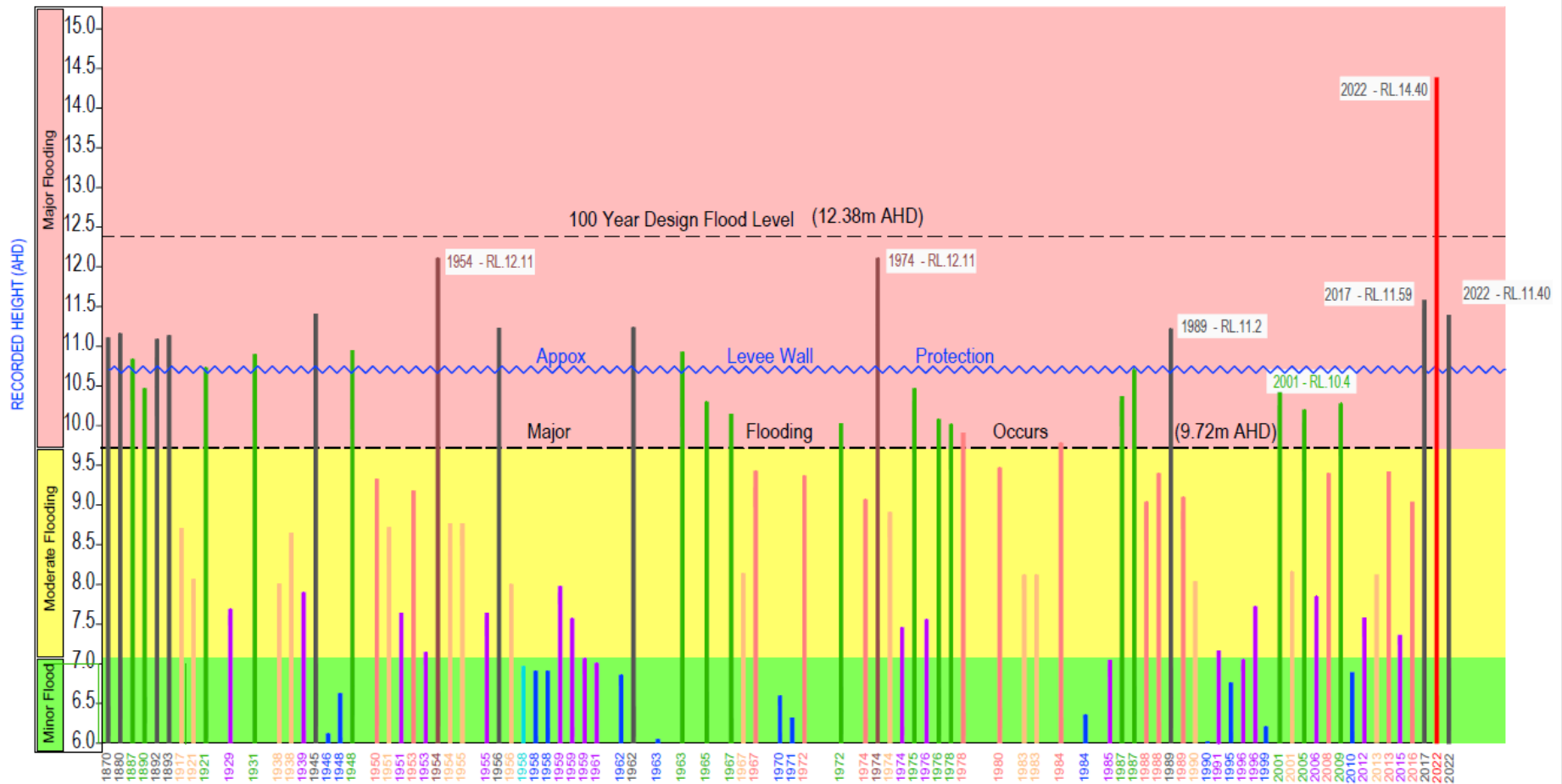






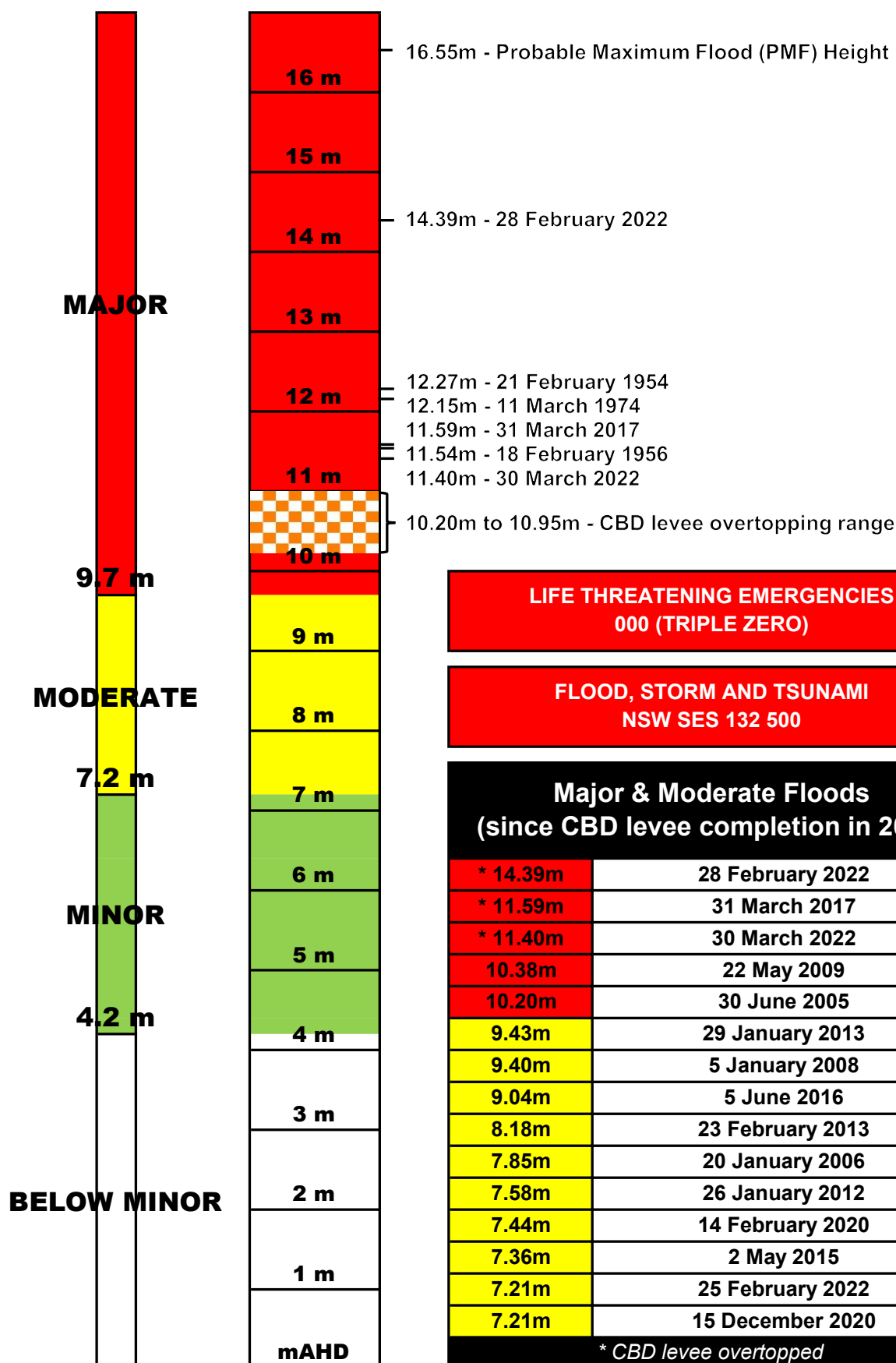
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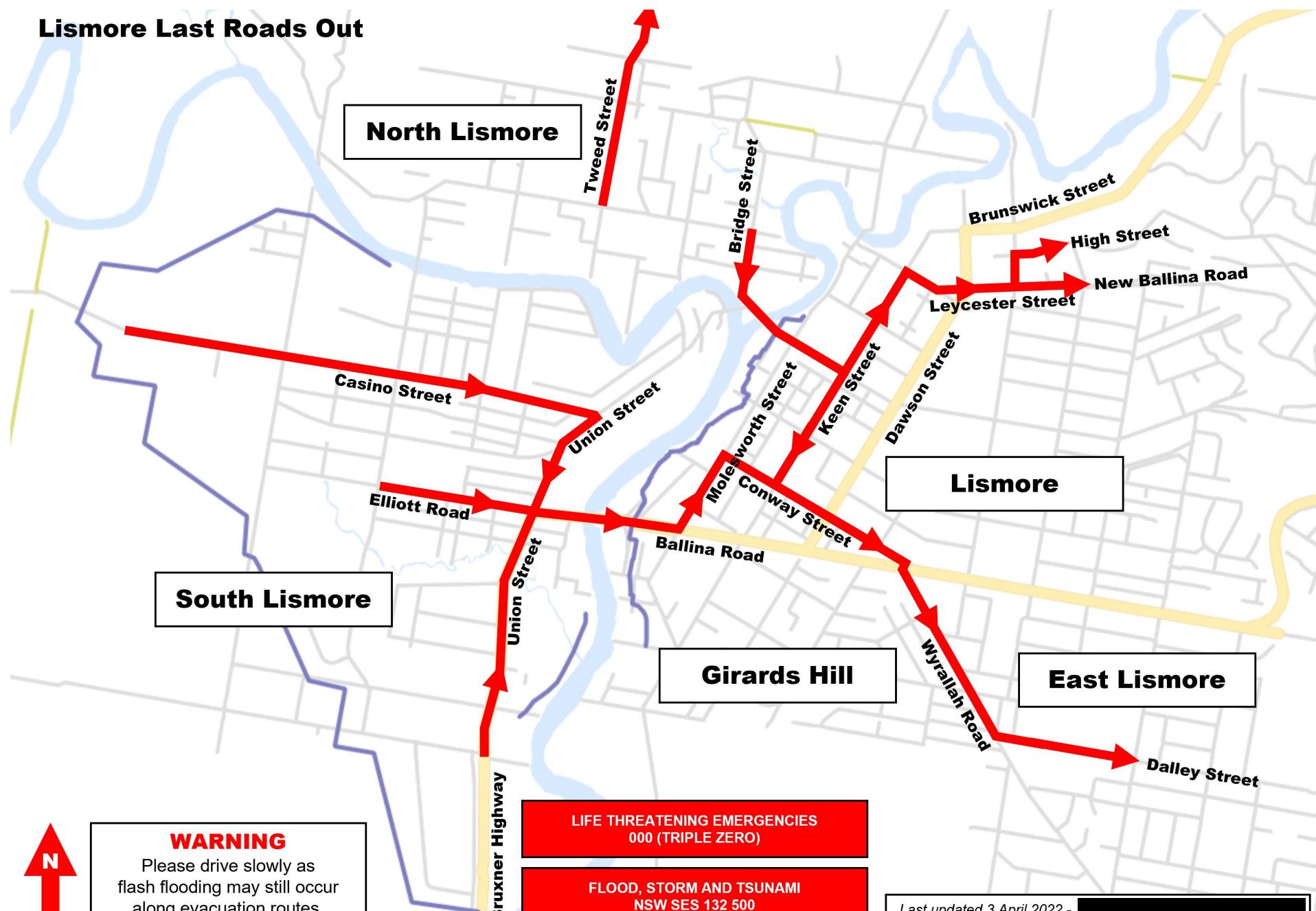


Lismore Flood Levels

- Wilsons River at Lismore (mAHD)



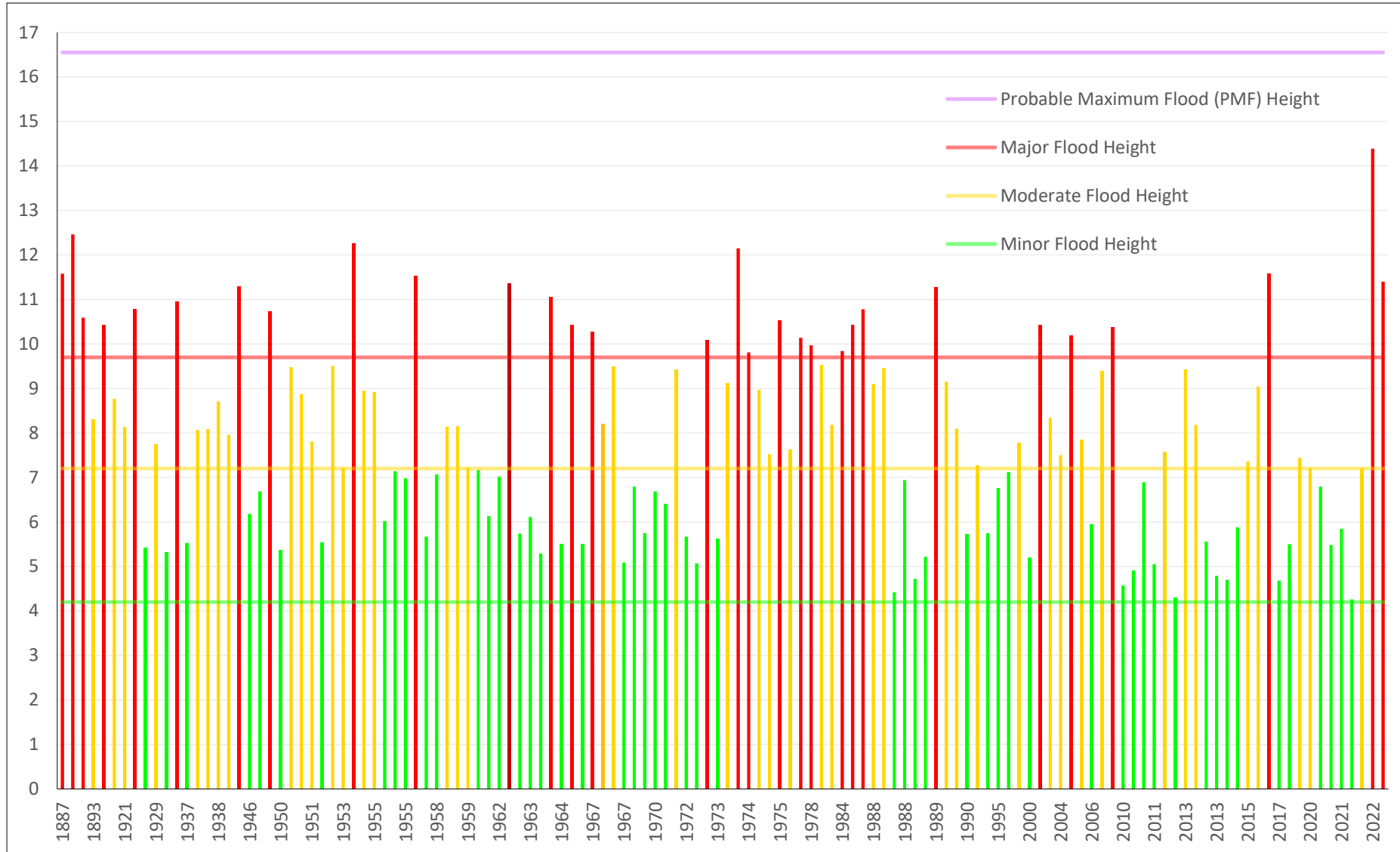
Last updated 30 September 2022 -



Lismore Flood Levels - Chart

Last updated 7 April 2022 - [REDACTED]

- Wilsons River at Lismore (mAHD)



Business

Subject	Change of name of Committee
TRIM Record No	BP24/165:EF19/237-6
Prepared by	Senior Strategic Planner
Reason	Request by Committee member
Strategic Theme	No Strategic Alignment
Strategy	No Strategic Alignment
Action	No Strategic Alignment

Executive Summary

Councillor Big Rob has requested that the Committee consider changing the name of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee to the Flood Risk Management Committee.

Recommendation

That the Committee:

1. Recommend Council rename the Floodplain Risk Management Committee to the Flood Risk Management Committee.
2. Recommend Council update the Terms of Reference of the Committee accordingly.

Information

Councillor Big Rob has requested that the Committee consider changing the name of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee to the Flood Risk Management Committee.

The rationale for this change includes:

- Better reflecting the intent of the Committee in ensuring all flood risk in the Lismore LGA is considered, not just risk on the floodplain.
- Better reflecting the flood risk guiding document, the Flood Risk Management Manual, and the Flood Risk Management Toolkit.

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.

Lismore Floodplain Risk Management Committee Minutes

6 December 2023

MINUTES OF THE LISMORE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2023 AT 1.00 PM

Please note: These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Council meeting. Decisions recorded in the draft minutes are subject to the Council's Code of Meeting Practice in relation to rescinding decisions.

Present

Councillor Jensen (Chair), Councillors Ekins and Rob; Mr Andrew Logan, Mr Damien Maher (via audio-visual), Mr Peter Cinque (via audio-visual), Mr Toong Chin, Mr Ian McPherson, Mr Graham Askey

In Attendance

LCC Officers: Mr Parks, Coordinator Strategic Planning: Mr Jewell, Senior Strategic Planner, Mr Myers, Strategic Engineer, Miss Hull, Executive Assistant to Chief Community Officer

Presenters: Mr Kieron Hendicott (via audio-visual), NSW Reconstruction Authority, Kristie Clarke – NSW Reconstruction Authority

Observers: Mrs Beth Trevan and Mr Richard Trevan (via audio-visual), Ms Elloise Farrow-Smith (via audio-visual),

Apologies

Councillor Bird, Mr Col Baker, Mr Moorhouse, Mrs Leisa Blok,

Non Attendance

Cindy Roberts

Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the meeting dated 6 September 2023 were confirmed

(Councillor Rob/Member Askey)

Voting For: Councillors Jensen, Ekins and Rob: Members Logan, Maher, Cinque, Chin, McPherson and Askey

Voting Against: Nil

Lismore Floodplain Risk Management Committee Minutes

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Disclosure of Interest

Ian McPherson and Graham Askey own properties in South Lismore and Graham Askey is a resident in South Lismore

5.1 NSW Reconstruction Authority update

RESOLVED that the Committee notes the presentation provided.

(Councillor Rob/Member Askey)

Voting For: Councillors Jensen, Ekins and Rob: Members Maher, Cinque, Chin, McPherson, Askey and Logan

Voting Against: Nil

Closure

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 2.00 pm.