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PRESENT: Clr K Beatty (in the Chair); Clr L Oldham; Peter Crich; Craig Ronan (NSW SES); Mark Ward; Scott Button (Lyll & Associates); David Ecclestone;

PRESENT VIA TEAMS: Grant Barker (NSW PWA); Ivan Rivas Acosta (DPIE); Sean Haynes

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager; Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure; Executive Assistant – Infrastructure;

OBSERVERS: Clr A Rawson, Department Leader – Governance & Corporate Performance; Deborah Mutton (NSW SES);

ITEM - 1 WELCOME

RECOMMENDATION (WARD/RONAN)

THAT the Chair will welcome committee members to the Cabonne Floodplain Management Advisory Committee meeting.

ITEM - 2 APOLOGIES

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Jenny Weaver

RECOMMENDATION (HAYNES/WARD)

THAT any apologies tendered be accepted

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Proceedings in Brief

The Chair advised that he would like to request that Mr David Ecclestone rejoin the committee.

RECOMMENDATION (CRICH/HAYNES)

THAT

1. the Declarations of Interest be noted; and
2. the committee formally accept Mr Ecclestone as an alternate member of the Cabonne Floodplain Management Advisory Committee.

ITEM - 4 FLOODPLAIN ACTIVITIES

Proceedings in Brief

Molong Floodplain

Voluntary Purchase Program

The priority property has been identified for this Financial Year as 21 Bett Street. Council will seek further funding for 6 Euchareena Road.

Canowindra Floodplain

Belubula Creek Rail Bridge

Mr Ward advised that the bridge is now in the river.

Canowindra Flood Study & Risk Management Plan Review

Mr Button advised that surveyors will be out in the field shortly. They are currently collecting data. Mr Ronan advised that the SES can send data from past events.

Eugowra Floodplain

Voluntary Purchase Program

The priority property has been identified as 2 North Street. Council will seek further funding for 8 North Street.

Eugowra Flood Study & Risk Management Plan Review

Mr Button advised that they are searching for a new gauge location. A flood model was developed for the State Government following the November 2022 event.

Mr Haynes enquired about the placement of a gauge below the introduction of Waterhole Creek. Mr Button advised that we need a convenient accessible location which allows for the whole picture to be understood.

Mr Haynes enquired about an early warning system for Eugowra. Mr Ronan advised that the SES is reviewing the flood classification and working towards an early warning system.

Mr Haynes would like to see the SES and BoM undertake more education for communities regarding the different alerts and meanings. Mr Ronan advised this is being addressed and they are hoping to produce brochures and undertake more community engagement.

RECOMMENDATION (HAYNES/CRICH)

THAT the Committee receive the report on the floodplain activities.

ITEM - 5 MOLONG FLOOD STUDY - MARCH 2024

Proceedings in Brief

Mr Button made a presentation to the committee.

It was noted that Council received no submissions following the public exhibition. This could be attributed to the good attendance at the community engagement session.

Mr Button advised that the next steps are for the committee to recommend that Council adopt the Molong Flood Study – March 2024.

RECOMMENDATION (WARD/HAYNES)

THAT the Committee endorse the Molong Flood Study – March 2024 to Council for adoption.

FOR NOTATION

Mr Crich advised the committee that he had reached out the SMEC and requested that they run the data from the November 2022 event. He has received a report and notes that it is contrary to the information supplied by Lyall & Associates.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.33pm.