

**Minutes of the Flood Risk Management Advisory Committee Meeting 13 May 2026**

<b>Directorate Name</b>	Infrastructure		
<b>Date / Time</b>	13 May 2026 – 3:30pm		
<b>Venue</b>	Microsoft Teams		
<b>Chairperson</b>	Clr Matt Howard		
<b>Voting Attendees</b>	Clr Matt Howard	Clr Andrew Blake	Michael Carney (SES)
	David Chick	Pilar Lorenzo	Tim Harnett
	Bowen Hicks	Emily McGrath	Matthew Murphy
<b>Non – Voting Technical Advisory Attendees</b>	Manod Wickramasinghe (IWC)	David Paton (IWC)	Lauren Vallejo (IWC)
	Hans Meijer (IWC)	John Earls (IWC)	
<b>Observers</b>	Tiffanie Ong (IWC)	Martin Griffin (Stantec)	Amir Montakhab (Stantec)
	David Grasby (Sydney Water)	Robert Baker (SES)	Richard Murphy (DCCEEW)
	Lachlan Eshman (IWC)		
<b>Apologies</b>	Simon Myall	Liam Hogan	Jann Ranniko
	James Ogg (IWC)		

**2. Acknowledgement Of Country – Clr Howard**

*I acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora Nation and pay my respects to the elders past and present and I extend that respect and acknowledgement to any Aboriginal people who are here with us today.*

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

Nil.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of 4 March 2026 Flood Management Advisory Committee**

Minutes confirmed by Matthew Murphy and seconded by Michael Carney.

**5. Staff Reports**

Nil.

**FMACC0526(1) Item 1; SOUTH MARRICKVILLE FLOOD STUDY – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOME****SUMMARY**

Under the NSW Floodplain Management Policy, local councils are primarily responsible for managing flood-prone land. This includes undertaking studies to understand flood risk, assessing management options, keeping the community informed about flooding, supporting emergency management planning, and considering flood impacts on flood-prone land through appropriate development controls.

There are nine stormwater catchments in the Inner West Local Government Area with dedicated flood studies. The South Marrickville Flood Study is the final catchment requiring a flood study. The South Marrickville catchment covers areas within southern Dulwich Hill and south-west Marrickville, generally bound by New Canterbury Road and Garnet Avenue, draining to the Cooks River. The objective of the flood study is to improve Council's understanding of flood behaviour across the catchment. Once the flood study is adopted, Council will plan to commission a Flood Risk Management Study and Plan for the same catchment area.

Work to prepare the South Marrickville Flood Study commenced in December 2025 and is being progressively delivered in eight stages over 18 months. The project is on track, with Stage 1 - Data Review and Stage 2 – Data Collection now completed, including the first planned community consultation held between 9 February and 15 March, 2026. Consultation and engagement activities included letters to residents, a 'Have Your Say' webpage, a survey of flood experiences and in-person consultation sessions.

The project is now planning to progress to Stage 3 – Base Model, where development of a base flood model for the study area will be prepared.

**DISCUSSION**

Council is continuing with the South Marrickville Flood Study and has completed Stages one and two of the 8-stage project over an 18-month period. The first round of community consultation has been completed and there will be further consultation as the study and project progresses. The consultation was considered positive, with valuable feedback received from local residents, property owners and members of the community, to identify local hotspots, local streets that were impacted, particularly in two of the more recent flooding events (2022 & 2024). The community consultation outcomes report addresses the different means of consultation and responses received, the number of people that attended in person and made online submissions. All the information has been provided to Stantec who is working with Council to undertake the flood study. During the engagement period there were close to 2000 people who visited the 'your say' project page, 25 community members attended the in-person sessions, 26 individuals sent in feedback via email, and 34 participants completed the online survey.

Much of the feedback from the community was that they were pleased that Council is undertaking the study and the community is looking forward to having further opportunity for consultation as the modelling comes together. The feedback provided from residents was more specific to location, local streets, parks, etc, and there was a sense of collaboration and opportunity to provide input.

Councillor Howard asked whether groups like Mud Crabs and Cooks River Alliance were engaged and how this intersects with the broader coastal management plan work that Cooks River Alliance is undertaking. Richard Murphy noted that the Cooks River Alliance attended the first community engagement session, and they are keen to be involved, but there is discussion on the level of involvement they should have. It was agreed they should not be on the technical working group; however, Cooks River Alliance do wish to be involved in the broader study.

Councillor Howard advises there is a resolution that Cooks River Alliance be invited to attend Flood Management Advisory Committee meetings, and queries if this resolution has progressed, and if Cooks River Alliance have been engaged to send a delegate to be a member of the committee. David Paton advises engagement was made, however is not certain of the outcome. Noted Councillor Howard is the Cooks River Alliance delegate with Council, and to ensure if Council is carrying out a flood study, this interacts with broader works around the Cooks River catchment which is being funded by the state government to maximise the benefit.

Council is now in stage 3 of the Flood Study, which involves developing the base model in part from the information received from the community and from data and collection obtained in stage one and two. Later in the year there will be a second round of community consultation on flood mapping and extent and following this will be the draft final study. The mapping will show the extent of flooding across the catchment, including depth and velocity of water, and level of hazard.

**ACTION:**

Response to be provided to Councillor Howard regarding Mud Crabs and Cooks River Alliance engagement.

Follow up to be made with Cooks River Alliance to confirm invitation was made for attendance of a member to FMAC meetings, and report back to the next FMAC meeting.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That Flood Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

Matthew Murphy moves the item, seconded by Michael Carney.

**For Motion:**

Unanimous

<b>7. General Business</b>
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Michael Carney advises that the SES is on top of training and there have been no floods recently, and notes there are a few hotpots, however these are not Council Roads. SES will continue to plan and look at the branch and plans to ensure they are updated.

Robert Baker notes SES is aware of the hotspots which have been identified, some of which are flooded roads that do not come up on SES's request for assistance database and are not affected enough to warrant requests for road closures or flood rescue except at Riverside Crescent and Illawarra Road near Wharf Street.

**Meeting Closed**

3:48pm