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NSW GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO HELP FORTIFY FLOOD PLAINS INTO THE FUTURE

Residents will be better protected from flood risks across the Greater Hume Shire thanks to \$180,000 in grant funding from the NSW Government, Albury MP Greg Aplin said.

Mr Aplin said Greater Hume Shire Council had been awarded three \$60,000 grants that will allow them to undertake a trifecta of projects to improve the community's resilience to future floods.

The projects include:

- Developing a concept design to lower the Culcairn stock route near the Balfour Street intersection, and better manage Billabong Creek flow-on effects during floods;
- Investigating combined levee system drainage works north of Henty to improve protection of homes that are currently inundated with stormwater during heavy rainfall; and,
- Exploring a design for a combined Ten Mile Creek floodplain levee system, south of Holbrook.

"Only recently we saw storms and flash flooding across NSW, so it's never been more important for the community to be as prepared as possible," Mr Aplin said.

"These projects can make a major difference to the safety and security of the community. The Holbrook project, for instance, means residents would be able to evacuate via the Holbrook bypass on-ramp or the Albury Street bridge in the event of a Ten Mile Creek flood.

"This literally offers people a lifeline as they wouldn't be exposed to hazardous flood waters, and also reduces the demand on our dedicated State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers.

“With summer now underway, this is a timely opportunity to fortify our future by protecting our local residents, properties and infrastructure moving forward.”

The Government has provided \$1.8 million in 2018-2019 to fund a number of projects, including the plans for Greater Hume Shire Council, as part of the Floodplain Grants Scheme.

Both the NSW Office of Emergency Management and the Commonwealth Government provide funding for the Scheme, which supports local councils and other government bodies in their efforts to strengthen flood protection plans in their communities.

A further \$5.1 million is also allocated for the NSW Government Floodplain Management Program that also enables government bodies with floodplain risk management responsibilities to undertake priority projects.

Further information is available via <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/Floodgrants.htm>

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| Greater Hume Shire Council | Culcairn lowering stock route and stopping Billabong Creek flood affectation | Investigation / concept design | \$60,000.00 | <p>The project is to investigated lowering the stock route near its intersection with Balfour Street flows to pass and alleviate ponding upstream. Peak flood levels at flood prone properties ups stock route are reduced by up to 0.3 metres and over floor flooding is negated for one property from the five percent annual exceedance probability.</p> <p>Also stopping Billabong Creek flood affectation combined option is designed to prevent flooding Billabong Creek flooding Culcairn for events up to and including the one percent annual exceedance probability flood. This is achieved by: blocking the Billabong Creek anabranch at two locations; a return valve to the Gordon Street drain; and a non-return valve to the Gamble Street drain. Implementation of the combined option provides a cost benefit ratio greater than one and removes flooding due to Billabong Creek all properties up to and including the one percent annual exceedance probability at Culcairn.</p> |
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| Greater Hume Shire Council | Henty combined levee bank drainage works (investigate and design) | Investigation / concept design | \$60,000.00 | The proposed combined levee system drainage works are located to the north of Henty. The works will protect existing (and future) homes that currently get inundated with stormwater during downfall occurrences. The inclusion of additional levees designed to prevent floodwaters from Buckaringah Creek flowing north and flooding residential properties in areas of the Olympic (upstream) of Grubben Road, Pleasant Hills Road and Angaston Street. These levees are intended to prevent floodwaters from Buckaringah Creek flowing toward the northern floodplain and flood residential properties in the area. |
| Greater Hume Shire Council | Holbrook Ten Mile Creek southern floodplain levee system | Investigation / concept design | \$60,000.00 | Holbrook proposed drainage works is located to the south of the Holbrook township. A project for the Holbrook Ten Mile Creek southern floodplain levee system is a combined levee option consisting of a Ten Mile Creek south levee with Caltex site protection that runs parallel to Macinnes Street and a Street levee that runs parallel to Hay Street to protect the Holbrook southern floodplain from Ten Mile Creek flooding for events up to and including the one percent annual exceedance probability. A feature of the implementation of this combined levee is that residents are able to evacuate during a Ten Mile Creek flood event, either via the Holbrook bypass on-ramp or via the Albury Street bridge. This significantly reduces risk to life as people are not exposed to high hazard flows during evacuation. This occurred during the October 2010 flood event. It also reduces the requirements on the New South Wales State Emergency Service rescue personnel thus further decreasing risk to life. |

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