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Another Major Flooding Event Declared Natural Disaster Event

Another severe weather and flooding event has now been declared a Natural Disaster Event. The flooding event which began on 14 September 2022 has now been declared a natural disaster event in the Warrumbungle Local Government Area (LGA).

The Australian Government and the NSW Government through the jointly funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) have now recognised that the extraordinary rainfall event commencing 14 September 2022 will be declared as a natural disaster. The declaration allows for Council and eligible community members to receive financial assistance to restore damaged infrastructure caused by the flooding.

“This is the third declared natural disaster event in the Warrumbungle LGA since November 2021,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “Locals will recall the intense rainfall and damage it has caused to properties, infrastructure and the road network throughout the Shire.”

“The funding application for this natural disaster event has now started to be prepared for the restoration of the damaged infrastructure. Council must still apply for and have the application approved for the funding of restoration works prior to these extensive works commencing. During this time, Council is able to continue to carry out emergency road repairs. However, the funded restoration works will take some time to be completed and, in some cases may take up to two years,” Cr Doolan explained.

Assistance is also available for eligible community members under the DRFA. For information on personal hardship and distress assistance, contact Service NSW on 13 77 88. To apply for a concessional loan, contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593 or visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au

Information on disaster assistance can be found on the Australian Government’s Disaster Assist website at www.disasterassist.gov.au

“With this being the third natural disaster event in under a year, road users are reminded to take extra care when travelling the roads across the Warrumbungle Local Government Area and to drive to the conditions of the road,” said Cr Doolan.

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