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MUTTAMA AND WALLEND BEEN FLOOD STUDIES – COMMUNITY INVITED TO SHARE FLOOD EXPERIENCES

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council has received funding from the NSW Government to prepare Flood Studies for the villages of Muttama and Wallendbeen and their surrounds. The studies will define flood risk in each village, both from creek flooding (Muttama Creek at Muttama, and Connaughtmans Creek at Wallendbeen) and from overland flow during heavy local storms.

Creek flooding can cut key roads, including Muttama Road near Muttama and the Burley Griffin Way and Olympic Highway near Wallendbeen, often with little warning because of the steep upstream catchments. The Flood Studies will use the latest survey data and flood modelling tools to improve Council's understanding of how floodwaters behave in each village. This will help inform emergency management, land use planning and future flood risk management.

The studies are currently in the Data Collection and Review stage. Council's consultant, WMS Engineering, is gathering and reviewing all available information and past reports, including local knowledge and the community's experiences of flooding.

Mayor Abb McAlister said local knowledge would be vital to getting the studies right.

"Residents of Muttama and Wallendbeen know better than anyone how our creeks behave when it rains hard. Your photos, stories and even old rain gauge records help make sure the flood models reflect what actually happens on the ground. I encourage everyone to drop in, bring their photos and have a chat with the study team," McAlister said.

Community members who have an interest in the studies, or who have knowledge of past flooding or drainage problems around Muttama or Wallendbeen, are strongly encouraged to get involved. Residents have two ways to have their say:

- Fill in a short questionnaire about your experiences of flooding and drainage issues. The questionnaire can be completed online at: maps.wmseng.com.au/flood/client/map?account=muttama-wallendbeen&app=muttamawallendbeen (or scan the QR code below). Hard copies are available at the Council Office in Cootamundra and at the drop-in sessions.
- Come along to a community drop-in session. There is no need to book – drop in at any time:
Muttama Hall – **Tuesday 13 October 2026, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**
Wallendbeen Hall – **Wednesday 14 October 2026, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

Photos of flooding and flood marks (for example a water line on a shed, fence post or tree) are especially valuable. They help the study team check that the flood models reproduce past floods accurately, which is known as calibration. Photos can be on your phone, on a USB or memory card, shared online, or printed (the team can copy them on the spot).

For more information, contact Council on 1300 459 689 or mail@cgrc.nsw.gov.au, or the study team at MuttamaWallendbeen@wmseng.com.au.



QR code to the online map and questionnaire

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