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Planning for future flood emergencies

Fire recovery and drought survival currently dominate many conversations in North East Victoria but planning for future flooding is top of mind for one organisation.

The North East CMA is responsible for floodplain management in the region.

Its Chief Executive, Mr John Riddiford, said the CMA provides important technical information to emergency services during flooding and undertakes studies to help prevent inappropriate development on floodplains.

“The Bureau of Meteorology has some excellent flood forecasting tools that the CMA can use during flood emergencies to identify critical flooding points,” said John.

“We supply this information to the SES and other emergency services who play a vital role in protecting communities at risk.”

The North East CMA works with local government to assess the risk of flood events for proposed new developments.

“Recently, the CMA has worked with the City of Wodonga on planning for areas like Middle Creek and Leneva. We’ve undertaken a range of studies to help ensure that future developments do not put people at risk or compromise the environmental functions of floodplains,” said John.

The North East CMA, City of Wodonga, Albury City Council and the Floodplain Management Authorities are the key organisers of national floodplain and flooding conference being held in Albury Wodonga this week (17 – 20 February)

The conference is being held at the Albury Convention & Performing Arts Centre.

Photo/interview opportunities:

Mr John Riddiford is available on:

- Tuesday, 17 February from 10am – 1pm
- Wednesday, 18 February from 9.45am – 10.15am, 12.30pm – 1.15pm
- Thursday, 19 February from 10 – 11am

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