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## Numurkah Floodplain Management Study released

The Numurkah Floodplain Management Study Community Reference Group (CRG) has today launched a Numurkah Floodplain Management Study and Plan Summary Report for community feedback.

The Summary Report details the proposals and explains the reasons why the CRG has identified option A as the preferred flood mitigation option for Numurkah.

The Summary Report is supported by the comprehensive technical Numurkah Floodplain Management Study and Plan.

“We have released the study prior to Christmas so the community can pick up a copy, consider the proposals and talk it through with members of the CRG before we begin the more structured community meetings and information sessions in late February next year,” Moira Shire General Manager Infrastructure Andrew Close said.

The community is encouraged to contact the following CRG members to discuss the report and share their ideas – Peter Sprunt 0458 005 255, Colin Pendlebury 0428 576 926 or Ray Thornton 0438 641 185.

The CRG preferred mitigation option proposes permanent levees to protect homes, businesses and community facilities within a levee system, both north and south of Broken Creek.

“In 2012 when Numurkah, and in particular the hospital, was inundated Moira Shire Council, the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority and members of the Numurkah community came together to investigate flood mitigation options,” Mr Close said.

- A total of 15 different flood mitigation options were developed and modelled to assess their upstream and downstream impact and benefits before settling on the final three.
- Almost \$200,000 has been spent to complete the study to date with the Victorian Government contributing around \$150,000.
- The plan proposes three options for flood mitigation with each option made up of a combination of levees and other flood mitigation.
- The flood mitigation study explored options to protect the Numurkah township for a flood event that has a 1% likelihood of occurring in any year; this is known as the Annual

Exceedance Probability (AEP). The March 2012 flood event exceeded the 1% AEP by 20 to 30mm, particularly around central Numurkah.



Copies of the Numurkah Floodplain Management Study summary document are available from the Numurkah Newsagency, the Numurkah Visitor Information Centre and from Council's website [www.moiravic.gov.au](http://www.moiravic.gov.au).