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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTRIBUTION BY EMERGENCY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS AND COUNCIL EMPLOYEES

Coonamble Mayor, Councillor Tim Horan, has acknowledged the efforts of the local State Emergency Service volunteers, staff of Coonamble Shire Council and others who, during the recent flood events, have worked tirelessly to reduce risk to the community and property.

Councillor Horan made the formal acknowledgement at the meeting of Coonamble Shire Council this week.

“Much of this hard work can often go unnoticed by the community, yet it involves a round-the-clock effort at the time,” he said.

“Our State Emergency Service teams and other volunteer organisations, such as the Rural Fire Service, make an extremely valuable contribution to our communities, and I wish to acknowledge these efforts.”

Councillor Horan said that actions, such as road closures, cause recognisable inconvenience, but such actions are taken to protect the public, both local and visitors.

He said the potential dangers include having an accident or becoming stranded on an unsealed road whose integrity has failed, through being waterlogged, and of being washed off a flooded causeway because of hidden washouts and potholes.

“Road closures are made in the best interest of the community,” he said.

The Mayor commended the collaboration of all services, both volunteers and full-time employees, in providing residents with a high level of emergency service and security, and thanked them for their ongoing efforts.

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