

Flood Restoration Portfolio

May 2025 update

The **Flood Restoration Portfolio (FRP)** is a distinct team within Lismore City Council responsible for the restoration of Lismore's flood-affected community assets.

Within its broad scope are roads, bridges and landslips, waste and wastewater treatment facilities, flood pumps and drainage, and council-owned or managed buildings and sporting venues.

Approximately 18 months of emergency repairs, damage logging, and detailed funding preparation went into the FRP ahead of its official naming and creation in August 2024.

Since 2022, 97 projects have been completed, including:

- restoration of 40+ road, bridge and landslip projects
- restoration of Lismore City Library, Lismore Regional Gallery and Quad, Lismore Municipal Building and Lismore Airport Terminal
- restoration of Albert Park Baseball Complex, Lismore Basketball Stadium and Marie Mackney Netball Clubhouse
- clearing of more than 8kms of urban stormwater drains

With over 230 projects in the planning and construction stages, the FRP is ramping up to deliver the largest infrastructure restoration project ever undertaken by local government in Australia.

Get in touch with the Flood Restoration Portfolio team on **6625 0500** or by sending an email to frp@lismore.nsw.gov.au



Restored: Lismore Memorial Baths



Restored: Terania Creek Bridge

Key projects in planning or construction

Snow Street Pump Station

New pump station to keep roads open for longer and speed up evacuation of water in future flooding events. Works to begin Q3 2025.

Fibre Connect Pump Stations

A new 10km fibre optic link to facilitate remote activation of Lismore's flood pumps. Now underway; due for completion in July 2025.

Lower Hollingworth Creek Pump Station

Installation of improved trash screening and raising of the station electricals above 14.4m. To begin Q3 2025.

Browns Creek Pump Station

Replacement of existing flood pumps, capacity upgrades, and raising of electricals above 14.4m. To begin Q3 2025.

Stony Chute Road

Restoration of recent landslip and other damages. Estimated reopening of road in August 2025, weather permitting.

Wilson Street

Restoration works on Wilson Street, in front of the Lismore South Public School, to begin later in this calendar year.

The Flood Restoration Portfolio is proudly funded by the Commonwealth and NSW Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Lismore City Council Flood Restoration Portfolio?

The Flood Restoration Portfolio (FRP) is a division of Lismore City Council, established after the 2022 floods. The portfolio's purpose is to restore flood-affected community assets including roads, buildings and vital infrastructure, and enhance Lismore's resilience against future disasters.

2. Is the FRP funded by Lismore City Council rates?

No, the FRP sits outside of day-to-day council operations and is not funded by ratepayer revenue. The FRP is primarily funded by the Australian and NSW Government under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

3. How are restoration projects selected?

The FRP works with the Lismore City Council team to identify eligible projects based on damage levels. We then enter funding arrangements to restore those assets for the community. Due to funding constraints, many projects can only be restored to 'pre-flood condition'. Improvements, also known as 'betterments', are only possible in certain instances.

4. Where will the new Snow Street Pump Station be located?

Near the junction of Wilson Street, East Street and Snow Street, South Lismore. Featuring submersible electric pumps and complemented by enhanced drainage, it is designed to deliver extended access for emergency services and the evacuation of residents and businesses.

5. What is the CSIRO research and when will it be released?

CSIRO is building detailed hydrodynamic flood modelling for the Richmond catchment, which includes Wilsons River. This is due for completion on 30 June 2025. The model will be used by CSIRO to test and investigate flood mitigation options across the region until June 2026. This testing will help inform local and state government in planning for resilience and readiness activities to reduce the effects of future flooding in the region.

6. Does the FRP fix potholes?

The FRP works within very specific funding parameters and physical guidelines, with roads often only able to be restored to 'pre-flood condition', based on historical information. If a pothole sits within the confines of a FRP road project, it may be fixed. If not, it would fall under day-to-day Lismore City Council works and be addressed when possible. To log a pothole, contact Lismore City Council on 02 6625 0500 or visit lismore.nsw.gov.au

7. Where can I learn more about FRP projects?

For details on current and past projects, head to the Flood Restoration Portfolio section of Lismore City Council's website at lismore.nsw.gov.au/Building-and-planning/Flood-Restoration-Portfolio, or simply scan the QR code below:

