Moreton Bay Regional Council Wins Flood Risk Management Award

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Floodplain Management Australia (FMA) in partnership with NRMA Insurance has announced Moreton Bay Regional Council as the winner of the 2016 FMA NRMA Insurance Excellence Award.

Moreton Bay Regional Council’s ‘Regional Flood Data Management Software’ project focussed on developing an automated flood-risk management system. The new system integrates region-wide data from across 14 catchments, and enables the Council to produce timely, clear and consistent flood data reports for every property in the region. By automating the flood data management process, the Council has increased the number of flood data reports they can produce each year, and also allows individuals to create their own via the Council’s website. Through the project, Moreton Bay Regional Council is able to respond quickly to requests for flood reports and is increasing accessibility to information and awareness of flood risks within the community.

For more information on the flood maps, visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/floodcheck.

FMA President, Ian Dinham said the FMA NRMA Insurance Excellence Award aims to recognise and promote the invaluable work organisations and individuals have done to better protect and prepare their community from floods.

“Congratulations to Moreton Bay Regional Council on it’s excellent project and the work it has done to better protect their community from the impacts of flooding,” Mr Dinham said.

“We were very impressed with all the FMA NRMA Insurance Excellence Award entrants, and encourage them to continue their work in order to create more opportunities to manage flood risks.”

As the winner of the Excellence Award, Moreton Bay Regional Council will receive $2,500 to continue their important work.

NRMA Insurance Chief Executive, Anthony Justice said the need to effectively manage and reduce the impact of flooding is of national importance.

“All too often we see the devastating impact floods can have on our communities, highlighting the need for more effective floodplain management activities,” Mr Justice said.
“It’s important to recognise and support organisations that work to help make our communities safer, stronger and more resilient. That’s why we’re proud to support the FMA NRMA Insurance Excellence Award.”

The winner of the 2016 FMA NRMA Insurance Excellence Award was announced at the 2016 FMA Annual Conference in Nowra last week.

Nominations were open to FMA Members Australia wide.

Floodplain Management Australia brings together experts from across Australia and overseas to help build a more flood resilient nation. Members include over 120 councils, catchment management authorities, businesses, and professionals involved in urban and rural flood risk management.

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