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**Griffith City Council leading flood risk management**

Griffith City Council has been specially commended in the 2018 NRMA Insurance Excellence Award, a partnership between Floodplain Management Australia (FMA) and NRMA Insurance.

The ‘Installing First Flood Warning System in the Mirrool Creek Catchment’ project by Griffith City Council was designed to protect the community from Mirrool Creek floodwaters. The project comprises of a flood gauge that was installed in Narrandera Council’s area with live data uploaded onto Water NSW and Bureau of Meteorology website. The live flood information will help define the flood management strategies of farmers, and Councils downstream.

FMA Executive Officer, Glenn Evans said the FMA NRMA Insurance Excellence Award aims to recognise and promote the invaluable work organisations and individuals do to better prepare their community for floods.

“We’re pleased to recognise Griffith City Council for its commitment to protect areas from flood risk. We encourage them to continue their work to better manage flood risks,” said Mr Evans.

NRMA Insurance spokesperson, Nick Bartzis said the need to effectively manage and reduce the impact of flooding is of national importance.

“All too often we see the devastating effect floods can have on our communities, highlighting the need for better floodplain management activities,” said Mr Bartzis.

“It’s important to recognise and support organisations that work to help make our communities safer, stronger and more resilient. That’s why we have been proud to support the FMA NRMA Insurance Excellence Award since 2014.”

Toowoomba Regional Council was announced as the winner of the 2018 FMA NRMA Insurance Excellence Award for its ‘Toowoomba Region Floodplain Management: Safer, Stronger, More Resilient Region’ project on 31 May 2018.

For more information about the FMA, visit [www.floods.org.au](http://www.floods.org.au).

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