

## Memories Needed for Foster Flood and Drainage Study

Community members are encouraged to attend a community session with South Gippsland Shire Council and Engeny Water Management to share their memories of past flooding events in Foster.

Local landowners and residents are welcome to speak with Engeny and Council staff about any recent or historical flooding events in Foster.

Photos and newspaper articles showing how these floods impacted Foster and the Stockyard and Bennison Creek areas will be particularly useful.

The session will be held on Tuesday 4 July 2017 at the Foster Community Health Centre from 4.00pm to 6.30pm.

Data collected at the session will assist Engeny by providing a reference for their flood modelling for Stockyard and Bennison Creeks. Existing Council drainage capacity will also be assessed within the study area.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento urged residents to take part in the session and share their knowledge.

"The Foster Flood and Drainage Study will provide necessary information for Council to consider any further requirements to mitigate the effects of flooding and to improve drainage in the area.

"We are aware of areas that may be subject to flooding in certain conditions however completing the study ensures we know the severity of potential floods which we can plan for.

"Both Engeny and Council staff are more than happy if community members would just like to drop in and talk about any drainage and flooding concerns so please feel free to do so," said the Mayor.

Engeny Water Management has previously worked with Council staff on the Nyora Flood and Drainage Study and is considered a leader in its field.

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