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Share your experience or tell your story

Your story We came to live in Lismore in March, just before the second flood. We have backgrounds in developing museums and community organisations that may be helpful.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.5 Recovery from floods A “Flood Discovery Centre” for Lismore: international centre and attraction.

At this time of so much distress for flood affected residents, it may seem insensitive to bring this up, but...

One upside for Lismore from the 2022 floods is that Lismore is known nationally for the horrific floods and the amazing tales of community collaboration and heroism that saved so many lives.

Lismore can claim to be a “flood epicentre” for Australia, as Mallacoota might claim for being a “bushfire epicentre”.

The opportunity for Lismore is to share the learning and the experiences by creating a “Flood Discovery Centre”, that attracts visitors from schools all over Australia (as Canberra does now), fosters international learning, and brings visitors and tourists to the city.

The centre would feature:

- Audiovisuals of people’s stories.
- Demonstration “flood-able” house, featuring the ingenuity of residents and the brightest ideas from around the world of how to build houses that survive and recover from flooding.
- Sewerage systems that don’t overflow.
- Connections with other climate-changed communities around the world.
- Discussion of the issues of who pays for adaptation to climate
- Lessons learned in how to prepare for and cope with extra-ordinary flooding.
- Flood research from around the world.
- “Sponge cities”, cities that use wetlands to manage flooding.

(<https://www.turenscape.com/en/news/detail/394.html>).

The site should be on a hill overlooking the floodplain, for example somewhere between Keen Street and Robinsons Lookout on Girards Hill (overlooking the floodplain in the way that the Getty Center does in Los Angeles, albeit on a much smaller scale-see attached photo).

Supporting documents or images

Attach files

- [Getty-Center-Museum-Los-Angeles-aerial-view-1.jpg](#)
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