

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Man under a fallen roof amongst bricks

Date

February 2022 - March 2022

Medium

Photographic print on paper, colour

Dimensions

Overall: 427 x 595 mm,

Name

Photograph

History

This series of photographs was taken by photographer Natalie Grono in the aftermath of the historic eastern Australian floods in February-March 2022. The Northern Rivers region of northern NSW has historically been prone to flooding, with record floods of 12.2m occurring in 1954 and 1974. The town of Lismore is Australia's most flood-prone suburb. On the 28th February 2022, floodwaters in the town of Lismore reached 14.4m, a height that residents and emergency services were ill-prepared for. Evacuations were again ordered a month later, when the area was flooded again. Original weather forecasts underestimated rainfall in the area in the lead-up to the flood's peak, and could not predict that the waters would reach the levels they did. Emergency services, including the SES, were overwhelmed by the volume of calls for help, and many civilians became involved in rescue efforts. After floodwaters subsided, the affected communities began to clear mud and rubble from their town, something that Grono's photos capture.