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Illawarra floods 1998 ⁰

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Back in August 1998 the Illawarra region experienced an intense storm system. It was the 17th August 1998. The city centre of Wollongong received 316mm of rain in 24 hours. Nearby Mt Ousley received 445mm of rain during the same period.

A trough line that was part of an easterly from a strong blocking high southeast of Tasmania remained almost stationary over the region from just east of Sydney through to the Illawarra Escarpment. The rain fell and just continued to fell. Houses were damaged, creeks flooded and there were landslips along the escarpment. Some coalwash came down the escarpment from the old Kemira Colliery through the suburb of Keiraville down as far as Robson Road near the University of Wollongong.

The next morning I took photographs of the coal wash on [Cassian Street](#), [Harkness Avenue](#) and [Robson Road](#). The damage done to houses in the path of the coal wash was appalling.



As well I took photographs of the beach at the [mouth of Fairy Creek, just north of North Wollongong Beach](#). These photographs were taken on Saturday, 22nd August. Thousands of tonnes of rubbish had washed down the small creeks and were deposited on the beaches of the Illawarra. The rubbish included fences, drums, playground equipment, old cars, new cars, plastic bottles, toys, balls, kennels, trees, branches, pallets and so on. The beaches had also experienced significant amounts of erosion revealing previously unseen rock platforms.

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This is the web site of John Larkin. I am an educator with three strings to my bow... technology, humanities, and languages. I provide professional development for educators across all sectors in the field of education technology. I am living in NSW, Australia. Views are my own.



"To attain knowledge, add things everyday. To attain wisdom, remove things every day." ~ Lao Tzu

"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn." ~ Alvin Toffler

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Additional details regarding the storm event and other photographs can be found at these websites:

- [Severe Flooding Isolates Wollongong: Monday 17th August 1998](#) by Michael Bath
- [Illawarra Flash Flood Event – August 1998](#)
- [Wollongong storm of August 1998: a survey of affected residents two years on](#)
- [The August 1998 Wollongong Storm](#) by Steve Cliffe and John Young. Photographs: | [1](#) | [2](#) | [3](#) |

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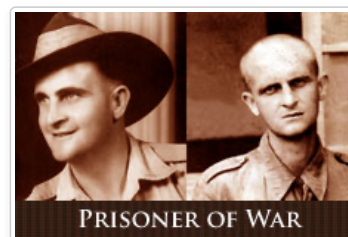
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