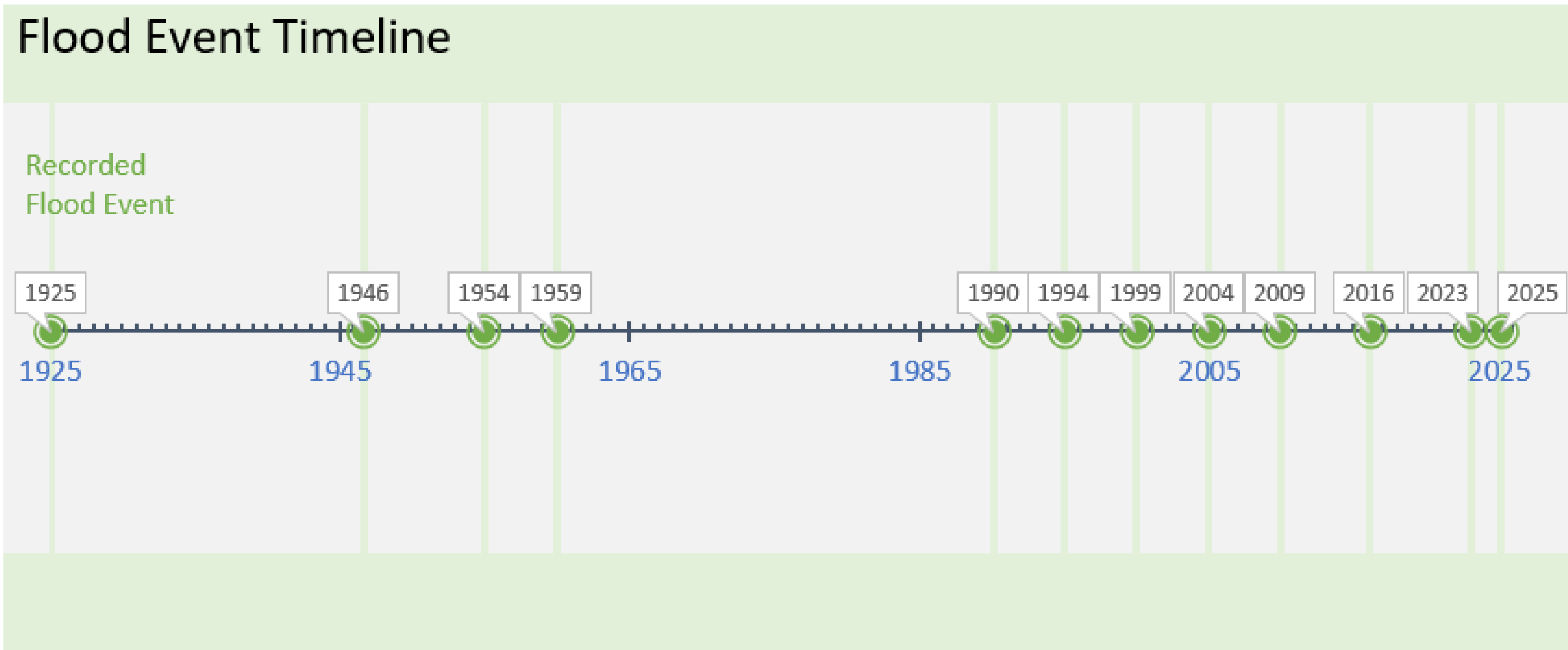


Flood History

The town of Ballina has a history of flooding. The River Grange and the River Drumbane cause flooding in the Ballina area when flows exceed channel capacity. The timeline below shows the flood history since 1925. The most recent events are January 2016, January 2023 and February 2025. These are described in detail below. Other notable flood events in recent years include November 2009 when several roads closures occurred as a result of the flooding, and 2004 with flooding reported on the Summerhill Road (R404).



10/11th January 2023

- Two properties were affected by flooding in Boru Court. Residents reported that flood waters rose and overspilled the headwall into their garden.
- Significant flooding occurred at Donoghues Lane during the event. There is an open channel within the site at the top of Donoghue Lane, which conveys the Grange Stream. At the southern part of the site the channel enters a piped section before travelling down Donoghue Lane and then into an open channel section again to the rear of the properties on the eastern side of the R494. During the event, the inlet did not have sufficient capacity to convey the flows and the water rose and overtopped the inlet and flowed over the surface onto Donoghue Lane. The lane is dished and the water filled the low point.
- At Boruma Gastro Pub the property was affected by surface water drainage issues arising from the storm lines in the area’s drainage of the roads. It was not affected by fluvial flooding.



Flooding on Donoghue Lane



Inlet to pipe at site near Donoghue Lane following flood event



Inlet to Grange Stream immediately upstream of Boru Court (31/01/23)



10/11th January 2023 - Flood Extent and Affected Properties

21th February 2025

Properties were affected by flooding in Boru Court. Footage provided by residents shows significant flooding through the gardens of two properties with flood levels rising up to the threshold levels of the properties.



Flooding at Boru Court Properties

January 2016

There are reports online of a flood event occurring in January 2016. The Ballina pontoon was identified as being underwater.



Ballina Pontoon under water (source: irishwaterwayshistory.com)