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AUSTRALIAN FLOOD WRECKS TOWNS.

From New South Wales come further pictures as flood damage sears into millions. In Maitland, shopping comes to a standstill, the goods waterlogged and ruined. At Grafton, Bellingen and Kempsey it's the same story - folks escaping only with their lives, their homes and all that meant life buried beneath the Hunter river floods.

Week-old baby Peter Cane leaves Maitland Hospital, where he was born, to go home - if home's still there. Food arrives from more fortunate parts to keep alive a community that yesterday was flourishing and feeding others.

Patience and the will to work abound in these people. And faith, too, to rebuild all that they had so painfully built, by the sweat of their brows.

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