

IF A DISASTER STRUCK

WOULD YOU BE READY?

**Your guide to preparing for an emergency
in the Scenic Rim region**

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IN THE CASE OF LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY CALL 000

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- **Police, Fire and Ambulance 000**
- **State Emergency Service 132 500**
- **Scenic Rim Regional Council 07 5540 5111**



ARE YOU DISASTER READY?

Our beautiful mountainous region is perfect for watching a storm roll in on a hot afternoon from the safety of your home. However, we must not forget the impact that our extreme weather conditions can have on our community. Here in the Scenic Rim we have the potential to be impacted by severe storms, flash flooding and bushfires to name a few, so it is important to be prepared.

**WHILE WE CANNOT ELIMINATE THESE NATURAL EVENTS,
WE CAN TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE WE ARE
PREPARED FOR A POTENTIAL EMERGENCY AFTER A DISASTER.**

This booklet has been developed by the Scenic Rim Regional Council to assist the community in understanding the potential hazards within our beautiful region and provide general information on getting ready for a disaster. Being prepared before a disaster is key to building a strong community that can get back on its feet and continue to prosper and grow.



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WE SHOULD LEARN FROM THE PAST

The Scenic Rim experienced severe weather conditions as a result of Ex-Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie in late March and early April 2017. Beaudesert experienced a significant amount of rainfall on 30 March which was the equivalent to a one-in-500 year rainfall event for a 24 hour duration. The region experienced extreme property damage due to high winds and flooding.

2016 Rainfall IFD data system, Bureau of Meteorology, 2018

On 7 February 1991, Boonah experienced flash flooding due to heavy rainfall. Flooding throughout the Logan River and Warrill Creek catchment caused major damage to properties and a Kooralbyn school was inundated. Three people lost their lives at a flooded road crossing during this weather event.

Australian Disaster Resilience Knowledge Hub Org, 2018

In August 1991, Tamborine Mountain experienced a devastating fire which claimed three houses on Laheys Lookout Road. One person travelling on Tamborine Mountain Road, known locally as the Goat Track, also lost her life due to a fallen tree. Back burning and fire breaks helped to reduce fire spread.

Fire rage, Beaudesert Times, August 1991



The Teviot Brook changed course

TEVIOT Brook, which flows through the Scenic Rim, has changed its course in several places as a result of the damage done by the recent flood. The water has cut deep channels in the soil and has carried away large amounts of earth. In some places, the water has cut through the soil and has run down the face of the hills. This has caused the water to flow in a different direction from its usual course. The damage done by the flood has been extensive and it is expected that the water will continue to flow in its new course for some time.

Dugandan Hotel Inundated

RAPID RISE IN LAKE LEVELS

The Dugandan Hotel, which is situated on the banks of the Logan River, was inundated by flood water on Tuesday. The water reached the second floor of the building and forced the occupants to evacuate. The hotel was completely surrounded by water and the water level was rising rapidly. The hotel owner reported that the water was very muddy and that the water was very hot. The hotel was completely destroyed and the water was very hot. The hotel was completely destroyed and the water was very hot.

FIRES RAGE

- Girl killed by tree
- Three homes destroyed
- Victims' appeal launched

A devastating fire raged through the Scenic Rim on Tuesday, claiming the lives of three people and destroying three homes. The fire started in the early morning and spread rapidly. The fire was very hot and the wind was blowing in the direction of the houses. The fire was very hot and the wind was blowing in the direction of the houses. The fire was very hot and the wind was blowing in the direction of the houses.

Memories of Floods

The 1887 Flood
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The 1946 Flood
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PREPARE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN

If your home lost power or there was a bushfire approaching would your family cope with what you had at home?

Think about your pets and animals and what they would need in an emergency including food, identification, medication, transport and accommodation needs.



- Talk to family, friends and children about a meeting place if you are unable to get in contact
- Talk to children about who they can call or go to if you are unable to be contacted



HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY PLAN & CHECKLIST

GET READY!

A **HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY PLAN** is an important tool for you and your family. Knowing what you would do, where you would go and having a plan in place before a disaster strikes can affect the way you react to and recover from an emergency situation.

A **HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY CHECKLIST** will help your family to prepare for a disaster. Items should be kept in a waterproof container or bag that is big enough to add extra items when responding to a specific disaster.

Tear-out and complete the plan and checklist and keep them in a important place



TUNE IN TO WARNINGS, WEBSITES AND RADIO STATIONS



Tune in to local radio stations, and use the Scenic Rim Regional Council Disaster Dashboard website to stay up-to-date with weather warnings, road conditions and emergency updates.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each Local Government Area in Queensland has a Local Disaster Management Group made up of representatives from Council, Local Emergency Services, Queensland Police and other key stakeholders. When a disaster is visible, the Local Disaster Management Group will activate the Local Disaster Coordination Centre. This is where decisions are made to manage the disaster event and ensure community safety.

For more information and to view the Scenic Rim Local Disaster Management Plan, head to scenicrim.qld.gov.au and explore the Disaster Management tab on the website.

AFTER A DISASTER

Experiencing an emergency situation or disaster event can be frightening, stressful and exhausting. Recovering from a disaster is a complex process that may take months - even years - to overcome.

Accessing emotional and social support, spending time talking to family and friends and being physically active can help in getting back into the rhythm of day-to-day life.

A range of local community services and organisations which offer assistance to the Scenic Rim region can be found by viewing our Community Recovery page on Council's website scenicrim.qld.gov.au

DISASTER DASHBOARD

disasterdashboard.scenicrim.qld.gov.au

WEATHER WARNINGS • ROAD CONDITIONS • EMERGENCY INFORMATION

PREPARE YOUR HOME - KNOW YOUR RISK

Understanding the specific risk that may affect your local area, home or property is important.

Do you know the potential risk for bushfires around your home or whether your area may flood?

Talk to neighbours and friends about ways to protect your home from fire and which roads are impacted by flash flooding and plan an alternative route in case you need to evacuate.

Ensure that your insurance is current and sufficient to protect your home, contents or business.

HERE ARE SOME GENERAL HOME PREPAREDNESS TIPS

For more information on how to prepare your home head to getready.qld.gov.au



PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR A SEVERE WEATHER EVENT

- Prepare your household emergency kit
- Trim and clear trees and branches away from your home and keep trees that are under or near power lines to a height of less than four metres
- Check that roofing is secure
- Clean gutters and downpipes of blockages and waste

PREPARING FOR FLOOD

- Prepare your household emergency kit
- Fill your car with fuel in case you need to leave quickly
- Stack furniture and possessions above the likely flood level (electrical items on top) and move garbage, chemicals and poisons to a high place
- Secure objects that could float and cause damage

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR BUSHFIRES

- Prepare your household emergency kit
- Clear yard of loose materials that may become wind-blown hazards
- Clear roof and gutters of leaves, twigs etc.
- If possible make a firebreak around your home using a mower, rake or spade
- Remove all rubbish, leaf litter and shrubs and branches growing too close to the house
- Keep grass short and green when possible
- Fit wire screens to doors, windows and vents and enclose all gaps. Include roof eaves and the area under your house
- Ensure garden hoses are able to reach all parts of the house and garden



YOUR HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY PLAN



Complete this plan with all members of your household and keep it in a prominent place.

Your address

Your household members

Name

Name

Name

Name

Name

If we can't get home or contact each other we will meet or leave a message at:

Name

Name (back-up)

Name (out of town)

The person responsible for collecting the children from school is:

Name

Emergency survival items and evacuation kit

Person responsible for checking water and food

Items will be checked and replenished on (at least once a year)

The evacuation kits are stored in the

The radio station (AM & FM frequency) we will tune into for local emergency information is

Friends/neighbours who may need our help or who can help us

Name

Address

Name

Address



On a separate sheet of paper draw a plan of the house showing places to shelter if needed, flooding areas, exits and safe assembly areas and where to turn off the water, electricity and gas.



YOUR HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

A handy list of things you'll need to help see you through an emergency safely.

SOME BASIC ITEMS TO INCLUDE

Battery powered, wind up or solar powered radio	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterproof torch	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare batteries for all devices	<input type="checkbox"/>
First aid kit with basic medication and guide book	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toiletries including soap, alcohol wipes, toilet paper, tissues, toothpaste, toothbrush and sanitary items	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cash, credit and debit cards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bedding, pillows and blankets	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candles with waterproof matches or glow sticks	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drinking water (consider 10 litres of water per person to last three days)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dried and canned foods to last three days, can opener	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterproof bags for valuable items and documents	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare clothes and shoes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sturdy gloves	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop, mobile phone and charger	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food, water, medication, bedding and other specialty items for pets	<input type="checkbox"/>

IF YOU NEED TO EVACUATE, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

Prescription medications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wallet, purse, cash, Medicare card, ATM and credit cards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Important documents in your sealed waterproof bag (see below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consider members of your family with special needs and items for young children (Baby formula, nappies, entertainment, security blanket or soft toy)	<input type="checkbox"/>

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS TO BE SEALED IN A WATERPROOF BAG

Insurance papers for vehicles and valuable items	Insurance papers for house and contents	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wills and life insurance documents	Inventory of valuable household goods	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birth and marriage certificates	Passports/visa details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Immunisation records	Bank account and credit card details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Back-up copies of important computer files	Your household emergency plan on reverse	<input type="checkbox"/>