

A **get** READY Guide

for the Bundaberg Region



STORM



CYCLONE



TSUNAMI



FLOOD

We cannot control the weather...but we can control the impact it has on our lives.



Tune into warnings

Prepare an emergency plan

Prepare your home

Prepare emergency and evacuation kits

PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION HANDY
It might save your life!
 Take some time to read it and start getting ready now for disasters.

call for STORM DAMAGE
 RISING FLOOD WATER
 FALLEN TREES ON BUILDINGS
 DAMAGED ROOF

Emergency Management
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 Queensland

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 REGIONAL COUNCIL

Get Ready Queensland is an initiative of the Queensland Government and is supported by the Bundaberg Regional Council. This information is prepared for residents and visitors of the Bundaberg Region.

Be **hazard** **READY**

What are the hazards that pose a threat to the Bundaberg Region?

SNAPSHOT

2013 floods, tornadoes and storm surge

The disasters of 2013 included storm surge, tornadoes and extreme flooding. Tornadoes occurred at Bargara, Burnett Heads, Coonarr and Avondale.

Flooding impacts within Bundaberg City were unprecedented, with the January 2013 flood level (9.52m) exceeding the previous highest recorded event of 1890 (9.04m). Flooding was also extreme in outlying communities such as Wallaville, Goodnight Scrub, Pine Creek and Winfeld.

The following hazards have the potential to impact a large proportion of the Bundaberg Region:

Flooding

Earthquake

Tornado

Storm surge

Cyclone

Tsunami

East coast low

Bushfire

Severe storm

There are additional hazards identified in Bundaberg's Local Disaster Management Plan.

KEY CONTACTS

000	for all life-threatening emergencies
132 500	State Emergency Services (SES)
13 19 40	Road Closures Department of Transport and Main Roads
1300 883 699	Bundaberg Regional Council
1300 883 699	Local Disaster Coordination Centre (when activated)

**PLEASE KEEP THESE
CONTACT NUMBERS HANDY!**



Want to know more?

www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/residents/emergency-management



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TOP FOUR HAZARDS

Flooding

Moderate or Major Flood levels have occurred on the Burnett River fifteen times since 1880. There have been four floods since 2010. The main river catchments within the Bundaberg region are the Burnett River, Kolan River and Baffle Creek. The Burnett River catchment is vast and funnels to the ocean through the centre of Bundaberg. The height of the river at Bundaberg is measured by the Bureau of Meteorology's river gauge at Targo St.

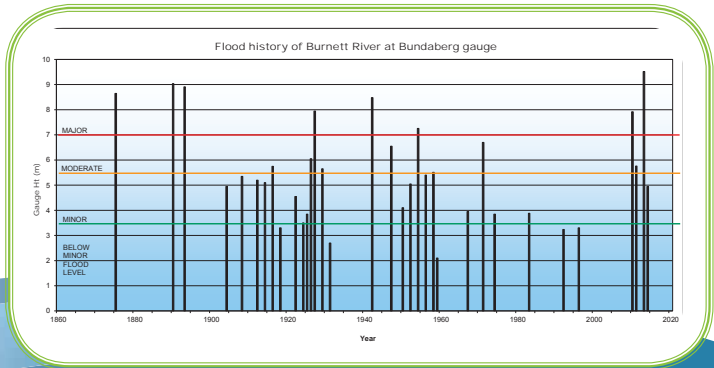
9.52m (2013)

9.04m (1890)

8.91m (1893)

8.48m (1942)

7.92m (2010)



Storm Surge

Storm surge may impact coastal areas of the Bundaberg Region, threatening homes in coastal suburbs and communities. Storm surge can be caused by a cyclone or low pressure system (such as Ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald).

You should become familiar with the storm surge map that applies to where you live and listen out for weather warnings. Use this information to plan your evacuation route.

Storm surge maps are available at:

<http://bundaberg.qld.gov.au/residents/emergency-management>



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TOP FOUR HAZARDS

Cyclone

Cyclones impact the Bundaberg Region every few years on average. In January 2013 Ex Tropical Cyclone Oswald started in the Gulf of Carpentaria, travelled south over Queensland and continued to Sydney. In 2009, Category 5 Cyclone Hamish threatened the region before heading out to sea. Cyclone Fran crossed the coast at Bundaberg in 1992.



Tropical Cyclones within 100 km of Bundaberg since 1970:

- Jan 2013 - Ex TC Oswald
- Mar 2009 – TC Hamish
- Mar 1992 – TC Fran
- Feb 1981 – TC Cliff
- Mar 1976 – TC Dawn
- Feb 1976 – TC Beth
- Jan 1974 – TC Wanda
- Feb 1972 – TC Daisy
- Feb 1971 – TC Fiona
- Dec 1971 – TC Althea

Bushfire

In 2009 Queensland experienced one of its worst bushfire seasons on record. Residents, in Gaeta especially, were faced with the decision to stay with their property or leave the area early. You don't have to live in the bush to be threatened by bushfire, just close enough to be affected by burning material, embers and smoke. For Bundaberg Region residents, that can be just about anywhere. The Rural Fire Service Queensland has tools to help you put together your own personal Bushfire Survival Plan.

For more info go to:
<http://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/>





Bundaberg Regional Council provides a disaster response capability and works within the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements. In disaster events, Council:

Works with the emergency services (Police, Ambulance, Fire Service and SES) as well as many other agencies to respond to disasters

Activates its Local Disaster Coordination Centre

Activates evacuation centres if required

Provides advice and warnings to the community via the media and Council's website

Coordinates recovery operations



Disasters will disrupt the things you normally rely on. You may not be able to use your phone or internet. You may not have power and you may not be able to leave your home. **You may be "on your own" for a period of time.** This may be uncomfortable and can be frightening. This is why you need an Emergency Plan as well an Emergency Kit and Evacuation Kit. And ALWAYS stay tuned to the warnings and advice provided by officials.

Prepare your emergency plan

Prepare your Emergency Kit and Evacuation Kit

Prepare your home

Tune into warnings



Local Disaster Management Group Meeting



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What
should
YOU do to
prepare?

Prepare Your Emergency Plan

Develop your Emergency Plan with the entire household. Follow these steps:

1. Consider how the hazards listed above may effect you and your local area.
2. Chat about possible scenarios and responses with your household.
3. Write down important details, such as emergency and related phone numbers, and keep these details handy.
4. Ensure everyone in your household is prepared



Want to know more?

<http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/getready/fact-sheets.asp>

Have a plan for your pets

You need to ensure that in an emergency your pets can shelter in a safe place, have access to food and clean water and, in the case of flooding, are able to get to higher ground. Take the time now to consider their needs during times of disaster.

You may have to move your animals first, for safety. *It may not be possible to take your pet with you to a temporary evacuation shelter* – plan ahead and be prepared.

Details on preparing your Pet Emergency Plan can be found here:

<http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/getready/files/7-GRQ-Pet-Emergency-Plan.pdf>



Prepare Your Emergency Kit and Evacuation Kit

For many emergencies, you may be able to shelter in place, either at home or at work. In this situation you will need to rely on items you've included in your Emergency Kit.

If you live in town, make sure you've got supplies for at least three days. ***If you live further out of town, make sure you've got supplies for at least five days.*** If you live in a low-lying coastal area or an area prone to flooding, preparing an Evacuation Kit now can save you time and stress in the event of cyclone, storm tide, flood or tsunami.

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Emergency Kit



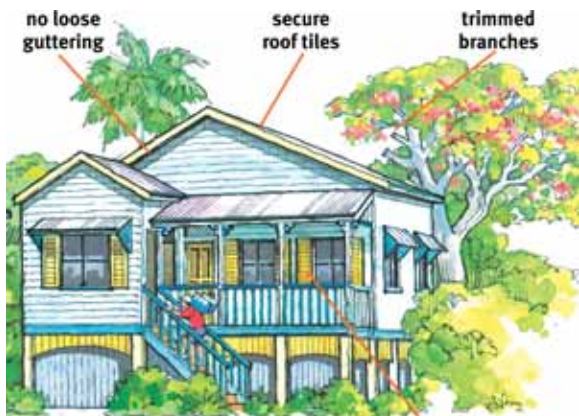
Evacuation Kit



Prepare Your Home

General home maintenance:

- keep your roof in good condition and check it regularly.
- keep gutters and downpipes clear so water can drain away quickly.
- trim trees and overhanging branches close to the house (be aware of any overhead powerlines).
- check and fix any corrosion, rotten timber, termite infestations and loose fittings.



General home preparations:

- ensure your home, contents and car insurance is current and adequate. Check your policy includes debris clean up and removal.
- identify your strongest room to shelter in place during severe storm or cyclone.
- identify where and how to turn off the main supply for water, power and gas.
- have items on hand such as water storage containers, spare fuel for your vehicle (ensure you store it safely)

Tune Into Warnings

Tune in:

Local radio in the Bundaberg Region:

ABC Local Radio 100.1 FM | Classic Hits 1332 4BU |
HITZ 93.9 FM | 93.1 Sea Fm

Log on to:

Bureau of Meteorology www.bom.gov.au
for weather warnings.

Queensland Disaster Management www.disaster.qld.gov.au
for disaster event information.

Council website www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au.

Listen out:

The Standard Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS) siren sound at the beginning of serious warnings on radio and television.

Emergency Alert voice messages to your landline and your mobile telephone.

Sirens and loud-hailer announcements or doorknocking may also be used by Emergency Services and Council.

ACT QUICKLY ON THE ADVICE PROVIDED. TUNE INTO WARNINGS.



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