



# **ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL**

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## **Media Release**

### **Inclement weather and flood warning #2**

Issued by the Etheridge Local Disaster Management Group at 1pm on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The Etheridge Shire Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) continues to monitor recent rainfall activity across the Shire. Steady, but heavy rainfall across the Shire's river catchments had seen significant rises in water courses and river systems.

As an initial precaution the LDMG has activated its Local Disaster Management Plan and continues to monitor weather and river conditions.

At its Meeting held 9am this morning, the Local Disaster Management Group received a briefing from the Bureau of Meteorology. The Bureau is expecting widespread heavy rainfall throughout today and tomorrow, with falls expected between 40-80mm.

Increased rainfall through already saturated river catchments will result in increased risks of flash flooding at creek / river crossings. Roads conditions will change quickly and may remain impassable for periods of time. Motorists are advised to limit non-essential travel until weather conditions improve and obey all traffic control signs, especially Road Closed signs.

Shire residents that may be running low of essential food and medical supplies are advised to contact the Council Administration office on 4079 9090.

The Local Disaster Management Group recommend: -

- Residents in low lying areas should start preparing for the possibility of minor flooding;
- Travellers are advised to check road conditions on [www.131940.qld.gov.au](http://www.131940.qld.gov.au) and review their travel plans if roads are closed.
- Residents and motorists are strongly advised not to enter, walk or drive through floodwaters.
- For flood and storm emergency assistance, call the State Emergency Service (SES) on 132 500.
- If your life is in danger, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

For further information, please call Etheridge Shire Council on 07 4079 9090.