



# **ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL**

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## **Media Release**

### **Inclement weather and flood warning #4**

Issued by the Etheridge Local Disaster Management Group at 11.30am on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The Etheridge Shire's Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) met this morning to review weather and river conditions following yesterday's widespread, heavy rainfall. The LDMG are encouraged that the tropical low has now drifted off the east coast, providing a brief period of respite before normal seasonal shower and storm activity return.

In light of this, LDMG has downgraded its posture to "Lean Forward" and will now monitor weather, river and road conditions over the weekend. The LDMG will meet again on Monday with the intent to "Stand Down".

Until then, people are advised that road networks throughout the region have been affected. The Gulf Development Road remains closed at the Gilbert River Bridge. Other river crossings may experience periodic closures. Motorists are advised to exercise caution, check road conditions ahead, obey all traffic control signs and do not attempt to cross flooded crossings.

As conditions allow and staff return from leave, Council's roads crews will soon start emergency repairs to re-open the Shire's road network. We ask for resident's patience as this occurs.

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: -

- 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.