



# Community Newsletter, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

## CURRENT SITUATION

Dangerous hazards including floodwater, mud, debris, damaged roads and fallen trees may still be present. Never park or take shelter under a tree when it's windy.

Other areas of Echuca and Echuca Village will be assessed to potentially allow more residents to return to their homes in the coming days and weeks. Do not enter floodwater or return to an evacuated area until it is declared safe by authorities.

### Echuca:

The Murray River Echuca Wharf is 94.59m and falling slowly. River levels in the Murray in the Echuca to Barham section are likely to remain above the major flood level (94.40) through to next week.

### Rochester:

River levels have receded. The Rochester sewer network is now partially operational. While the network has been partially restored, the service is likely to be unreliable and you should expect outages.

### Torrumbarry:

The level at Torrumbarry will remain around 7.85m through to next week. Works continue to reinforce the temporary emergency levee and continue to be closely monitored.

### Kerang

The Loddon River at Murray Valley Highway bridge (Kerang) is currently at 77.24m and falling slowly. The river level is expected to remain above the minor flood level for the next few days.

### Water and Sewerage from Coliban Water

The drinking water supplied to all towns served by Coliban Water is currently safe to drink. Echuca and Rochester residents are encouraged to set aside 20-40lts of drinking water in suitable containers to meet the drinking water needs of your household.

Residents please continue to consider your usage of anything that produces wastewater.

Boort- A drinking water tank is located on the Fire Brigade Track. [www.coliban.com.au/latest-updates](http://www.coliban.com.au/latest-updates)

### Relief and Recovery

#### **Echuca Relief Centre & Information**

Stadium 244 High Street Echuca

Open: 9am – 5pm daily

Phone: after hours 0400215375

#### **Swan Hill Relief Centre & Information**

15 Gray Street Swan Hill

Phone: 0447094347

#### **Rochester Resource Centre**

Racecourse Recreation Reserve

Northern Highway, Rochester

#### **Rochester Foodshare**

Rochester Presbyterian Church

2 Victoria Street, Rochester

### Community meetings:

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Community Drop-in Session- Echuca  
Stadium 244 high Street, Echuca 3:30-5:30  
Representors of the Campaspe Shire and  
Other Agencies.

### Agriculture Victoria

A financial support package for farmers is available. Visit [agriculture.gov.vic.au/floods](http://agriculture.gov.vic.au/floods)  
1800 226 226

### Blazeaid- For Fencing Assistance

Bridgewater Recreation Reserve, Park Street  
Bridgewater.

Co-Ordinator: Graeme Allen 0477 488 434

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

### **Emergency relief payments**

Personal Hardship Support.

<https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/personal-hardship-assistance-program>

### **Stagnant Water**

If you have concerns about the smell of black (stagnant) water or sewage leakage around your property, please contact the EPA (1300 372 842) or Coliban Water for assistance. Never eat fish caught from the flood water.

### **Health Information**

Health advice for flood related illness and injury.

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/health-advisories/health-advice-for-flood-related-illness-and-injury>

### **Infectious Diseases**

Find out more:

[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/emergencies-floods](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/emergencies-floods)

### **Mosquito-Borne Disease**

Find out more:

[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/mosquitoes-can-carry-diseases](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/mosquitoes-can-carry-diseases)

### **Mould and Your Health**

For information and safety on how to clean up and remove mould go to **Mould removal at home** visit the below link

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsand treatments/mould-removal-at-home>

### **Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV)**

Find out more:

<https://bendigohealth.org.au/JEV/>

Japanese encephalitis (JE) virus vaccine eligibility has now been expanded. For information on the eligibility criteria, please

visit <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/infectious-diseases/japanese-encephalitis-virus>

There is currently limited supply of JE vaccine in Victoria. Eligible people can contact their general practitioners, local council or community pharmacy to arrange a vaccination appointment. You can also express interest with the Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit (LMPHU) here: <https://bendigohealth.org.au/JEV/>

### **Asbestos Warnings**

If you have a house of age, please be wary of asbestos in your home. Asbestos may be uncovered by flood waters.

Please **contact your local** council for advice on management of asbestos in your home.

**Disposal of Used Sandbags- Beware of Contamination.** Please refer to your local council website for information regarding cleaning up after a flood, including disposal of used sandbags.

### **Road closures and travelling in the area**

Information **13 11 70** or the VicTraffic website

[traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

### **Wildlife**

If you see animals that appear injured or caught in flood water call 136 186 or via Wildlife Emergency App

**SNAKES: IF YOU SEE A SNAKE LEAVE IT ALONE! IF BITTEN APPLY FIRST AID AND CALL 000**

**Should you remain isolated or cut off and require food or medical supplies please call SES 132 500**

Refer to the SES website for information on flood preparedness <https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/>  
**For Commercial and Recreational Users of the Murray River:**

Visit the NSW SES website for information: <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/news/all-news/2022/emergency-area-declared-murray-river/>

### **Donations**

Please only donate non-perishable food. **No prepared cooked food.** Furniture, toys and clothing items are to be donated to charity shops. [www.givit.org.au](http://www.givit.org.au)

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

### **Mental Health and Family Violence**

Nurse-on-Call on **1300 60 60 24** registered nurse, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from anywhere in Victoria.

It is normal to have emotional or physical reactions following a distressing event. There is always help available through your doctor or local mental health professionals.

[Lifeline](#) - 131 114 [Beyond Blue](#) - 1300 224 636  
[MensLine](#) - 1300 789 978 [Kid's Help Line](#) - 1800 55 1800  
[Mental Health Hub](#) 1300 375 330 [Family Violence](#) - 1800 737 732

### **Register. Find. Unite.**

This service registers, finds and reunites family, friends and loved ones after an emergency.

<https://register.redcross.org.au/>



### **Returning Home After A Flood**

For information on actions to take when returning home from a flood and other relief information visit

<https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au/relief>

**Electricity:** Only turn on power at the mains if water has **not** entered your property. Have wiring and appliances tested and tagged before use. For more information contact your service provider.

**Gas:** If your home has been impacted by floodwater, **do not** attempt to turn the gas supply back on. For more information contact your service provider

### **Emergency Recovery Victoria**

Flood Recovery information and support for people and communities affected by floods.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/october-2022-flood-recovery>

### **Latest River Heights**

[http://www.bom.gov.au/cgi-bin/wrap\\_fwo.pl?IDV60149.html](http://www.bom.gov.au/cgi-bin/wrap_fwo.pl?IDV60149.html)

### **Vic Emergency – Latest Warnings**

[www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au)

VicEmergency Hotline – free call 1800 226 226

VicEmergency app

Facebook or Twitter (#vicHAZARD)

### **Translating and Interpreting Service**

To access this information in other languages, call the 131450 (free call) and ask them to call VicEmergency Hotline.

### **National Relay Service**

Speech/communication impairment contact on 1800 555 677 and ask them to call the VicEmergency Hotline.

### **Power outages**

[www.powercor.com.au/power-outages-and-faults/live-outage-map/](http://www.powercor.com.au/power-outages-and-faults/live-outage-map/)

### **Telstra**

Have activated disaster assistance packages for customers in the impacted areas. See links for updated information Telstra Disaster Assistance - <https://exchange.telstra.com.au/victoria-tasmania-flooding-disaster-assistance-2022/>

### **Know Your Local Council**

Find your council using the link below for the latest information

<https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/>

### **Schools**

Information on updated school closures is available via the Dept of Education website:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/closures.aspx>

### **Flood event: Support for children, students and families**

Supports and resources are available to government school students and families affected by the 2022 Victorian flood event.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/flood-event-support-children-students-and-families>

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