

Situation Update

25 October 2022

Council services update

The following services are currently closed:

- Immunisation (until 31 October)
- Maternal and Child Health
- Echuca and Rochester libraries (all other libraries open)
- Campaspe Community Children's Centre in Echuca and Rochester and District Childcare Centre
- Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre
- Campaspe Animal Shelter
- Community Transport – please call Community Transport Coordinator to discuss rescheduling 0408 379 647

Flood Recovery Hotline

1800 560 760 (7.30am – 7.30pm, every day)

- Find out about a range of clean up services
- Find financial, mental health and other support
- Find somewhere to stay

Waste

- Kerbside collections are continuing across the Shire on roads that are not flood affected.
- Resource Recovery Centres (transfer stations / tips) are open.
 - Rochester Transfer Station open 9am – 5pm for household flood waste ONLY
 - Commercial operators can use the Rochester Emergency Transfer Station at 22 Malloy Street
 - Colbinabbin Transfer Station is closed, due to flooding of the access road
 - All remaining transfer stations are open with normal operating hours in place
 - <https://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/rrc>
- Asbestos needs to be disposed of correctly
 - More information, www.asbestos.vic.gov.au/about-asbestos/removing-or-disposing

If your bin has been missed or your bin is missing due to flood waters, details can be reported to Campaspe Shire by visiting www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/councilservicesflood or phone 1300 666 535

Relief Centre

The relief centre is available 24/7. Media are asked not to attend due to privacy reasons.

Address: Echuca South Basketball Stadium, 244 High Street

Mosquitoes

Mosquito activity has increased due to high levels of water and weather conditions. Key reminders for the community are:

- Wear long, loose fitting clothing, completely cover up
- Apply repellents containing picaridin or DEET
- Keep the kids safe. You can spray their clothes instead of their skin

Flood water safety advice

Where possible, it is important for you and your pets to stay out of flood water

- Flood waters are dangerous and highly contaminated, and exposure is likely to cause yourself, and your animals, serious illness
- If you must enter the water, protect yourself with waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear to prevent injury
- Wearing disposable gloves is also advised
- If you come into contact with flood waters, wash yourself thoroughly with soap and clean water, and use hand sanitiser

Water update – Coliban

Echuca

- The clear water tanks at the Echuca Water Treatment Plant (supplying drinking water) were shutdown Sunday for maintenance work.
- Post these works, you may notice your tap water is not as clear as usual.
- During these wet conditions, we recommend putting 20-40 litres of drinking water aside in suitable containers to meet the drinking water needs of your household.
- Flood gates have been installed
- Built a levee at the Water Treatment Plant
- Sink hole - Anstruther Street has been temporarily filled
- Wet weather caused some sewer spills in the region. Where we can safely access these sites, we have commenced cleaning up
- More information at www.coliban.com.au/echuca-update

Rochester

- The Water Treatment Plant (supplying drinking water) is still operational and protected by the flood gates.
- Toilets and showers are available to you at the following locations
 - The park in Queen St, Rochester
 - Corner of Pascoe and Baynes St, Rochester
- Your sewer network is partially operational. Whilst the network has been partially restored, the service will be unreliable and customers should expect outages.
- Finished sandbagging at our sewer pump stations to protect critical infrastructure
- More information at www.coliban.com.au/rochester-update

Gunbower

- If you are able to do so, we recommend putting 20-40 litres of drinking water aside in suitable containers to meet the drinking water needs of your household.
- Your water remains safe to drink
 - We have undertaken precautionary sandbagging of our critical infrastructure in the town

Financial assistance

There is State and Federal government financial assistance that may be available to you.

Visit the Campaspe Shire website

- www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/relief

Safety messages

- Don't drive through floodwaters, follow road closed / footpath closed signs
- Be prepared to evacuate – medical supplies, key papers, 3-5 days of clothing

How can I help?

Thank you for your generosity but please DO NOT attend the Emergency Relief Centre offering to volunteer or donate items.

- To volunteer, register here – www.disasterreliefaus.org/vic-flood-recovery. Disaster Relief Australia is an organisation that partners with Emergency Management Victoria
- To donate – www.bendigobank.com.au/floodappeal or www.givvit.org.au/donate-funds
- You can also speak to your local Neighbourhood House, which may be taking volunteer registrations