

Situation Update

31 October 2022



Council services update

- Library services – Echuca library reopening on Wednesday, 2 November. Rochester closed. All other libraries open
- Saleyards – Truck wash closed
- Campaspe Animal Shelter – closed
- Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre reopening on Wednesday, 2 November. Casual swim and casual gym only. Programs still to be confirmed
- Campaspe Community Children's Centre reopening on Wednesday, 2 November
- Rochester and District Child Care Centre – closed. Families have been advised of temporary relocation to Country Kidz Tongala, as of Wednesday, 2 November
- Maternal and Child Health - operating via a combination of telephone and centre visits. Please contact the MCH booking number to discuss your options – 1300 644 964
- Community Transport – please call Community Transport Coordinator to discuss rescheduling – 0408 379 647.

To keep up to date, visit

www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/councilservicesflood

Health and Wellbeing

Call Lifeline on **13 11 14** (24 hours, 7 days)

Echuca Regional Health (ERH) telehealth appointments available at <https://erh.org.au>

Bendigo Health is hosting vaccination clinics for COVID, influenza and Japanese Encephalitis:

- Tongala Community Activities Centre – Friday, 28 October from 12.30 – 3.45pm
- Kyabram Community & Learning Centre – Wednesday, 2 November from 12.30 – 3.45pm
- Stanhope Community Hall – Thursday, 3 November from 12.30 – 3.45pm

Other resources:

Nurse on Call - 1300 606 024 or

www.health.vic.gov.au/primary-care/nurse-on-call

Virtual ED – Northern Health www.vved.org.au

Bendigo Health Mental Health Triage - 1300 363 788 or www.bendigohealth.org.au/mentalhealthTriageServices

Doctors On Demand www.doctorsondemand.com.au

Cub Care – for kids. Paediatric emergency for under 15s 5pm to 11pm www.cubcare.com.au

My Emergency Doctor - 1800 123 633 or www.myemergencydr.com

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

Road closures

Stay up to date with a list and VicTraffic map of road closures at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/road-closures

Please do not drive through water over the road or remove 'road closed' signs. Air pockets and eroded sections of road can create extremely dangerous road hazards for motorists. Please do not attempt to in fill potholes or eroded road by yourself.

Waste

- Kerbside collections are continuing across the shire on roads that are not flood affected.
- Apart from the following, all transfer stations are currently open.
 - Rochester Transfer Station open 9am – 5pm for household flood waste ONLY. Exclusions apply, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/wasteflood
 - Commercial operators can use the Rochester Emergency Transfer Station at 22 Malloy Street
 - Colbinabbin Transfer Station is now open
- Removal teams have been brought in by the State Government and Emergency Recovery Victoria to assist in removing flood affected property waste. You can register via the online form on Council's website.
- 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, this can be reported by visiting www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/wasteflood or phone 1300 666 535.

Removal teams have been brought in by the State Government and Emergency Recovery Victoria to assist in removing flood affected property waste. Register at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/floodwaste-register

Water update from Coliban Water



Echuca

- Flood gates remain in place
- We have built a levee at the Water Treatment Plant
- Our crews are working in and near the site sinkholes in Anstruther Street and Darling Street, Echuca. The sites have been fenced off
- We have set-up a temporary pump station in Pakenham Street, which will allow our sewer network to bypass the area around the sinkhole currently in the oval on Anstruther Street
- We are aware of a maintenance hole overflowing in Moama Street, Echuca. This has been fenced off for safety
- Where safe access allows, clean-up will continue at the site of a number of sewer spills
- More information at www.coliban.com.au/echuca-update

Rochester

- The Water Treatment Plant (supplying drinking water) is fully operational
- Toilets and showers are available to you at the Presbyterian Church Hall, the Recreation Reserve, Pascoe Street and Apex Park
- Your sewer network is partially operational. Whilst the network has been partially restored, the service will be unreliable and customers should expect outages
- Repairs to sewer pump stations impacted by floodwater are underway
- More information at www.coliban.com.au/rochester-update

Gunbower

- We are carting water to supply Gunbower with safe drinking water
- We have undertaken precautionary sandbagging of our critical infrastructure in the township
- Sewerage services are operating as normal.

Relief Centre

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

Services available:

- Salvation Army
- Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)
- Centrelink
- Echuca Regional Health

Address: Echuca South Basketball Stadium,
244 High Street.

Mosquitoes

Contracting Japanese Encephalitis and developing serious illness remains very low. To be eligible for the JEV vaccine, there are strict guidelines you must meet, which can be found at this webpage: www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/mosquitoesflood

Bendigo Health is hosting the following clinics, vaccinating for Japanese Encephalitis, COVID and influenza:

- Kyabram Community & Learning Centre – Wednesday, 2 November from 12.30 – 3.45pm
- Stanhope Community Hall – Thursday, 3 November from 12.30 – 3.45pm

To find out more, call the Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit on 1800 959 400. As always, remember 'WAK!'

- **W**ear long, loose fitting clothing, completely cover up
- **A**pply repellents containing picaridin or DEET
- **K**eept 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
- Please be mindful of standing or sitting under trees for lengthy periods of time. The wet conditions are causing many trees to uproot or branches to break.

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

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.givit.org.au/donate-funds
- You can also speak to your local Neighbourhood House, which may be taking volunteer registrations.