

# Situation Update

## 8 November 2022



### River Levels

#### Echuca

The Murray River at Echuca Wharf is at 94.49m (9am 8 November). River levels in the Murray in the Echuca to Barham section are likely to remain at 94.40m through to next week.

#### Rochester

River levels have receded. The Rochester sewer network is partially operational. While the network has been partially restored, you may still experience outages.

#### Torrumbarry

The Murray River level at Torrumbarry is 7.83m (10am 8 November) and will remain around that through to next week. Works continue to reinforce the temporary emergency levee and continue to be closely monitored.

### Council Services

- Library services – Rochester Library remains closed. All other libraries open.
- Saleyards – Truck wash has reopened.
- Campaspe Animal Shelter – Appointment only. Call 5480 3005.
- Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre – Group fitness classes, regular pool bookings and Learn to Swim classes have resumed.
- Campaspe Community Children's Centre – Reopened.
- Rochester and District Child Care Centre – Closed. Temporarily relocated to Country Kidz Tongala.
- Maternal and Child Health - Operating via a combination of telephone and centre visits. Please call MCH booking – 1300 644 964.
- Community Transport – Call Community Transport Coordinator to discuss rescheduling – 0408 379 647.

To keep up to date, visit

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

### Better Health

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

The Better Health Channel has information on what to do when you return home, mould removal, preventing illness, sewage overflow, mosquito treatment, and other health related information.

### Animal Welfare

Farmers who have been impacted by floods and require assistance or have urgent animal welfare needs, should contact the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

### Waste

- Kerbside collections are continuing across the shire on roads that are not flood affected.
- Apart from Rochester, 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](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/wasteflood)
  - Commercial operators can use the Rochester Emergency Transfer Station at 22 Malloy Street.
- Contractors undertaking flood waste pick ups are asking all Echuca residents who are able to put their flood impacted waste on their nature strip to do so as soon as possible. You must register your property address by calling 1300 666 535 or by completing the online registration at [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/wasteflood](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/wasteflood)
  - The waste will be inspected for hazards. Any hazards will be cordoned off with tape and removed at a later stage. Please stay clear of the hazards and please DO NOT remove the tape.
  - Please avoid placing waste on utility pits (Telstra, water, etc).
  - Please separate chemical and paint tins.
  - Please separate glass.
- Asbestos needs to be disposed of correctly. More information: [www.asbestos.vic.gov.au/about-asbestos/removing-or-disposing](http://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](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/wasteflood) or phone 1300 666 535.

### 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.

### Sandbags

For those who have sandbags, we are asking you to keep them on your property for the time being. We are seeking advice through the Incident Control Centre the process and timing for sandbag removal. We will let you know as soon as we are advised.

### Relief Centre

The centre is open 9am to 5pm. Address: Echuca South Basketball Stadium, 244 High Street.

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### Water Update from Coliban WATER

#### Echuca

- The Water Treatment Plant (supplying drinking water) is operational. Your water is safe to drink.
- Flood gates remain in place.
- Where safe access allows, clean-up will continue at the site of a number of sewer spills.
- Our crews will be working this week at the site of sinkholes in Anstruther Street and Darling Street, Echuca. These sites are fenced-off.
- Darling Street is now open.
- More information at [www.coliban.com.au/echuca-update](http://www.coliban.com.au/echuca-update)

#### Rochester

- One floodgate in Rochester has been removed. We are working to remove the second gate soon.
- The Water Treatment Plant (supplying drinking water) is operational. Your water is safe to drink.
- Toilets and showers are available at the Presbyterian Church Hall, the Recreation Reserve, Pascoe Street and Apex Park.
- Your sewer network is partially operational. The service may 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](http://www.coliban.com.au/rochester-update)

#### Gunbower

- We are carting water to supply Gunbower with safe drinking water.
- Sandbags are in place at the Gunbower Water Treatment Plant (supplying your drinking water).
- Sewerage services are operating as normal.

### Mosquito Borne Diseases

The Department of Health advises that mosquitoes do not breed in initial flood waters, they breed in warm stagnant water as flood waters recede. Mosquitoes can transmit a range of viruses. These viruses include Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus, Murray Valley encephalitis and Japanese encephalitis. Your best protection is to avoid mosquito bites.

Community information on how to protect yourself from mosquito borne disease is available including translated materials <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/protect-yourself-mosquito-borne-disease>

### Road Signage

Please do not drive through water over the road or remove 'road closed' signs. Every road in the shire that's been flood affected must be first inspected before signs are removed and the road is declared safe. Please do not remove signage because the road appears to be clear of water or hazards. The minute you drive over a road that's had water over it – sinkholes and bubbles can form and sections of eroded road can break off.

Stay up to date with a list and VicTraffic map of road closures at [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/road-closures](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/road-closures)

### Financial Assistance

There is Federal and State government financial assistance that may be available to you. Services at the Relief Centres should also be utilised, such as Centrelink and the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

To find out more, go to [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/relief](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/relief)

### Stagnant Water

Please contact the EPA or Coliban Water if you have any concerns about black water or sewage leakage around your property. Do not consume fish or crustaceans that have been living in flood water.

**EPA - 1300 372 842**

**Coliban Water - 1300 363 200**