



HINCHINBROOK
SHIRE COUNCIL

HINCHINBROOK REPORT

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QUEENSLAND

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Once again, it's that time of year when residents of Hinchinbrook Shire need to ensure their households are prepared for the upcoming severe weather season. Last season showed that it is difficult to predict long range forecasting and the disaster season started sooner than expected. This is a reminder to be prepared and not become complacent. The Local Disaster Management Group remains vigilant and ready to respond to any potential disaster events, including bushfires, cyclones, storm surges, heatwaves, and floods.

We urge everyone to consider how extreme weather could impact their lives, create a plan to stay safe, and assemble supplies to avoid being caught off guard. Whether you're new to the area or a long-time resident, a homeowner or renting, preparing for extreme weather is essential. Embodying the Queensland spirit of mateship, take the time to get to know your neighbours and ensure they're okay when severe weather strikes.

Here are three steps to take when preparing:

- 1. Know your Risk** – Extreme weather impacts vary depending on location. Understand potential risks in your area and how they could affect your family's daily activities;
- 2. Develop a Plan** – Create a household emergency plan outlining what to do and who to contact during extreme weather events. Having this information readily available provides peace of mind; and
- 3. Prepare an Emergency Kit** – Stock up on essential items for your emergency kit during your next trip to the supermarket.

Additionally, consider signing up for weather notifications and emergency updates through Council's Disaster Dashboard by visiting www.disaster.hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au. By opting in, residents can receive alerts for emergency news, weather warnings from the Bureau, and updates on flood gauges at different alert levels.

The Disaster Dashboard serves as a centralised hub for local disaster and emergency information. It offers access to critical resources such as road conditions, river heights, radar loops, flood height charts, emergency contacts, and a range of pre, during, and post disaster resources. Refer to the image over the page for details on accessing the Disaster Dashboard and opting in to receive notifications.

Let's ensure Hinchinbrook is prepared for whatever nature throws our way. Communities that are well prepared and supported before a disaster are more resilient and better equipped to recover quickly.

Kindest regards

Mayor Ramon Jayo

TUNE IN AND LISTEN

In an emergency tune your television or battery powered radio into a local station and listen for weather and warning updates - keep this list handy in the event of an emergency.

RADIO STATIONS

ABC Local Radio - 630 AM

Triple M - 102.3 FM

HitFM - 103.1 FM

Power - 100.7 FM

Star - 106.3 FM

Triple T - 103.9 FM

4K1G - 107.1 FM

Kix Country - 87.6 FM



REMEMBER:

Electronic Community Noticeboards are located across the district and will display up to date and important information before, during and after a disaster or emergency event.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency Police, Fire or Ambulance	000
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
Policelink	131 444
Ingham Hospital	4720 3000
SES Assistance	132 500
Local Disaster Coordination Centre	4776 4600
Weather Information	www.bom.gov.au

QLD Tropical Cyclone Warnings	1300 659 210
QLD Weather and Warnings	1300 934 034
Roads and Traffic Information	131 940

QLD Coastal Marine Warnings	www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au
Emergency Preparation and Information	1300 978 023

www.getready.qld.gov.au
www.disaster.qld.gov.au

Have You Checked Out
The flood cameras on the Hinchinbrook

DISASTER DASHBOARD?



DISASTER DASHBOARD OPT-IN NOTIFICATIONS

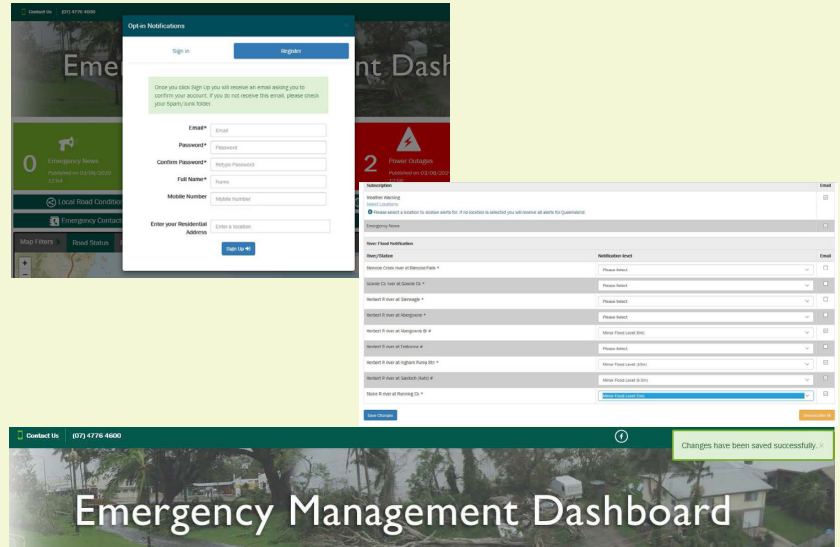
Residents are encouraged to 'opt-in' to a service on the Hinchinbrook Disaster Dashboard to receive email notifications. You can even receive notifications on individual flood gauges at different alert levels!

Visit Council's Disaster Dashboard by typing www.disaster.hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au into your browser and click on the "Opt-In Notifications" button to get set up.

Once you have confirmed your registration, click 'Subscriptions' and tick the box to receive weather warnings - but be sure to choose a warning location!

Choose river level gauges and alert levels to be advised of potential flooding.

Remember to "Save Changes".



If you wish to unsubscribe to all notifications, click the yellow button and confirm.

Select Language

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Hinchinbrook Shire Council Map



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HinchinbrookShireCouncil
HinchinbrookDisasterInformation



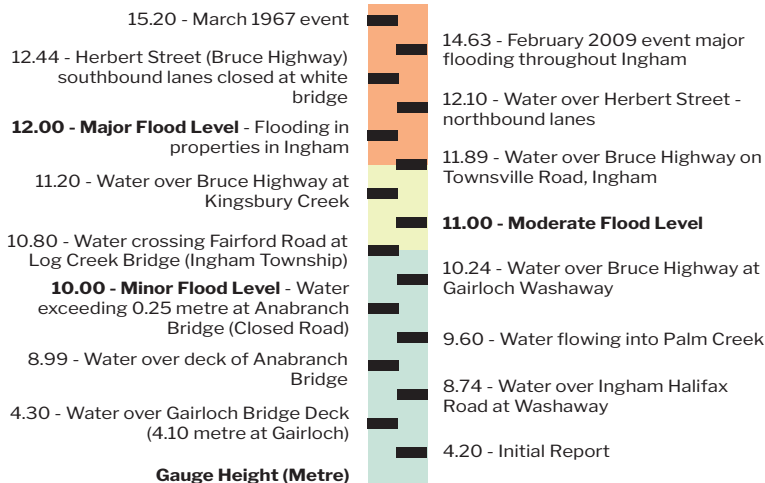
REMEMBER: Before, during or after a disaster or emergency event the Hinchinbrook Disaster Dashboard is the place to go for all disaster related updates disaster.hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au

FLOOD HEIGHT COMPARISON



- From previous events, it has been determined that on average the peak flood level arrives at Ingham Pump Station about two hours ahead of the Gairloch Site, allowing more warning for residents in the Lower Herbert.
- The Gairloch Alert Station readings will still be available on the Bureau of Meteorology website - www.bom.gov.au

Ingham Pump Station Flood Height Indicator



Please note that all tables and diagrams are an indicator of probable effects. Different flooding events can have different water dispersion. Always tune into updates and keep aware of your surroundings. Be prepared and take every precaution prior to and during a flood event.

Comparison of Indicators During Flood Events		
	Gairloch Gauge	Ingham Pump Station Gauge
Consider your options and prepare for a flood event	4.00m	4.20m
Lower Herbert area at high risk, as flood waters rise quickly blocking access at Anabranh and Halifax Washaway	7.00m	7.50m
Minor Flooding	9.50m	10.00m
Moderate Flooding	10.50m	11.00m
Major Flooding	11.50m	12.00m

Comparison of Peak River Heights During Previous Flood Events		
March 1967 Flood Event	12.60m	15.20m
March 1977 Flood Event	12.25m	15.06m
February 2009 Flood Event	12.25m	14.63m
February 2011 Flood Event following TC Yasi	12.25m	13.95m
March 2012 Flood Event	10.50m	11.20m
January 2013 Flood Event	12.02m	13.54m
April 2014 Flood Event following TC Ita	12.35m	14.54m
March 2018 Flood Event	12.35m	14.7m

FLOOD HEIGHT COMPARISON



LOWER HERBERT HALIFAX

- Levee Spillway Locations**
- Victoria Terrace
 - River Avenue
 - Farrell Drive
 - Hoffensetz Street
 - Shaws Avenue
 - Mona Road



- 4.50m** No water over Halifax Washaway.
- 4.90m** Water starting to spill over Halifax Washaway.
- 5.20m** Water is covering Musgrave and Rosendahl Streets and moving towards school.
- 5.30m** Water is over the main street and holds.
- 5.50m** Water over levee spillways.

A few important things to note:

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Comparison of Indicators During Flood Events			
WARNING TO WATCH WHEN	Halifax Gauge	Gairloch Gauge	Ingham Pump Station Gauge
Consider your options and prepare for a flood event	When →	4.00m	4.20m
Lower Herbert area high risk, as flood waters rise quickly.	When →	7.00m	7.50m
Blocking access at Halifax Washaway	When →		8.74m
Blocking access at Anabranh	When →		8.90m
Minor Flooding	4.00m	9.50m	10.00m
Moderate Flooding	4.50m	10.50m	11.00m
Major Flooding	5.00m	11.50m	12.00m

Comparison of Peak River Heights During Previous Flood Events			
March 1967 Flood Event	5.35m	12.60m	15.20m
March 1977 Flood Event	-	12.25m	15.06m
February 2009 Flood Event	5.67m	12.25m	14.63m
February 2011 Flood Event following TC Yasi	5.47m	12.25m	13.95m
March 2012 Flood Event	5.42m	10.50m	11.20m
January 2013 Flood Event	5.52m	12.02m	13.54m
April 2014 Flood Event following TC Ita	5.62m	12.35m	14.54m
March 2018 Flood Event	5.57m	12.35m	14.74m

STORM TIDE EVACUATION - COASTAL COMMUNITIES

If you live in a coastal community, a storm tide evacuation sticker identifying your zone should be located inside your electrical meter box.

Do you know the evacuation zone in your area? If an evacuation order is announced for a Red, Orange and/or Yellow Zone, affected residents should move out of the area using the most direct evacuation route. Australian Height Datum (AHD) is the term used to describe the reference level for defining ground levels in Australia. The level of 0.0m AHD is approximately mean sea level at that location.

RED ZONE:

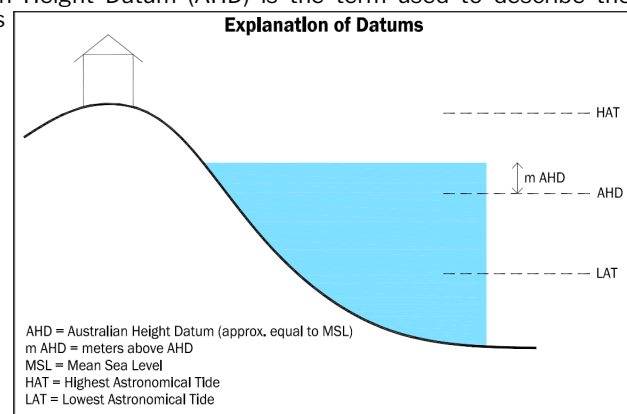
These properties face the highest risk of coastal flooding from a storm tide. They may experience flooding in areas located up to two and three metres above AHD.

ORANGE ZONE:

These properties face a high risk of coastal flooding from a storm tide. They may experience flooding in areas located between three and four metres above AHD.

YELLOW ZONE:

These properties face a moderate risk of coastal flooding from a storm tide. They may experience flooding in areas located between four and six metres above AHD.



KNOW YOUR LOCAL AREA WARDEN

Abergowie

Robert Lyon
4777 4750 / 0417 622 392
John Russo
4777 4670 / 0408 158 800

Arnot Creek

Bernie Bostock
0419 833 340

Ashton

Michael Cristaudo
4777 4264 / 0400 223 403

Bambaroo

Brian Clerk
4777 3134 / 0409 578 133
Robert Bonassi
0410 320 233

Bernerside

Robert Quabba
0409 055 380
Mario Di Bella
0408 670 702

Blackrock

Len Toscano
4776 5574 / 0408 777 841

Braemeadows

Joe Girgenti
0437 033 934

Cordelia

Andrew Carr
4777 7079 / 0417 968 132
Andrew Giliberto
0491 256 428

Forrest Beach

Gary Berkley
0400 694 358

Halifax

Halifax Police Station
04061 5995 / 0427 139 936

Hawkins Creek

Frank Musmarra
4776 1282 / 0407 726 824

Upper Hawkins Creek

Ian and Kerry Venables
0427 763 440

Lucinda

Kevin Halt
4777 8384 / 0427 778 384

Roy Simpson
0439 682 733

Macknade

Kim Burnell
0428 791 462

Mount Fox

Alex Moroney
0410 127 007

Rob Muller
0419 787 533

Stone River

Vince Balanzategui
4777 6170
0428 181 054 (Vince)
0427 609 541 (Karen)
Sam Torrisi
4777 6137 / 0408 779 598

Taylor's Beach

John Braithwaite
4777 8552 / 0418 768 166
Mark Regazzoli
0448 113 837
Michael Harris
0419 022 704

Toobanna

Louie Poloni
0409 947 755

Trebonne

Chris Cantoni
0419 743 875

ERGON ENERGY NETWORK MESSAGE

Plant Smart Near Powerlines

Vegetation is a leading cause of damage to the power network during storms and cyclones.

Ergon contractors trim trees within the powerline corridor based on their growth rates.

You can help by not planting within 600mm of power poles, pillar boxes, pit lids and transformers.

Be Prepared for Power Outages

Cyclones and floods can lead to extended power outages. When you are restocking your emergency kit, think about what every member of your household will need to get through at least a week without power.

If your property is damaged during a cyclone or flood, you will need to arrange an inspection and repairs by a licenced electrician before Ergon crews can safely reconnect you to the electricity network.

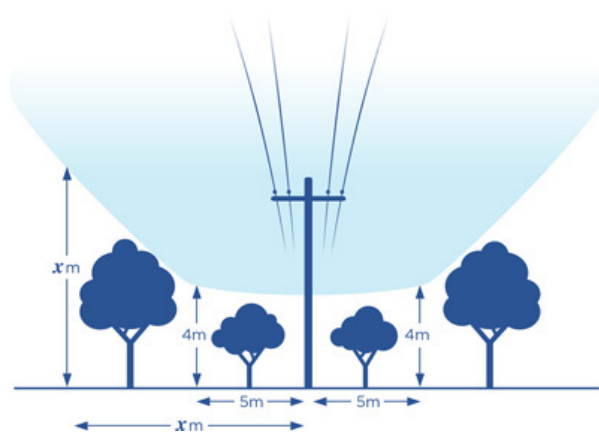
Be Safe Around Electricity

Fallen powerlines are a deadly hazard which can be hidden in storm debris or floodwaters.

Take care when you are cleaning up, stay at least 10m away from any fallen powerlines and report them.

Our Faults Team is available 24/7 on 13 16 70.

Visit www.ergon.com.au/storms for more electrical safety tips.



The diagram above shows the recommended minimum distance between a pole and a grown tree, and the desired maximum grown height of trees under powerlines.

BE PREPARED, ACT NOW

Disaster season can have a serious impact on you and the people you care about. By planning ahead and being prepared you can minimise the impact of a natural disaster.

The checklist below will help you get organised in the event of a disaster or emergency situation.

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| ☐ Prepare your Household Emergency Plan | ☐ Prepare your home and property |
| ☐ Prepare your Evacuation Plan | ☐ Prepare your Pet Emergency Plan |
| ☐ Prepare your Emergency Kit | ☐ Tune in to warnings |
| ☐ Pack your Evacuation (Grab and Go) Kit | ☐ Check your neighbours |

For more information about preparing an Emergency Plan or Evacuation Plan, visit www.getready.qld.gov.au/be-prepared.