

Community Leaders

As part of our local response, we have allocated community leaders who will support and coordinate local volunteers as needed at the time.



Where do we go after the emergency?

After the emergency has passed, the relief centre will become the Emergency Recovery Centre, a one-stop shop, where the latest information and support is provided. Here, requests for assistance and support are logged and those affected by the emergency can seek help.

Where is our Place of Last Resort?

This is also known as the Neighbourhood Safer Place which is Bridgewater Memorial Hall Corner of Eldon & Erskine Sts. See map.

Where do we go in case of flood?

Bridgewater Recreation Reserve – enter via Bridgewater Maldon Road. This is where emergency food drops are delivered. Open, uncovered space to store personal possessions and equipment is also available for residents and businesses at your risk.

What if the Bridge is closed?

If you are on the south side of the river, go to:

Bridgewater Memorial Hall
Corner of Eldon & Erskine Sts
Bridgewater on Loddon

If you are on the north side of the Loddon River, then the most accessible assembly point is:

Ampol Service Station
Inglewood Road
Bridgewater on Loddon

Where is the Emergency Relief Centre?

This is where you get information about the current situation, connect with others and give your details for the 'Find Reunite' Register. Relief support services are accessible here.

Bridgewater Memorial Hall corner of Eldon & Erskine Sts Bridgewater on Loddon.

Bridgewater on Loddon Community Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

During an emergency we need to
Look, listen and smell.

Be aware of what is happening
around you.

Seek reliable information about
what is happening and advice from
official sources.

Many people are competing for the
demands of the emergency services.
You need to share the responsibility
for staying safe.



Emergencies Happen
Plan Respond Recover

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Be Aware

When an emergency occurs we all share the responsibility for staying safe. This information aims to help you understand how to plan for you, your family, neighbours and friends.



It is normal to experience some anxiety, stress and alarm when there is an emergency, or a warning, about potential threats.

Talk with your family, neighbours and friends, especially young or elderly ones to understand how to stay safe. Use the BOLD 'Sharing numbers with your neighbours' card.

Be connected to your local neighbourhood network and understand what and how local community resources will be accessible, when you need them.

Share safety information and have local checks organised for those who may be isolated or more vulnerable.

Have your emergency information fridge magnet in plain sight.

Be Prepared

Develop a personal emergency plan (Rediplan) and know when you need to activate your own Rediplan.

Know where to find warnings and what they mean. On Code Red days, prepare to leave early or the night before.

Know and address potential risks to your property and members of your household.

Have your emergency Go bag packed, and plans in place for pets, animals and your property. Make sure you have fuel in your vehicle.

If able, leave early, go to family or friends who live well away from the emergency threat.

Know who in your network has transport or critical health needs that will need support

Be registered as a volunteer if you have specialist skills or equipment that will be needed.



Respond

During an emergency we need to look, listen and smell to be aware of what is happening near or around us.

Many of our major emergencies occur through:

FLOOD & SEVERE STORM DAMAGE

Water over roads, damage to bridges, buildings and debris

- Remain indoors where possible, don't use contaminated water or drive through flood waters

ROAD CLOSURES

Road accidents, blockages, damage through weather conditions

- Seek advice about alternate route or locate a safe place to wait

BUSHFIRE

Direct impact and indirect exposure to radiant heat, noise and poor visibility

- If possible, leave early to location well away or to our neighbourhood safer place

POWER/COMMUNICATIONS OUTAGE

Power is cut or limited in many events so have charged devices ready.

If local telecommunication networks are not working, use the free STAND Community Wi-Fi Service located at the Emergency Relief Centre (Memorial Hall)