



FLOODS

Bridgewater, being located on the Loddon River, has a history of floods. Our last major one was in 2022, eleven years following the 2011 major flood. These events were devastating to our region. We are fortunate to have amazing emergency service leaders in our community with the local knowledge to assist the community to plan, respond and recover from these events. More information available in the Bridgewater Community Emergency Preparedness and Recovery Plan.

FIRES

CFA - Bridgewater Fire Brigade, is in fire District 20 and has a very active brigade with incredible volunteers. The Fire Station is located at 28 Main Street. We have two (2) fire trucks to assist the community/region during an emergency. If you would like to become a volunteer of our brigade please call 03) 5437 3286. Bridgewater's Summers contain hot, dry & harsh conditions; it is encouraged that all residents prepare their properties prior to Summer in readiness for the fire season.

Please take note of the **Fire Danger Period**. The CFA declares the Fire Danger Period for each municipality in the lead-up to the fire season, usually we are from October to May each year.

Once the Fire Danger Period has been declared and fire restrictions come into force, this means NO BURNING OFF, you cannot light a fire in the open air.

Bridgewater is surrounded by farming and agriculture and during the year fires can start from farming practices and haystacks.

During January 2026, there were fires throughout Victoria, due to infrastructure damage, there was a long period of time without television, radio and mobile phone services as well as power outages.

You need to be prepared for these outages! What would you do??

ROAD ACCIDENTS

Slow to 40km/h

When you see flashing lights (red, blue, magenta or yellow) and workers on the roadside, you must slow down to 40km/h and pass safely.

Staying safe on the road is everyone's responsibility!

Reducing road trauma requires a concerted effort from our entire community.

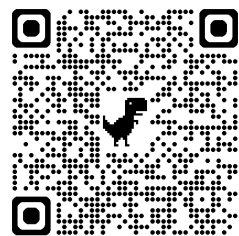
There is no rail freight in our region, so our road network is fundamental for the transport industry.

Stay aware and safe when sharing the road with trucks, including blind spots, overtaking and stopping distances.

Bridgewater on Loddon is a key intersection town with major arterial routes passing through town. These include the Calder Highway (A79), Bridgewater-Maldon Road (C282) and Bridgewater-Dunolly Road (C274).



CFA - How to Prepare Your Property



CFA - Fire Restrictions Can I or Can't I?