

MARONG RISK PROFILE

Tornado Approaching Marong
27 September 1911
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Marong is a growing rural residential community, surrounded by farmland and areas of bush. Bullock Creek is a significant natural feature of the town, offering a valuable wildlife habitat and home to river red gums. The creek flows from the south to the north of the town, through the Golf course, Malone Park and intersects the Calder Highway at the Primary School and the north end of High St. The town has a rich history comprising of gold fields, farming and sporting opportunities.

RISK STATEMENT

The Marong community is exposed to natural disasters and emergencies. Parts of the community are at risk of flooding from Bullock Creek. The outer areas of the community are at risk of bushfire and grass fire.

The township is centred at the intersection of the Calder, and Calder Alternative Highways. The increasing traffic, in particular heavy vehicle traffic, presents significant risk of major road accidents. Road closures due to flooding or transport accidents may limit access in and out of town, potentially isolating the community.

Marong is growing rapidly and the profile of the community is changing. The district has a higher-than-average proportion of young families, as well as urban dwellers who have moved to the country, highlighting the need for increased community awareness and emergency preparedness.



WHAT ARE OUR VULNERABILITIES?

- Parts of the community are exposed to flooding from Bullock Creek
- Areas of the community area exposed to bushfire and grass fire
- No assigned locations available for community members to assemble during an emergency/incident/disaster
- Community can become isolated due to road closures
 - Some parents may be isolated from children at the Primary School
- No pharmacy: no access to medications if isolated
- No supermarket: no access to food if isolated
- New residents have limited local knowledge.
- Many households do not have an incident plan

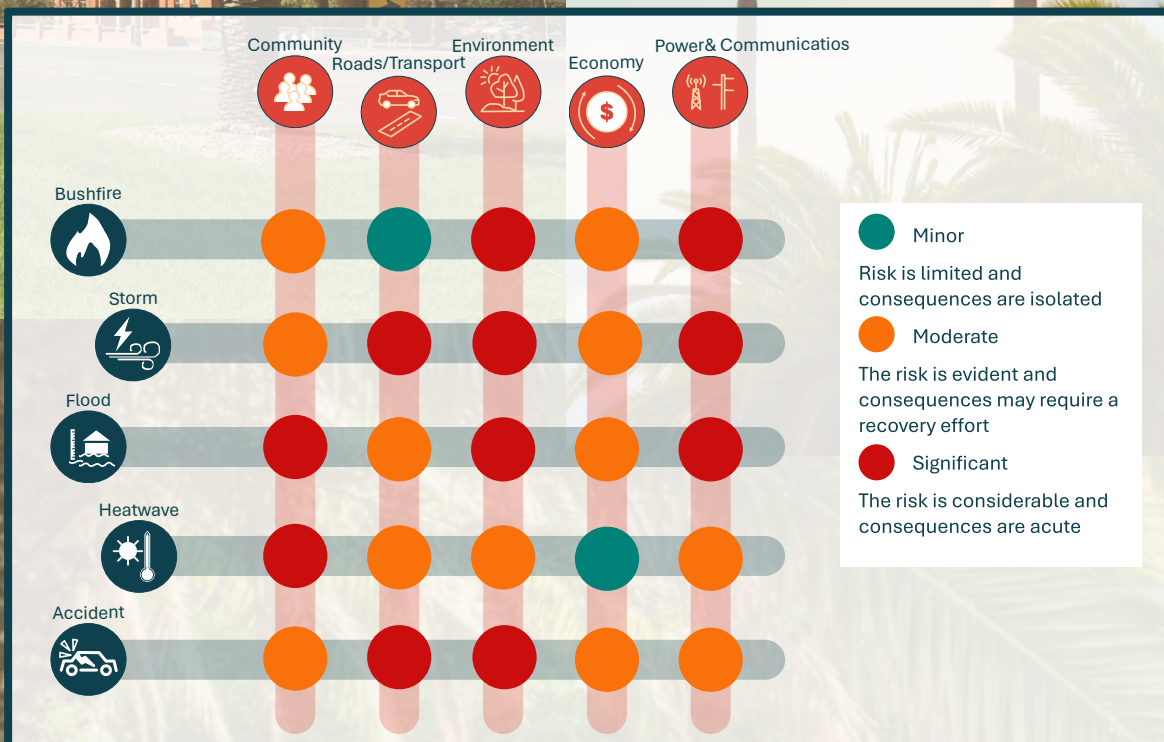
WHAT ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED?

COMMUNITY

- Understand the community vulnerabilities
- Identify potential hazards in the community
- Understand the community risk
- Stay connected

HOUSEHOLD

- Prepare your household:
 - develop an incident plan
 - know your evacuation routes
 - emergency kit
- Is your house and yard ready?
- Check on your neighbours
- Get involved / volunteer / join a community group



DID YOU KNOW?

There is **NO** Neighbourhood Safer Place/Bushfire place of last resort in Marong
 - Plan ahead, know where you will go during an incident if you need to leave